



Weekly News

28th November 2021

The First Sunday Of Advent

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Dedication of the new liturgical textiles

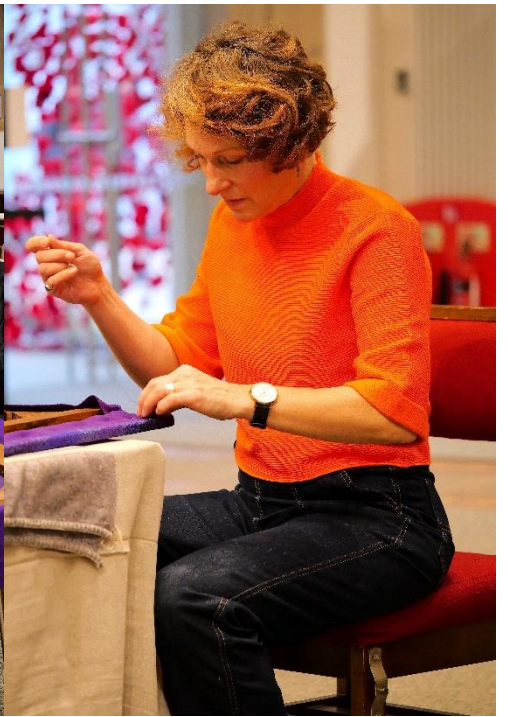
Today is Advent Sunday and St. Peter's is celebrating the new liturgical textiles which you can see here and on the next page. The project to replace these textiles began in 2019 when a Commissioning Group was set up. One set of liturgical textiles comprises of the altar frontal, pulpit fall, clergy stole, burse and veil. They mark the changing seasons of the Church's year and express the visions and values of St. Peter's.



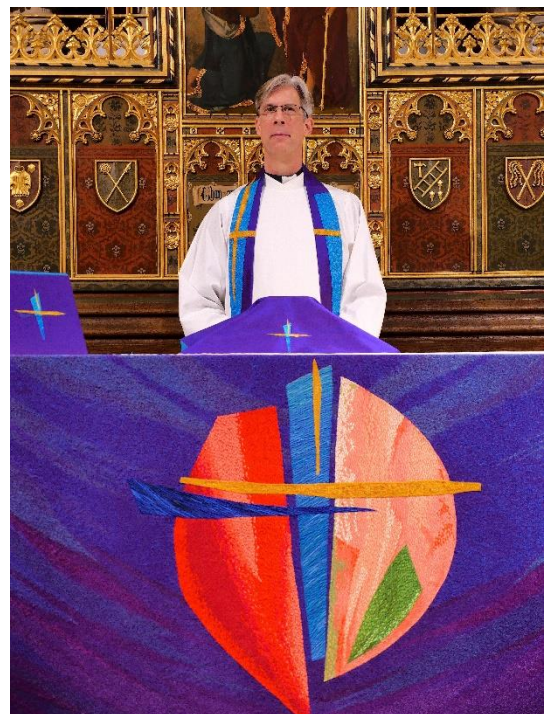
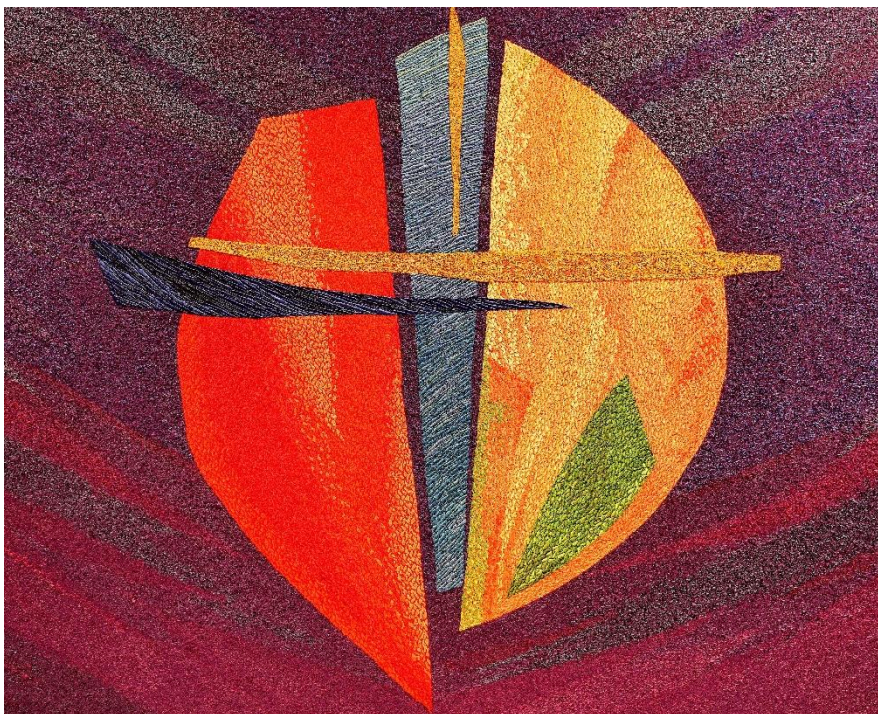
The Group decided to replace the set used for Advent and Lent, and after a selection process commissioned Polly Meynell. Polly is an ecclesiastical textile designer and examples of her work can be seen in both Bradford and Guildford Cathedrals and in St. Andrew's Church, Corbridge. She has also designed and created vestments for the Bishops of Gloucester, Leeds, London and Stockport.

The design of the new set of textiles uses the sacrament as the central theme; the sacrament is broken into pieces to feed the people. The red and pink segments are representative of the body and blood and between them the blue is for the Virgin Mary and her central role in carrying and nurturing the Christ Child. The blue is pierced with a vertical shard of gold putting God at the heart and the horizontal gold bar links the body and blood with Mary's mantle. The green segment and small vertical section represent the vine and are the connecting feature between the sacrament and the background. Polly has used sustainable textiles sourced from within Yorkshire. We are most grateful to the sponsors of this project.

Patricia Stableford and Catherine Medforth



The designer, Polly Meynell, came to St Peter's to install the new altar frontal earlier in November. Polly stretched and attached the embroidered panel carefully to its specially made frame, then mitred and stitched the corners. Magnets are used to hold it in place on the front of the altar. Below you can see a close-up of the central motif, and the Vicar, Alan Garrow, wearing one of the three new stoles and the new burse and veil in their place on the altar.



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 – 2021 is Year C 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 new altar textiles have purple as their main colour and will be used for both Advent and Lent.

St Peter's Evening Fellowship returns with a Christmas Quiz

We are delighted to announce, after a long absence, Evening Fellowship will be returning with a Christmas Quiz. This will be held in the Brostoff Hall on **Thursday, 2nd December at 7:30 pm** when Paul Medforth will be our quizmaster. There will be no meeting in January but, shortly into the New Year, we will be publishing a full programme for 2022, starting with a talk by Tony Wilson, well known for his excellent presentations, entitled 'French Churches with a connection to Monarchs of England'. Do please come and join us, current member or not - everyone is very welcome.

St Peter's Afternoon Fellowship

The next Afternoon Fellowship is on Monday 6th December, from 2:00 – 4:00 pm, when John Longstaff, our Director of Music, will play the piano and lead some carol singing. Please call Gillian Taylor on 01423 500482 for further details.



Does anyone else ask these questions?
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Today's Services: 28th November 2021

The First Sunday of Advent

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 **410** O come O come Emmanuel; **821** Into the darkness; Christ be our light; This little light of mine

Readings Jeremiah 33 v 14 - 16

Luke 21 v 25 - 36

Preacher: Alan Garrow

Our Duty Wardens today are:

Sian Lockwood
and Richard Bion

11:00 Choral Matins

Setting Sumsion in B flat (Benedicite)

Hymns 26, 37, 29

Psalm 44

Readings Jeremiah 33 v 14 - 16

Luke 21 v 25 - 36

Anthem The angel Gabriel (arr. *Jack Longstaff*)

Preacher: Alan Garrow

2:30 pm Baptism of Sophie Paige Michielson

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

Preacher: Chris Clayton

6:30 Advent Candle Service

Please see separate order of service



This week's worship online

We are continuing to live stream the following services on Facebook and Zoom: 9:30 am Family Communion on Sundays (also available on *St Peter's YouTube channel* to watch later); and Morning and Evening Prayer at 8:00 am and 5:00 pm from Monday to Saturday. To join in follow the [links](#) on our website.

Please pray for those who have asked for our prayers:

Pat Anderson, Ruth Bowes, Kenneth Coggane, Graham Cornish, Geni Emrullahu, Louise Emrullahu, Pam Gardiner, Vicky Harrison, June Hemmings, Miriam Jones, Jackie Kelly, Charlie Martineau and Sheila Pantin.

Also in our prayers this week:

- Mon** All local schools and colleges
Sanctuary, St Peter's Youth Group
- Tues** Rough sleepers and the homeless
St Peter's Breakfast Club
- Wed** On **World Aids Day**, all those people living with HIV in the UK
The 35 million people who have died of HIV or AIDS related diseases since 1984
- Thurs** The NHS and other key workers
The 999 and NHS 111 call centre staff
- Fri** St Peter's Music Group
St Peter's Choir
- Sat** All who are grieving the loss of a loved one
Hannah Beck, Lay Reader

Daily Readings

Morning Prayer is at 8:00 am and Evening Prayer at 5:00 pm daily. These are the Bible readings we will be using in Church each morning this week. Why not read them at home if you are unable to come to the service?

- Mon** Psalm 50
Isaiah 25 v 1 - 9
Matthew 12 v 1 - 21
- Tues** ***Andrew the Apostle***
Psalm 47
Ezekiel 47 v 1 - 12
John 12 v 20 - 32
- Wed** *Charles de Foucauld, Hermit in the Sahara, 1916*
Psalm 7
Isaiah 28 v 1 - 13
Matthew 12 v 38 to end
- Thurs** Psalm 42
Isaiah 28 v 14 to end
Matthew 13 v 1 - 23
- Fri** *Francis Xavier, Missionary*
Psalm 25
Isaiah 29 v 1 - 14
Matthew 13 v 24 - 43
- Sat** Psalm 9
Isaiah 29 v 15 to end
Matthew 13 v 44 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 for private prayer from 11:00 am – 1:00 pm every day except Sundays.

- Mon 29th** 1:30 – 3:00 pm *Thinking about God* discussion group in The Gallery. Contact Paul Gill (07580 310971)
2:00 pm The U3A Singing Folk group
6:00 pm AA meeting in the Music Room
- Tues 30th** ***St Andrew's Day***
12:00 – 12:30 pm Healing Service
- Wed 1st** **10:30 – 11:00 am Café RefleXions**
- Thurs 2nd** 9:30 – 11:00 am Toddler Group
11:00 am Holy Communion
6:00 pm Carols by Candlelight in aid of Artizan International – doors open from 5:30 pm for crafts stall and refreshments
7:30 pm St Peter's Choir Practice
7:30 pm **St Peter's Evening Fellowship** are holding a Christmas Quiz in the Brostoff Hall
- Fri 3rd** 9:30 am AA meeting in the Music Room
- Sat 4th** **10:00 am – 4:00 pm St Peter's Christmas Tree Festival begins!**
10:00 am – 3:00 pm Harrogate Operatic Players are holding a Refreshment Day
- Sun 5th** **The Second Sunday of Advent**
1:00 – 1:30 pm Sunday Lunch
5:30 – 7:00 pm **Sanctuary**, our Youth group, are meeting in the Brostoff Hall for some **Indoor Olympics** – a range of games and activities to test your physical and mental agility!

Next Sunday 5th December

The Second Sunday of Advent

- 8:30 Holy Communion
9:30 Family Communion
11:00 Choral Communion
2:30 Baptism
4:15 Stepping Stones Service
– *Celtic Worship*
6:30 Choral Evensong

The Breakfast Club provides a free, hot breakfast from Monday to Saturday (8:20 – 8:45 am) for all those who are hungry or in need.

A hot **Sunday Lunch** is served from 1:00 – 1:30 pm.

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.

Help feed a family this Christmas

St Peter's Church launched a new initiative to help local families this Christmas and has had an overwhelming response from all our congregations – most of the cards have been given out. If you would still like to take part, please ask a Duty Warden this morning, or contact Carole Raw (07425 161425). Each card has a shopping list of five items, and instructions on how to label the bag/parcel and the dates for returning it. If you have one of the cards, please consider buying family-size packs. Please mark your bag/parcel with the letter and number on your card. Thank you for your support and generosity!



Harrogate School of Theology and Mission

Reading the Bible part 2 - a Bibletrack seminar by Dr Jane Williams (DVD and facilitated discussion) on Saturday 4th December 2021, 10:00 – 11:30 am

These seminars are online only (via Zoom) and cost £2 per session, bookable in advance only by Eventbrite. To find out more visit www.hstm.org.uk.



Light up a Life Service at Ripon Cathedral next Sunday

St Michael's Hospice are holding a special joint service with Herriot Hospice on Sunday 5th December at 3:30 pm to help families and friends to come together to remember and celebrate the lives of loved ones. To book a free ticket visit www.eventbrite.co.uk.

Carols by
Candlelight

St Peter's Church, Harrogate Town Centre
6 pm Thursday 2nd December

Traditional carols by candlelight, with a solo performance by acclaimed harpist and singer Lucy Bunce, as heard on Radio 2

Doors open at 5.30pm for complimentary mulled wine and mince pies

ARTIZAN

Come and join us!

National Grief Awareness Week 2nd – 8th December 2021

If you're struggling to cope with the loss of your loved one and feel you need more support, use your postcode to search for your nearest counselling, support groups or bereavement services on our UK map:

www.thegoodgrieftrust.org/find-support/

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 (5th December) will be noon on Wednesday 1st December. Please send any items (including photos) to Alan Garrow or to Marian Chambers (addresses below).

Giving to support the work of St Peter's Church

No collection is taken during our services, but a plate is left by the door for your offering in support of the mission and ministry of this Church. If you would prefer to give by card, there is a contactless card machine in the South Transept. If you prefer to set up a bank transfer, please use these account details:

St Peter's Church PCC Harrogate

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Account No: 67137628

or **download a Planned Giving Form** from the website. **THANK YOU!**

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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.