



Weekly News

27th November 2022

The First Sunday of Advent

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

St Peter's Church Christmas Fair

Saturday 3rd December 2022

10:00am - 3:00pm

Tombola
Books

Refreshments
Raffles

Christmas Decorations and Cards



St Peter's Church, Cambridge Road, Harrogate

The first day of Advent and of a new church year



Today is the first day of Advent and the beginning of the new Liturgical year – Year A in the three-year cycle of readings. We will be lighting the first candle on our Advent wreath, which is purple and symbolizes **HOPE**. Three of the candles are purple, because it is the liturgical colour for Advent that signifies a time of prayer, penance, and sacrifice. The rose candle signifies **JOY** and will be lit on the third Sunday. Our Advent Candle Service starts at 6:30 pm tonight.

Harrogate School of Theology & Mission


Can you trust the Bible? (part 2) – a Bibletrack Seminar

This is on Saturday 10th December, starting at 10:00 am at Mowbray Community Church in Westmoreland Street, with a DVD presentation by Andrew Emerton followed by a facilitated discussion. Tickets cost £5, under 18s are free. Booking in advance via *Eventbrite*, visit hstm.org.uk/events for further details.



Come to *The Cake Matters Café* next Thursday

The Cake Matters Café is on the second Thursday of each month. The next one is on Thursday 8th December at 11:30 am to 1:30 pm after the Holy Communion service. They will be serving hot drinks, light lunches and, of course, cake!

**Ripon**
Choral Society

Saturday 10 December
2022, 7.30pm
Ripon Cathedral

Handel
Messiah
with carols

John Dunford - conductor
Jane Burnell - soprano
Heather Jill Burns - mezzo-soprano
Austin Gunn - tenor
William Kyle - baritone
Orchestra D'Amici

Tickets: £23 reserved; £20 unreserved (student concessions available)
Book online at riponchoralsociety.org.uk
Tel: Ticket Hotline on 07986 861 332; in person: Ripon Cathedral Shop



Join us this CHRISTMAS

Advent Candle Service
6:30 pm 27th November

St Peter's Christmas Tree Festival
10th – 17th December

Nine Lessons and Carols
6:30 pm 18th December

Christmas Eve
10:00 am Shopper's Carols
3:00 and 4:30 pm Christingle Services
6:30 pm Carols for Christmas Eve
11:30 pm Midnight Mass

Christmas Day
8:30 am Holy Communion
9:30 am Family Communion
11:00 am Christmas Day Worship

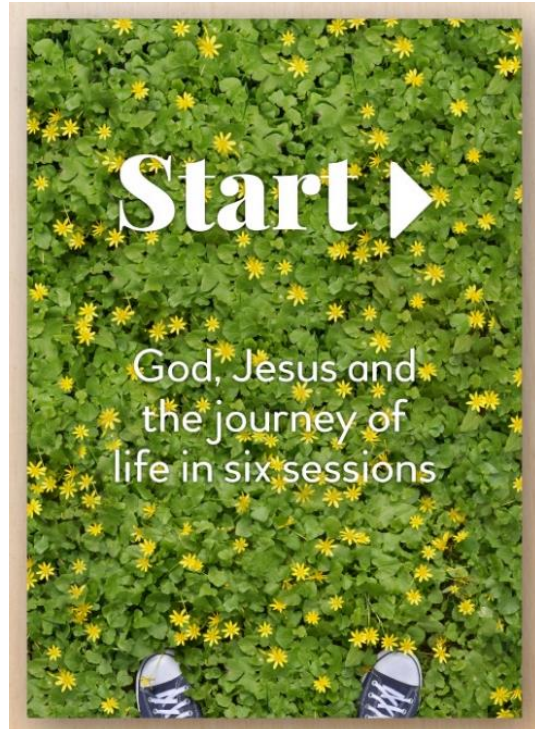
New Year's Eve
4:00 pm Pray for 2023
11:30 pm Watchnight Service

Find all our services and events at
www.stpetersharrogate.org.uk

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St Peter's Afternoon Fellowship

The next Afternoon Fellowship is on Monday 5th December, from 2:00 – 4:00 pm, when John Longstaff, our Director of Music, will play the piano and lead some carol singing. There will be a delicious afternoon tea as usual. Please call Gillian on 01423 500482 if you would like to come.



God, Jesus and the journey of life

Start! introduces Christianity through six DVD based interactive, small-group sessions. The **Start!** course makes no assumptions about participants' background or experience or knowledge of Christianity or the church. It really does start from scratch.

The down-to-earth interactive approach of **Start!** has proved a winner throughout the UK and overseas - in urban and suburban churches, schools, the armed forces and prisons. Starting in January 2023 here at St Peter's; for further details contact Judith Clark (reverendjudithclark@gmail.com or 07968 730 544).

St Peter's Evening Fellowship are having a Christmas Party

Our next meeting will be a Christmas Party to be held in the Brostoff Hall at 7:30pm on Thursday 1st December. The fun will include a quiz, a beetle drive (with prizes for the winners) and festive refreshments including nibbles, grapes and wine. We hope you can join us and you are most welcome to bring along guests. Further details from Richard Bion (07966 073 867 or richardbion9@gmail.com)



St Peter's Christmas Appeal – bringing some festive cheer!



At St Peter's Church we launched our Christmas Appeal last Sunday and had an overwhelming response from all our congregations – over sixty cards have been given out! Each card had a shopping list of five different items, depending on who the gift was for – a local family or an older person living alone or in residential care. If you are taking part, please return your bag/parcel to

St Peter's Church on Tuesday 6th or Wednesday 7th December between 9:00 am and 3:00 pm with your card. Contact Carole Raw (07425 161 425) if this is not convenient. Thank you for your support and generosity!

Today's Services: 27th November 2022

The First Sunday of Advent
The First Sunday in Advent (BCP)

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 1476 Light of the world; 821 Into the darkness; 1407 King of the ages; 347 Lo, He comes with clouds descending

Readings Romans 13 v 11 to end.
Matthew 24 v 36 - 44

Preacher: Judith Clark

11:00 Choral Matins

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Hymns 26, 93, 29

Psalm 44

Readings Isaiah 2 v 1 - 5
Matthew 24 v 36 - 44

Anthem This is the record of John (*Gibbons*)

Preacher: Judith Clark

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

Preacher: Chris Clayton

6:30 Advent Candle Service

*Please see separate
order of service*



Our Duty Wardens today are:

Roy Taylor
and Carrie Brown



Why not read an inspirational book this Advent?

The Advent book table is here again, at the front of the church near St Mary's Chapel, please feel free to take a book home with you to keep or pass on. The Library books to borrow are on the shelves behind the Welcome Desk. Just sign in the red exercise book on the lower shelf. Enjoy reading!

Kathy Richards and Pauline Harrison

Please pray for those who have asked for our prayers:

Pat Anderson, Robert Bickford, Ruth Bowes, Georgia Gabrielle Bradley, Michael Bradley, Margie Dickinson, Tony Edwards, Geni Emrullahu, Louise Emrullahu, Jo Fellows, David Fisher, 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	Support and teaching staff in our schools The Toddler Group at St Peter's
Tues	Those feeling lost, lonely and isolated St Peter's Welcomers Team
Wed	Local retail, hospitality and leisure businesses The <i>Artizan</i> Shop
Thurs	All the staff at Harrogate Hospital Hospital Chaplaincy Teams
Fri	The House of Lords and the House of Commons The economic wellbeing of the country
Sat	All who are sick in body, mind or spirit Addiction Support Agencies

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	Psalm 50 Isaiah 42 v 18 to end Revelation 19
Tues	Psalm 80 Isaiah 43 v 1 - 13 Revelation 20
Wed	<i>Andrew the Apostle</i> Psalm 47 Ezekiel 47 v 1 - 12 John 12 v 20 - 32
Thurs	Psalm 42 Isaiah 44 v 1 - 8 Revelation 21 v 9 - 21
Fri	Psalm 25 Isaiah 44 v 9 - 23 Revelation 21 v 22 – 22 v 5
Sat	Psalm 9 Isaiah 44 v 24 – 45 v 13 Revelation 22 v 6 to end

The Collect for the First Sunday of Advent

(Common Worship)

Almighty God, as your kingdom dawns, turn us from the darkness of sin to the light of holiness, that we may be ready to meet you in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Amen

The Collect for the First Sunday in Advent

(Book of Common Prayer)

Almighty God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which thy Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious Majesty, to judge both the quick and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, now and ever.

What's on This Week

*St Peter's Church is open as a **Warm Welcome Space** from 10:30 am – 3:30 pm every day except Sundays.*

*The **Come to Know** exhibition continues in the Glass Foyer and St Mary's Chapel until Friday 2nd December.*

Mon 28th	1:30 – 3:00 pm The <i>Thinking about God</i> group meets in the Undercroft 2:00 pm The U3A Singing Folk group
Tues 29th	12:00 – 12:30 pm Healing Service
Wed 30th	<i>St Andrew's Day</i> 10:30 – 11:00 am Café RefleXions 2:00 – 4:00 pm <i>Spectrum</i> , a social group for widows and widowers, meet in the Brostoff Hall 7:30 pm Harrogate Harmony Men's Chorus
Thurs 1st	9:30 – 11:00 am The Toddler Group at St Peter's 11:00 am Holy Communion 7:00 pm <i>Artizan</i> Carols by Candlelight led by St Peter's Choir— <i>mulled wine and mince pies from 6:30 pm.</i> Followed by a short Choir Practice. 7:30 pm <i>St Peter's Evening Fellowship</i> are holding their Christmas Party in the Brostoff Hall
Fri 2nd	9:30 am AA meeting in the Music Room 10:00 am – 12:00 pm St Peter's Cleaning Team
Sat 3rd	10:00 am – 3:00 pm St Peter's Christmas Fair
Sun 4th	<i>The Second Sunday of Advent</i> 1:00 – 1:30 pm Sunday Lunch 6:00 pm Sanctuary , our Youth group, are meeting at Church before setting off to the Escape Room!

Next Sunday 4th December

The Second Sunday of Advent

8:30	Holy Communion
9:30	Family Communion
11:00	Choral Communion
4:15	Stepping Stones Service – <i>Celtic Worship</i>
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.



Today St Peter's welcomes Helen Jones

I am an ordinand in training, in my first year at St Hild's College, Mirfield. I am 49, live in York and am married to Robert, with no children. I am being sponsored by the Diocese of York for full-time incumbency and hope to obtain a stipendiary position once I am ordained.

I have been a Christian all my life. I was brought up a Roman Catholic, but have worshipped in the Church of England since my twenties, mostly at the more traditional end of the Church of England. I am a musician and have always been drawn to the beauties of the Anglican choral

tradition. In my home church of St Olave, York, I am involved in ministry through reading the lesson, leading intercessions, serving at the altar, acting as PCC secretary and singing in the choir.

I am educated to PhD level, with a Cambridge history degree and a PhD in church history (focusing on female Christianity in 18th century England) from King's College London. I have worked most of my career in University administration, for several years in Admissions and more recently in research support. I also teach a small number of piano students, and undertake opportunities to perform as a pianist and singer. In voluntary roles at various times in my life I have been active in local political parties, *Amnesty International* groups, visiting the elderly, baptism catechetics, youth fellowship and primary school reading support.

**Fanfare
for Christmas**

Brighthouse & Rastrick Band
2022 British Open Champions
Harrogate Gilbert & Sullivan Society
The Royal Hall, Harrogate
Saturday 17th December 2022 18:00
Tickets from £16.50
Box office : 01423 502116
harrogatetheatre.co.uk

Carols by Candlelight

St Peter's Church
7:00 pm Thursday 1st December

*Come and enjoy an evening of
carols led by St Peter's Choir to
raise funds for:*



ARTIZAN
INTERNATIONAL



Doors open at 6:30 pm for you to enjoy
Crafts stall – Mulled Wine – Mince pies

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



Coffee and Gifts

The Mother's Union are holding a

Coffee Morning

in aid of several charities

10:00 am – 12:00 pm

Friday 2nd December

at St Mark's Church

Stalls with knitted goods of all kinds
and Christmas Cards

ALL WELCOME

THANK YOU!

Just wanted to say thank you to everyone who has sent in photos of the *St Peter's Players* production of **A Christmas Carol**. They will appear on the [St Peter's website](#) in a photo gallery very soon. Now, can anyone send me the cast list? *The Editor*

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 (27th November) will be noon on Wednesday 23rd November. Please send any items (including photos) to Alan Garrow **or** to Marian Chambers (addresses below).

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