

Weekly News

28th January 2024

The Fourth Sunday of Epiphany

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There was no-one to speak out for me

Pastor Martin Niemöller is best known for writing **First They Came** in 1946 - one of the most famous poems about the Holocaust - but he is a complicated figure. Initially an antisemitic Nazi supporter, his views changed when he was imprisoned in Sachenhausen and Dachau concentration camps for speaking out against Adolf Hitler and the Nazi regime. He later encouraged the German people to take responsibility for the murders of six million Jewish people during the Holocaust.



First they came

First they came for the Communists
And I did not speak out
Because I was not a Communist
Then they came for the Socialists
And I did not speak out
Because I was not a Socialist
Then they came for the trade unionists
And I did not speak out
Because I was not a trade unionist
Then they came for the Jews
And I did not speak out
Because I was not a Jew
Then they came for me
And there was no one left
To speak out for me.

Martin Niemöller's poem has inspired many people to speak up for others when they face discrimination — but his personal history is complex. His story is a reminder that people often do not fall neatly into a category of 'good' or 'bad', and we must learn from experiences like his to understand how the Holocaust happened. You can read more about Niemöller's life story on the <u>Holocaust Memorial Day website</u>.

Holocaust Memorial Day (HMD) takes place each year on 27th January. Today we welcome members of the local Jewish community, who will be joining us for our **Holocaust Memorial Service** at 11:00 am.



THE HAPPINESS LAB

Hello! I'm going to be running THE HAPPINESS LAB course through Lent in the Undercroft at St Peter's Church. This will be on Thursday mornings, 9:30 – 11:00 am, from 22nd February to 28th March.

This course helps to explore key aspects of happiness, how we understand ourselves, and find a deep sense of joy in our lives.

If this sounds like something you would be interested in attending, then please do get in touch with me, Sam Clayton (sam clayton@live.co.uk)!

St Peter's Evening Fellowship

At the next meeting of St Peter's Evening Fellowship on Thursday 1st February at 7:30pm in the Brostoff Hall, Carol Tetlow, a retired GP, will give a talk with the intriguing title 'Stethoscope Secrets'. She has kindly agreed to donate the proceeds of her talk to Breast Cancer UK. Members are most welcome to bring along guests. Further details are available from Richard Bion (07966 073 867 or richardbion9@gmail.com).



Come to The Market Day Café next Thursday

The Market Day Café is on the second Thursday of each month. The next one is on Thursday 8th February from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm after the Holy Communion service. They will be serving hot drinks; delicious soups with bread; freshly made sandwiches with a variety of fillings; scones; and cakes!

Sit-n-Knit: the new knitting group

A new knitting (and craft) group started at St Peter's Church last week. The sessions run from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm each Monday – just drop-in and stay as long as you like - and refreshments are available. Bring your own wool, needles and patterns and enjoy company, coffee and creativity! You are welcome to bring crochet or similar crafts if you like! Just like Danielle (right) working on her cross-stitch project.

Contact Frances Roxby-Proud (07917 605 810) or Jenny Harris should you have any questions.



Rainbows are for girls aged 5-7 years. The 10th Harrogate St Peter's Rainbows will have vacancies from April 2024. For more information, please contact Kate Blake (10thstpetersrainbows@gmail.com or 07931 382 756).

A new Digital Drop-in is starting 1:30 - 3:00 pm on Tuesday 6th February

Have you got a smartphone or tablet? Would you like to become more confident at using it? Come along and have a cup of tea or coffee at the new informal *Digital Drop-in* and we will try to help. Just bring your phone or tablet with you, and maybe a notebook. Beginners are welcome! Contact Alyson Davies (07779 958 707).



The Kindertransport monument at Liverpool Street Station, commissioned by the Association of Jewish Refugees, to pay tribute to the Britons who aided the rescue of 10,000 Jewish children in 1938 – 1939 from Nazi persecution.

Say it with Flowers

The flowers in Church today have been donated by Dorit Stark-Riemer, in memory of and deep appreciation for Allen and Edith Ward, grandparents of Pam Brush. In 1939, Dorit's mother, Edith Lefor was one of 10,000 children rescued from Nazioccupied Europe by the Kindertransport The Wards, through their church organization. connections, good hearts and actions, were able to give a loving wartime home to this German-Jewish, teenage refugee, who would not have survived without them. They were able to provide emotional support to Edith when she learned that her parents, aunts and uncle were all murdered during the Holocaust.

David Fisher

David Fisher, who died earlier this month, was a very long-serving member of St Peter's Church. As a child he sang in the choir (as his father had before him). He was also a bellringer and served as St Peter's Treasurer for thirty-two years. David, who ran an accountancy business in town, was a very long-serving Governor of St Aidan's School. He was also a committed supporter of Harrogate Town Football Club. David's funeral will be at 12:15 pm on Tuesday 13th February at St Peter's Church.



Café, Connect

Café Connect: new dates for Spring

Café Connect is the national programme from FaithAction to welcome British Nationals, and their dependants, arriving in the UK from Hong Kong. It is an enjoyable and social space for everyone involved with opportunities for mutual

sharing of skills and knowledge and to make friends for the host community and new arrivals. At St Peter's our *Café Connect* group is led by Charlie Martineau and Michelle Chan and they meet on Fridays from 10:30 am to 12:45 pm in the Brostoff Hall. This term's dates are: 2nd, 9th and 23rd February; 1st, 15th and 22nd March; and 19th and 26th April. Everyone welcome!

Today's Services: 28th January 2024

The Fourth Sunday of Epiphany

The Sunday called Septuagesima (BCP)

8:30 Holy Communion

9:30 Family Communion

There is Sunday Club for primary 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 1158 All my days; 1419 Light of the world; 1674 Your love; 1404

King of kings, Majesty

Readings Revelation 12 v 1 - 5a

Mark 1 v 21 - 28

Preacher: Alan Garrow

11:00 Holocaust Memorial Service

Hymns please see service sheet **Psalm** 121 (Walford Davies)

Readings Genesis 12 v 1 - 9

Psalm 133

Anthem Blessed are they that mourn (*Brahms*)

Preacher: Mike Davies

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

Preacher: Sam Clayton

6:30 Choral Evensong by candlelight

Setting Sumsion in A

Hymns 267, 391, 502 (omit *verse)

Psalm 34

Readings 1 Samuel 3 v 1 - 20

1 Corinthians 14 v 12 - 20

Anthem The Heavens are telling (*Haydn*)

Preacher: Alan Garrow

Evensong by candlelight

Our Duty Wardens today are:

Kate Blake and Paul Medforth

Prayer Ministry at the 9:30 am service

At the 9:30 Service we offer prayer with members of our Prayer Ministry Team. If you would appreciate prayer for any reason, please come to St Mary's Chapel after you have received Communion and wait in the pews there. The team members will introduce themselves, ask for your prayer request and pray with you.

Please pray for those who have asked for our prayers:

Pat Anderson, Beverley Cooper, Graham Cornish, Jane Crabtree, Peter Dickinson, Tony Edwards, Louise Emrullahu, June Hemmings, Trevor Hughes, Jackie Kelly, Jane Lishman, Rachel Looby, Derek Mansfield, Steve Martin, Kim Okell, Sheila Pantin, Matthew Pindell, Dora Ringrose, Richard Sadler and Michelle Simon.

Also in our prayers this week:

Mon St Aidan's CE High School

Sanctuary, St Peter's Youth Group

Tues All those providing care or help to

a vulnerable person

St Peter's Pastoral Support Team

Wed Delivery drivers and postal

workers

Carole Raw, Parish Administrator

Thurs The staff and officers at Harrogate

Police Station

All who serve as Police Chaplains

Fri Mo Atkinson, Churchwarden

St Peter's Players

Sat Wellspring Therapy & Training,

supporting people in distress and promoting good mental health All those suffering from anxiety

and depression

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 126

Genesis 18 v 1 - 15

Matthew 27 v 11 - 26

Tues Charles, King and Martyr,

1649

Psalm 132

Genesis 18 v 1 - 15

Matthew 27 v 11 - 26

Wed Psalm 119 v 153 to end

Genesis 19 v 1 - 3 and v

12 - 29

Matthew 27 v 45 - 56

Thurs Brigid, Abbess of Kildare

Psalm 143

Genesis 21 v 1 - 21

Matthew 27 v 57 to end

Fri The presentation of Christ

in the temple (Candlemas)

Psalm 48

Exodus 13 v 1 - 16

Romans 12 v 1 - 5

Sat Psalm 147

Genesis 23

Matthew 28 v 16 to end

The Collect for The Fourth Sunday of Epiphany (Common Worship) God of heaven, you send the gospel to the ends of the earth and your messengers to every nation:

send your Holy Spirit to transform us by the good news of everlasting life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Collect for Septuagesima (BCP)

O Lord, we beseech thee favourably to hear the prayers of thy people; that we, who are justly punished for our offences, may be mercifully delivered by thy goodness, for the glory of thy Name;

through Jesus Christ our Saviour, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

What's on This Week

St Peter's Church is open to visitors from 9:30 am – 3:30 pm every day except Sundays.

Mon 29th 11:00 am − 1:00 pm The new *Sit-n-Knit* group

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

Undercroft

2:00 pm The U3A Singing Folk group

Tues 30th 12:00 – 12:30 pm Healing Service

Wed 31st 10:30 – 11:00 am Café RefleXions

1:30 – 3:00 pm Harrogate Wellbeing Choir 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

7:30 pm St Peter's Choir Practice

7:30 pm St Peter's Evening Fellowship

Fri 2nd Candlemas

9:30 am AA meeting in the Music Room

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

10:30 am – 12:45 pm *Café Connect* meets in the Brostoff Hall

7:00 – 8:15 pm Bellringing Practice at St Peter's

Sat 3rd 10:00 am – 3:30 pm *Harrogate Scouts and Guides* are holding a

Refreshment Day to raise funds for their Gang Show

Sun 4th The Second Sunday before Lent

1:00 - 1:30 pm Sunday Lunch

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

5:30 – 7:00 pm **Sanctuary**, our youth group, are meeting at

Church and then going out to the Escape Rooms

Next Sunday 4th February *The Second Sunday before Lent*

The second sunday bejore Lent	
8:30	Holy Communion
9:30	Family Communion
11:00	Choral Communion
4:15	Stepping Stones Service
	– Celtic Worship
6:30	Candlemas Evensong
	by candlelight

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.

The Bereavement Journey – a course starting in February

The Bereavement Journey is for anyone who has been bereaved at any time but would value time and safe space to process their grief. It is a series of films and discussion groups that gently guide participants through the most common aspects of grief and bereavement, enabling them to process the implications for themselves and think about the next steps. Visit https://www.thebereavementjourney.org to find out more.

We will be running the course here at St Peter's on Monday evenings from 12th February 'til 25th March (6:30 – 9:00 pm) in the Brostoff Hall.

Topics include:

- Attachment, separation and loss
- The pain and responses of grief
- Anger and guilt
- Coping with others' reactions
- Delayed and suppressed grief
- Adjusting to change
- Moving forward healthily

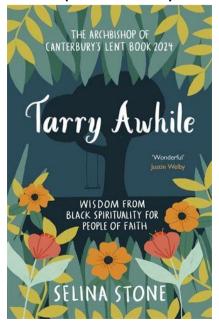


You can download an application form from our website; email Jan Edwards, St Peter's Lay Pastoral Minister, at <u>stppastoralcareteam@gmail.com</u> or phone the Parish Office (07425 161 425).

The Archbishop of Canterbury's Lent Book 2024:

Tarry Awhile: Wisdom from Black Spirituality for People of Faith by Selina Stone Tarry ye here, and watch with me . . . (Matthew 26 v 38)

Tarrying is a Black Christian spiritual practice in which believers actively wait to experience the manifestation of God's presence. It answers yes to the question Jesus once asked his disciples: will you tarry here and watch with me? Whether in the vibrancy of music and singing, or in the hushed silence of the congregation, people of all ages anticipate an encounter with God that will transform what they know, feel and experience day to day.



This book makes the wisdom of Black spiritualities and faith available for all people. It focuses on seven themes:

- darkness as a place of encounter with the divine;
- the unity of all things;
- movement, belonging and migration;
- the Spirit as one who moves in unexpected ways;
- quiet contemplation as essential to spiritual growth;
- healing in community;
- ❖ and weeping that turns to joy.

This book is available from Amazon and SPCK Publishing as a Kindle edition or paperback; and from Ripon Cathedral Shop as a book.

Refreshments are served after each of our Sunday morning services from



the kitchen area at the front of Church. Please come and join us.

Confirmation

If you're thinking about
Confirmation in 2024
or want to explore what
Confirmation is all about,
then contact The Revd Chris
Clayton (07407 258 733 or
chris.clayton@leeds.anglican.org)
to register your interest.

Next Week's Deadline

The deadline for the next edition of the Weekly News (4th February) will be noon on Wednesday 31st January. Please send any items (including photos) to **The Weekly News Editor**, Marian Chambers, or to the Vicar, Alan Garrow.



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

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