



# Weekly News

26<sup>th</sup> March 2023

The Fifth Sunday of Lent

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St Peter's Church, Cambridge Road, Harrogate, HG1 1PB

**Surely He hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows! He was wounded for our transgressions; He was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement of our peace was upon Him. (*Isaiah 53 v 4 - 5*)**

Handel's Messiah is one of the most familiar pieces of music in the concert repertoire, yet the more one hears it and performs it, the more there is to reflect on and reconsider. The text is an intriguing selection of familiar passages of scripture in which the



advent, birth, teaching, trial, crucifixion, resurrection and ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ are told almost exclusively through Old Testament prophecies, followed by reflections on what Jesus means to us today. However, it's extraordinary that Jesus is only mentioned by name once; what concerns Charles Jennens, the scholar who was Handel's librettist, is how God made himself present among us on earth.

There is also no such thing as a definitive musical text for Messiah. We are aware of Handel revising the work on at least six separate occasions reflecting the abilities of whichever soloists were available to him. Interestingly Handel always performed the work during Lent or Easter: the tradition of playing the work annually at Christmas started long after the composer's death.

St Peter's Choir together with Vocalis, the professional Harrogate Handel Players and a team of leading soloists offer a marvellous opportunity to reassess this unique masterpiece on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> April. Our performance includes several numbers often omitted, and some familiar moments are presented in less familiar versions. The concert begins at 7:15 pm: tickets £15 available from Eventbrite (*booking fee applies*) or by telephoning 07425 161 425 or on the door.

John Longstaff, Director of Music



# HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> April

***Palm Sunday***

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> April

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> April

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> April

***Maundy Thursday***

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April

***Good Friday***

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> April

***Easter Day***

During our services today palm crosses are blessed, and given out to commemorate Christ's entry into Jerusalem

12:00 pm Healing Service

7:15 pm Performance of **Handel's Messiah** with St Peter's Choir, Vocalis, guest singers and an orchestra

11:00 am **Holy Communion**

7:30 pm **Choral Communion commemorating the Last Supper** with St Peter's Choir

10:00 am **Good Friday Family Service** with craft activities

11:00 - 11:30 am **Netmakers Good Friday Service** – join together with other local churches for a short service at the Cenotaph

2:00 pm **An Hour before the Cross** – meditations and music on the crucifixion of Christ with St Peter's Choir.

8:30 am **Holy Communion**(BCP)

9:30 am **Family Communion**

11:00 am **Choral Communion**(BCP)

6:30 pm **Choral Evensong** (BCP)

## Would you like to sponsor our Easter Flowers?

St Peter's Flower Team will be decorating our Church for Easter and any donations will be most welcome. If you wish to have a loved one commemorated alongside the Easter Lilies at the High Altar, please put their name along with any donation (**cash only, please**) in an envelope marked *For the attention of Sue Heapy*. If you cannot give this to Sue in person, please post it in the Donations Box by St Mary's Chapel before 2<sup>nd</sup> April. Thank you!



## Café Connect are taking an Easter break

Café Connect have been meeting on Friday mornings since the end of February to help people who are new to the UK to practise their conversational English and to get to know a little about life in this country. We would like to thank all who've come along to support us in our first month. Café Connect will return after Easter on 21<sup>st</sup> April in the Brostoff Hall from 10:30 am – 12:30 pm. Do join us!

Michelle Chan and Charlie Martineau, *Café Connect Course Leaders*

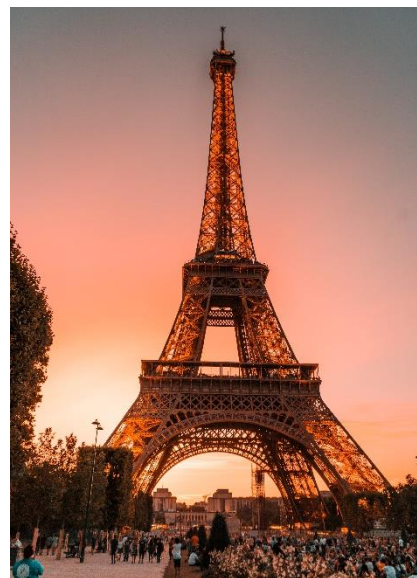


## St Peter's Afternoon Fellowship

St Peter's Afternoon Fellowship meets on the first Monday of the month from 2:00 – 4:00 pm at Gillian Taylor's home. There is usually a speaker, or sometimes an outing, and always a delicious afternoon tea. The next meeting is on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> April; the speaker will be Terry Williams; and his subject this time will be Ancient Egypt. Please call Gillian on 01423 500482 if you would like to come.



## St Peter's Evening Fellowship are holding a Film Night



**Mrs Harris goes to Paris** is the film chosen by our Evening Fellowship this year, to be shown on 6<sup>th</sup> April at 7:30 pm in the Brostoff Hall. English actress Lesley Manville plays the title role in the film based on the 1958 novel by Paul Gallico. It tells the story of a widowed charlady in 1950s London who falls madly in love with her client's Dior dress and decides that she must have one of her own. Determined to make her dream come true; Mrs Harris scrimps, saves and slaves away until one day she finally has enough money to go to Paris. For further details contact the Secretary, Richard Bion ([richardbion9@gmail.com](mailto:richardbion9@gmail.com) or 07966 073 867). Everyone is welcome, current member or not.



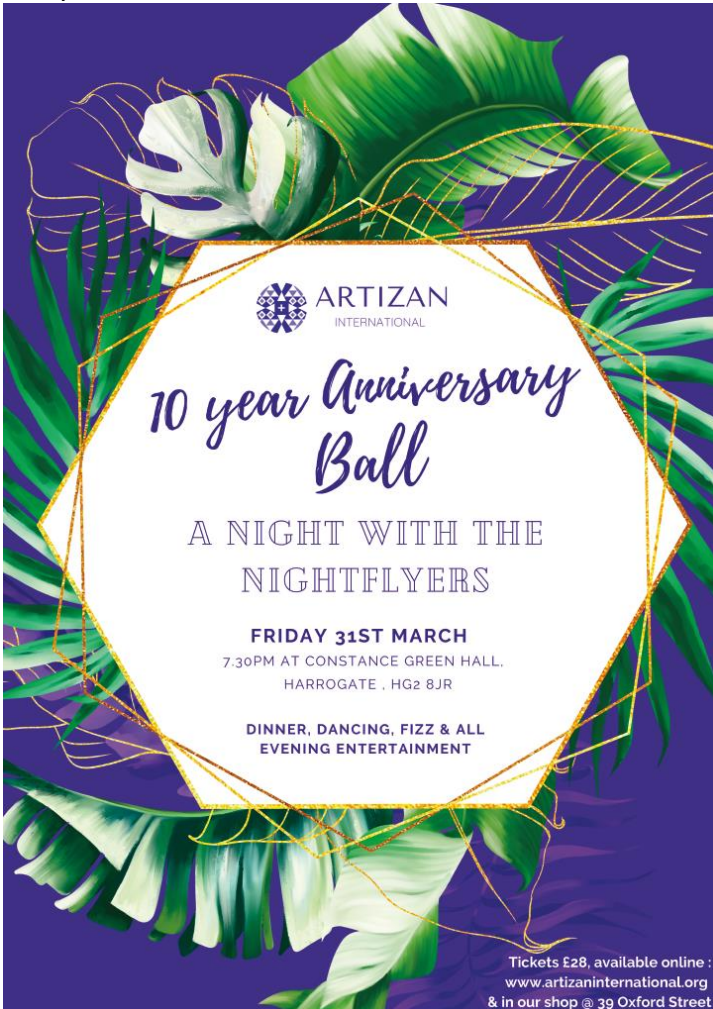
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# Today's Services: 26<sup>th</sup> March 2023

The Fifth Sunday in Lent  
(*Passiontide begins*)

**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**            **439** One shall tell another; **381** Make me a channel of Your peace; **377** Love divine; **315** Jubilate, everybody

**Readings**        Ezekiel 37 v 1 - 14  
John 11 v 1 - 45

**Preacher:**        Chris Clayton

**Our Duty Wardens today are:**

Kate Blake  
and Roy Taylor

**11:00 Choral Matins**

**Setting**            Dyson in F (Benedicite)

**Hymns**            238, 389, 499 (*omit \*verse*)

**Psalm**             86

**Readings**        Ezekiel 37 v 1 - 14  
John 11 v 1 - 45

**Anthem**           King of Glory, King of peace (*Bach*)

**Preacher:**        Chris Clayton

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

**Preacher:**        Chris Clayton

**6:30 Choral Evensong**

**Setting**            Blow in G

**Hymns**            101, 120, 108

**Psalm**             30

**Readings**        Lamentations 3 v 19 - 33  
Matthew 20 v 17 to end

**Anthem**           Lord, let me know mine end (*Greene*)

**Preacher:**        Sue Pearce

## 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, Margie Dickinson, Tony Edwards, Geni Emrullahu, Louise Emrullahu, David Fisher, Vicky Harrison, June Hemmings, Trevor Hughes, Jackie Kelly, Steve Martin, Sheila Pantin, Frances Roxby-Proud, Michelle Simon and Richard Skidmore.

**RIP:** Jo Fellows

**Also in our prayers this week:**

<b>Mon</b>	Vulnerable children with safeguarding and welfare needs Looked-after children and children in care
<b>Tues</b>	Staff and residents of care homes The team preparing and serving Sunday Lunch
<b>Wed</b>	Those living in poverty A fairer society that allows everyone dignity and value
<b>Thurs</b>	GP surgeries and health centres All attending our Healing Service
<b>Fri</b>	St Peter's <i>Ladies who Lunch</i> St Peter's Flower Team
<b>Sat</b>	Those who are close to death <i>St Michael's Hospice</i>

**The Collect for the Fifth Sunday of Lent** (Common Worship)

Gracious Father, you gave up your Son out of love for the world: lead us to ponder the mysteries of his passion, that we may know eternal peace through the shedding of our Saviour's blood, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**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.*

<b>Mon</b>	Psalm 73 Jeremiah 21 v 1 - 10 John 11 v 28 - 44
<b>Tues</b>	Psalm 35 Jeremiah 22 v 1 – 5 and v 13 - 19 John 11 v 45 to end
<b>Wed</b>	Psalm 55 Jeremiah 22 v 20 – 23 v 8 John 12 v 1 - 11
<b>Thurs</b>	Psalm 40 Jeremiah 23 v 9 - 23 John 12 v 12 - 19
<b>Fri</b>	<i>John Donne, Priest, Poet</i> Psalm 22 Jeremiah 24 John 12 v 20 – 36a
<b>Sat</b>	<i>Frederick Denison Maurice, Priest, Teacher, 1872</i> Psalm 23 Jeremiah 25 v 1 - 14 John 12 v 36b to end

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

We beseech thee, Almighty God, mercifully to look upon thy people; that by thy great goodness they may be governed and preserved evermore, both in body and soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

# 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 27<sup>th</sup>** 1:30 – 3:00 pm The *Thinking about God Group* meets in the Undercroft  
2:00 pm The U3A Singing Folk group
- Tues 28<sup>th</sup>** **12:00 – 12:30 pm Healing Service**
- Wed 29<sup>th</sup>** **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  
7:30 pm *Messiah* rehearsal with *Vocalis* and Alex Kyle
- Thurs 30<sup>th</sup>** **9:30 am St Peter's School Easter Service**  
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
- Fri 31<sup>st</sup>** 9:30 am AA meeting in the Music Room  
10:00 am – 12:00 pm St Peter's Cleaning Team
- Sat 1st** 10:00 am – 3:00 pm *Harrogate Operatic Players* are holding a Refreshment Day in Church
- Sun 2<sup>nd</sup>** ***Palm Sunday***  
1:00 – 1:30 pm Sunday Lunch  
7:30 – 8:30 pm AA meeting in the Brostoff Hall



Palm  
Sunday



Maundy  
Thursday



Good  
Friday



Easter  
Sunday

## Next Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> April

### ***Palm Sunday***

- 8:30 Holy Communion  
9:30 Family Communion  
11:00 Choral Matins  
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.



Well done to everyone involved in the St Peter's Refreshment Day on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> March - £715 was raised for Church funds. The book sale held on the same day raised £575. Many thanks to Catherine Medforth (along with her team) and Daniel Brewer for all your hard work!

## Maundy service to be held at York Minster

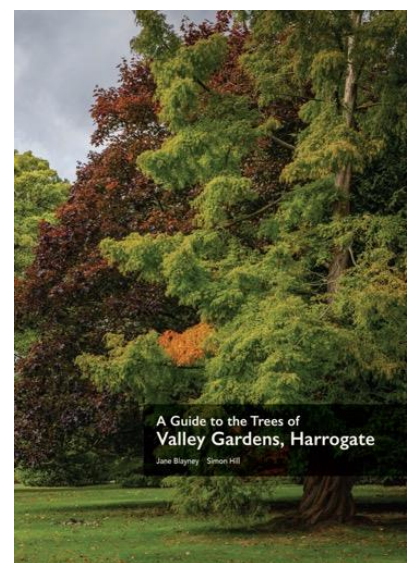


The first Maundy service of the reign of King Charles III is to be held in York Minster on Maundy Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> April. The participation of the Monarch in a Maundy service is one of the most ancient traditions of royal life. It is now a symbolic ceremony, but it began with kings and queens giving money to those in need and showing humility by washing their feet, just as Jesus had washed the feet of the disciples at the Last Supper.

Now, the Monarch hands out purses of specially minted coins to people who have been chosen for outstanding Christian service and for making a difference to the lives of people in their local communities. The number of men and women always matches the Monarch's age – in 2023, there will be 74 men and 74 women receiving coins from The King. Each receives two purses – one made of white leather holding coins to the value in pence of the Monarch's age and the other made of red leather, containing a special £5 and a special 50p. These will be the first Maundy coins of the reign of King Charles.

## A Guide to the Trees in Valley Gardens by Jane Blayney and Simon Hill

An essential guide to the trees of Valley Gardens Harrogate has just been published. Opened in 1887 in celebration of Queen Victoria's Golden Jubilee, the special character of this park is provided by the vast variety of trees; some are native to the British Isles while others are examples from more exotic places. Many of the trees in Valley Gardens are now well over 100 years old and this wonderful new guide describing thirty different species will help more of us to explore these trees and the wider Gardens with far greater insight than was previously possible. Available to buy from *Waterstones* or to order from [jane.blayney23@gmail.com](mailto:jane.blayney23@gmail.com).



## Northern Ballet's *Ugly Duckling* returns to the stage

Our Director of Music, John Longstaff, has worked on several of Northern Ballet's productions. John arranged the music for this children's ballet, which is being performed at the Harrogate Theatre on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> April. The perfect opportunity for a child to enjoy live ballet, music and theatre, perhaps for the first time!

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



## Next Week's Deadline

The deadline for the next edition of the Weekly News (2<sup>nd</sup> April) will be noon on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March. Please send any items (including photos) to Alan Garrow or to Marian Chambers.

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Join together with local churches on

## GOOD FRIDAY



Local churches will gather in the centre of Harrogate for a Good Friday Service that will include a short talk (given by Alan Garrow), prayer, worship and hot cross buns.

All are welcome to join us.

**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April, 11:00 -11:30 am**

**War Memorial, Prospect Square,  
Harrogate**

## 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.