



Weekly News

26th February 2023

The First Sunday of Lent

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WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

(A women led, global, ecumenical movement)



The World Day of Prayer (WDP) takes place on the first Friday of March and has a special annual theme which is developed by women of a different country each year. A national committee then prepares an order of service on that theme which is used all over the world. This year WDP is on Friday 3rd March, the theme is *I have heard about your faith* and the country that has been chosen in Taiwan.

The theme of the WDP 2023 is based on Ephesians 1 v 15 - 19, the letter sent to a faith community to express gratitude by Paul. He gave thanks to God for the Ephesians living out their love and faith, and prayed that they could see these three truths: the hope to which God has called the disciples, the riches of God's glorious inheritance among the saints, and the immeasurable greatness of God's power.

Taiwan is a country in East Asia made up of one main island surrounded by many much smaller islands. It is located in the north-western Pacific Ocean, with the People's Republic of China to the northwest, Japan to the northeast, and the Philippines to the south. With an approximate population of 23.6 million people, Taiwan is a densely populated multi-ethnic country, with sixteen officially recognized languages. Mainland China has during the past three years ramped up pressure on Taiwan to accept Chinese sovereignty, including staging regular military exercises near the democratically governed islands. Taiwan's government rejects China's territorial claims.

There is a World Day of Prayer service at West Park URC at 2:00 pm on Friday 3rd March. All are welcome.



Nankunshen Daitian Temple in Tainan City, one of the most visited shrines in Taiwan (@ Mk2010).



St Peter's Evening Fellowship

St Peter's Evening Fellowship are holding their Annual General Meeting on Thursday 2nd March at 7:30pm in the Brostoff Hall. Following the AGM, Tony Wilson, well known for his excellent talks and a former chairman of Evening Fellowship, will be giving a presentation entitled 'Parish Church Treasures in North Yorkshire'. This picture is of the 11th century font at St Michael's Church, Kirby Malham. You are most welcome to join us, current member or not. For further details contact the Secretary, Richard Bion (richardbion9@gmail.com or 07966 073 867)

Dust and Glory - the Church of England's Lent campaign 2023

Dust and Glory: A Lent journey of faith, failure and forgiveness is the Church of England's Lent theme for 2023. This year's resources are informed and inspired by the Archbishop of Canterbury's Lent Book - **FAILURE: What Jesus said about sin, mistakes and messing stuff up** (see last week's Weekly News) by Bishop Emma

Ineson, who has also co-written the daily reflections booklet for adults. Sign up for free daily Lent reflection emails straight to your inbox from Ash Wednesday (22nd February) to Easter Day (9th April) – all available on the [Church of England website](https://www.churchofengland.org.uk/).

**DUST +
GLORY**

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The Market Day Café is next Thursday

The *Market Day Café* is on the second Thursday of each month. The next one is next week on Thursday 9th March at 11:30 am after the Holy Communion service. They will be serving hot drinks, soup, sandwiches and delicious cakes!

Harrogate School of Theology & Mission

Professor Paul Foster, from the School of Divinity at the University of Edinburgh, speaks on 'The Apostolic Fathers: Christianity in the first half of the second century'

During the first and second centuries a group of miscellaneous Christian leaders wrote down their understanding of the meaning of Jesus' life, death and resurrection. They were considered by later Biblical scholars to be the next generation of Apostles and as a result were named The Apostolic Fathers. Their writing contains an essential insight into the development of the early Christian Church and Christian thinking.



This live lecture is at St Mark's Church on Saturday 11th March, starting with a continental breakfast served from 9:30 am, then the lecture from 10:00 am – 12:00 pm. Tickets still cost only £8 per session (students £5 per session and under 18s free) including breakfast and refreshments. Fees are payable on the day by contactless card, cheque (payable to Harrogate School of Theology & Mission) or preferably in advance at [Eventbrite](#).

***Then I'll begin* - an art exhibition by Shaeron Caton-Rose**

After the success of her exhibition *Then I'll Begin*, which explores mourning, memorial and hope of healing, at the Dye House Gallery Bradford, many of the artworks are now moving to Wakefield Cathedral and are on display from 25th February – 30th March. Shaeron will also be taking part in the next *Artwalk Wakefield* on Wednesday 29th March, for more details visit <https://artwalk.org.uk/>.

Our youth group, Sanctuary, are visiting *The Hole in Wand* in York



The Hole in Wand is a new wizard themed attraction located on Coppergate in York. There are nine crazy golf holes, including a bubbling cauldron, a magic portal and a giant picture frame – all designed to appeal to Harry Potter fans. **Sanctuary** are going on Saturday 18th March and the cost is £17.50, which includes, the train fare, entrance ticket, drink and snack. Please contact Chris Clayton (chris.clayton@leeds.anglican.org or 07407 258 733) if you would like to go!

Today's Services: 26th February 2023

The First Sunday of Lent

8:30 Holy Communion

9:30 Family Communion

There is Sunday Club for school age children today - please gather in the café area at the front of Church at the start of the service. Pre-schoolers and their parents are welcome to stay in this area, where there are Activity Bags to share.

Hymns 379 Majesty; 364 Lord we give You praise; 400 My song is love unknown; 544 There is a Redeemer

Readings Genesis 2 v 15 - 17 and 3 v 1 - 7
Matthew 4 v 1 - 11

Preacher: Alan Garrow

11:00 Choral Matins

Setting Sumsion in B flat (Benedicite)

Hymns 95, 97, 96

Psalm 119 v 1 - 16

Readings Genesis 2 v 15 - 17 and 3 v 1 - 7
Matthew 4 v 1 - 11

Anthem Wash me thoroughly (S S Wesley)

Preacher: Alan Garrow

4:15 pm Stepping Stones Service *Service of the Word*

Preacher: Chris Clayton

6:30 Choral Evensong

Setting Ayleward in E flat

Hymns 533, 583, 482

Psalm 50

Readings Deuteronomy 6 v 4 – 9 and v 16 to end
Luke 15 v 1 - 10

Anthem The Lamentation (*Bairstow*)

Preacher: Tony Shepherd

Our Duty Wardens today are:

Roy Taylor and
Paul Medforth

This week's worship online

We are continuing to live stream Morning and Evening Prayer on Facebook and Zoom at 8:00 am and 5:00 pm from Monday to Saturday. To join in follow the [links](#) on our website. Whenever we are unable to stream these services, it is possible to follow the day's liturgy via the national [Daily Prayer website](#).

Please pray for those who have asked for our prayers:

Pat Anderson, Robert Bickford, Georgia Gabrielle Bradley, Michael Bradley, Judith Clark, Richard Couzens, Margie Dickinson, Tony Edwards, Geni Emrullahu, Louise Emrullahu, David Fisher, Pete Hallam, Vicky Harrison, June Hemmings, Trevor Hughes, Jackie Kelly, Steve Martin, Sheila Pantin, Frances Roxby-Proud and Michelle Simon.

Also in our prayers this week:

Mon	Chris Clayton, our Associate Vicar The Stepping Stones Services
Tues	<i>Mission Possible UK</i> , serving the poor in Africa and Eastern Europe Men's Breakfast at St Peter's
Wed	Sian Lockwood, Churchwarden All our Sidespeople
Thurs	The 999 and NHS 111 call centre staff The work of the <i>Samaritans</i>
Fri	North Yorkshire County Council St Peter's Library and Resources Group
Sat	Alan Garrow, Vicar of St Peter's Harrogate School of Theology & Mission

Daily Readings

Morning Prayer is at 8:00 am and Evening Prayer at 5:00 pm daily. Both services are livestreamed on Facebook and Zoom – join in by following the links on our website. These are the Bible readings we will be using each morning this week.

Mon	<i>George Herbert, Priest, Poet</i> Psalm 11 Jeremiah 4 v 19 to end John 5 v 1 - 18
Tues	Psalm 89 v 1 - 18 Jeremiah 5 v 1 - 19 John 5 v 19 - 29
Wed	<i>David, Bishop of Menevia, Patron of Wales, c 601</i> Psalm 6 Jeremiah 5 v 20 to end John 5 v 30 to end
Thurs	<i>Chad, Bishop of Lichfield, Missionary, 672</i> Psalm 42 Jeremiah 6 v 9 - 21 John 6 v 1 - 15
Fri	Psalm 88 Jeremiah 6 v 22 to end John 6 v 16 - 27
Sat	Psalm 63 Jeremiah 7 v 1 - 20 John 6 v 27 - 40

The Collect for the First Sunday of Lent (Common Worship)

Heavenly Father, your Son battled with the powers of darkness, and grew closer to you in the desert:
help us to use these days to grow in wisdom and prayer that we may witness to your saving love in Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Collect for the First Sunday in Lent (Book of Common Prayer)

O Lord, who for our sake didst fast forty days and forty nights: Give us grace to use such abstinence, that, our flesh being subdued to the Spirit, we may ever obey thy godly motions in righteousness and true holiness, to thy honour and glory, who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end.

What's on This Week

*St Peter's Church is open as a **Warm Welcome Space** from 9:30 am – 3:30 pm every day except Sundays.*

Mon 27th

Fairtrade Fortnight starts today!

1:30 – 3:00 pm The *Thinking about God* group meets in the Undercroft

2:00 pm The U3A Singing Folk group

Tues 28th

12:00 – 12:30 pm Healing Service

Wed 1st

St David's Day

10:30 – 11:00 am Café RefleXions

2:00 – 4:00 pm *Spectrum*, a social group for widows and widowers, meet in the Brostoff Hall

7:30 pm Harrogate Harmony Men's Chorus

Thurs 2nd

9:30 – 11:00 am The Toddler Group at St Peter's

11:00 am Holy Communion

7:30 pm St Peter's Choir Practice

7:30 pm St Peter's Evening Fellowship AGM

Fri 3rd

9:30 am AA meeting in the Music Room

10:00 am – 12:00 pm St Peter's Cleaning Team

10:30 am – 12:30 pm *Café Connect* in the Brostoff Hall helping Hong Kong Chinese to integrate into British life

Sat 4th

Berwin Solicitors are holding a Refreshment Day to raise funds for *Yorkshire Air Ambulance*

Sun 5th

The Second Sunday of Lent

1:00 – 1:30 pm Sunday Lunch

5:30 – 7:00 pm **Sanctuary**, our Youth group, are playing badminton

7:30 – 8:30 pm AA meeting in the Brostoff Hall

Next Sunday 5th March

The Second Sunday of Lent

8:30 Holy Communion

9:30 Family Communion

11:00 Choral Communion

4:15 Stepping Stones Service
– *Celtic Worship*

6:30 Choral Evensong

The Breakfast Club provides a free, hot breakfast from Monday to Saturday (8:15 – 8:45 am) for all those who are hungry or in need. A hot **Sunday lunch** is also served each week at 1:00 pm, except for the third Sunday of the month when it is *Sunday Lunch Club*.

Hot food is available 4:30 – 4:50 pm on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

Our mini Supermarket is on Thursdays 4:30 – 4:50 pm.

Aspire to new habits this Lent

Walking through the wilderness of recent years has taught me that it is very easy to 'fall out of the habit'. For many of us, there are aspects of the life of our churches that have simply not returned. Some people have taken the opportunity given by our collective pause to reassess their church roles and step back. Some of our habits have been



quite difficult to get going once more. For our community at Holy Nativity, it has taken until last month to be able to restart Rock Mass each month. Like a steam locomotive whose fire has long since gone cold, it has taken much work and a lot of effort to get many of our church communities moving once more.

It is with this backdrop that we approach Lent after a brief window of ordinary time in so many aspects of our daily lives. This may be a longed-for season in which you aspire to form new spiritual habits. Perhaps however, the thought of now losing something else familiar fills you with dread. Maybe you are just clinging on to the ever growing to do list with your fingernails and thoughts of Lent aren't even on your horizon yet.

Before I came to faith, the people around me often approached Lent like New Year's resolutions. Pancakes and syrup were followed by a day or two without Mars Bars. Later as an adult convert, my now wife Ruth, taught me to enter Lent as a spiritual discipline, bringing us back into the presence of the Divine. As we have grown together, Ruth has taught me that Lenten discipline can shape and mould our discipleship, forming habits that extend long beyond Easter Morning. From where I sit at my desk, I can spot the office bins from the corner of my eye. These simple baskets are a remnant from the year we took up recycling everything-that-is-possible. An Ikea steel-mesh reminder of that which was taken up that persists throughout the ages.

Whether enthusiastically seizing each day or wearily dreading the wilderness, may we each discover habits old or new, big or small that bring us closer to the presence of God as we journey together towards the cross.

The Revd Robb Sutherland, *Vicar of Holy Nativity, Mixenden*

Lent retreat with John Dobson, Dean of Ripon

Saturday 11th March from 10:00 am – 3:30 pm at Thorpe Prebend House, High Saint Agnesgate, Ripon

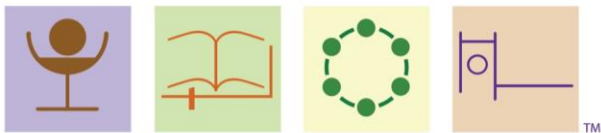
The day will include a number of addresses with quiet time in between, exploring the themes of resting, praying and sharing. There will also be a Eucharist and a pilgrimage through the Cathedral.

Please bring your own lunch – drinks will be provided. To book your place, please email judithbustard@riponcathedral.org.uk

Refreshments are served after each of our Sunday morning services from the kitchen area at the front of Church. Please come and join us.



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If you would like to support St Peter's financially, the simplest and most tax efficient way to do so is via the Parish Giving Scheme (PGS). You can join using their website www.parishgiving.org.uk or give them a call on 0333 002 1260. St Peter's PGS number is: **460646304**

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If you give to St Peter's using the Parish Giving Scheme (PGS), please feel encouraged to take a PGS token from the Welcome Desk - then place it in the collection plate at the offertory to make your offering part of worship.

**Welcome to
St Peter's Church**



You can join us online or in person

New to St Peter's? Please fill in one of the welcome cards in the pews and hand it to one of the Clergy.

Next Week's Deadline

The deadline for the next edition of the Weekly News (5th March) will be noon on Wednesday 1st March. Please send any items to Alan Garrow **or** to Marian Chambers.

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