



# Weekly News

29<sup>th</sup> August 2021

The Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

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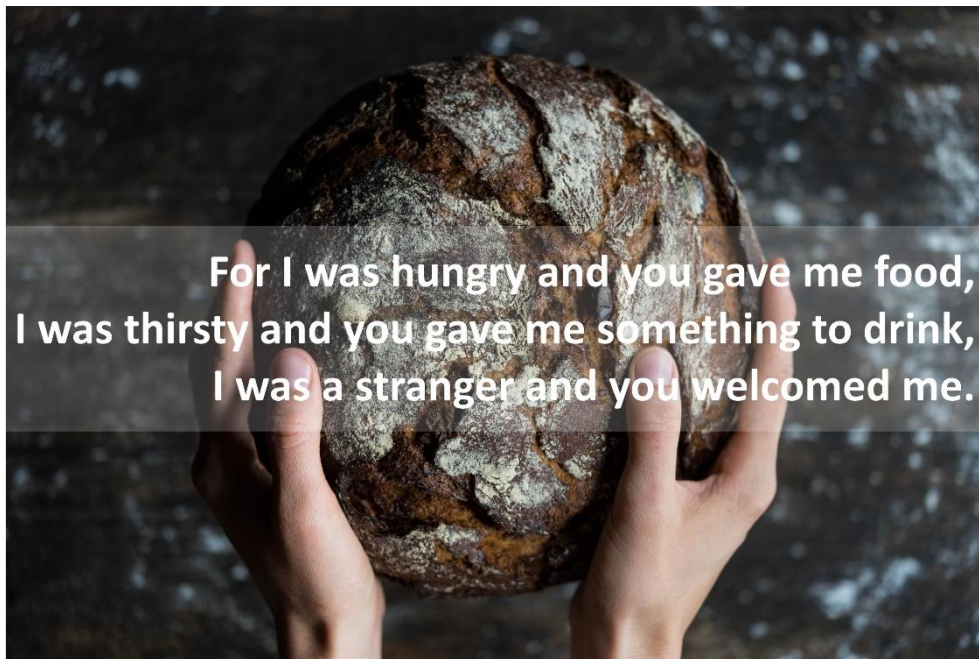
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## Welcome and hospitality – sharing God's love

First impressions are important, scientist say it only takes 2.6 seconds to confirm our impressions of someone and one tenth of a second for us to know if that person is trustworthy. WOW - first impressions are important!

Therefore, one of the most important and vital roles within any church is the way we welcome people. That smile when you walk through the door for the first time or the reassuring word to allay any nerves, speaks to the values that we hold as a church. What do you remember when you go somewhere new, how important was that welcome? Clearly how we welcome and include people is important and should reflect the love and care that God has for His creation.

This biblical call (Matthew 25 v 35 - 41) is to every Christian, but how we achieve this



For I was hungry and you gave me food,  
I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink,  
I was a stranger and you welcomed me.

will be different for each of us. Maybe offering to host a bring-and-share Church picnic in your garden on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> September? Have you ever thought of becoming a sidesperson welcoming worshippers and visitors to our services on Sunday? Could you offer some of your free time to join the Welcomers'

team; or to help at the Breakfast Club or at our Saturday Refreshment Days?

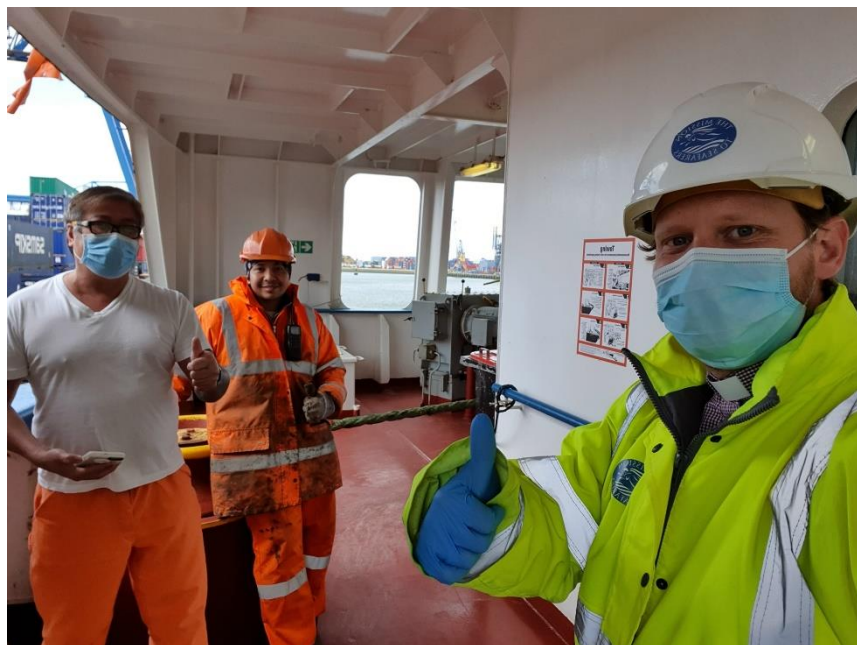
We are currently strengthening all our teams and we need people to give of themselves in this vital role of hospitality. So please think and pray, how are you being called to share God's love? Please speak to Alan Garrow, one of our Churchwardens or to me.

Chris Clayton, *Curate at St Peter's Church*

## ***The Mission to Seafarers* caring for seafarers during COVID-19**

This Anglican charity now has a presence in 200 ports in 50 different countries worldwide, providing support to seafarers regardless of their rank, nationality, gender or religion. Over 90% of world trade is carried by sea, providing work to 1.5 million seafarers. However, it is one of the world's most dangerous occupations, with piracy, shipwreck and abandonment just some of the threats seafarers face. Mental health issues affect many seafarers, but the Mission to Seafarers' volunteers and chaplains are there to provide emotional and spiritual support, whether that's on board ship or at their Seafarers Centres ashore.

The Mission launched the *Flying Angel Campaign* in response to the impact COVID-19 has had on all seafarers, here are some of the areas it covers:



**Digital Chaplaincy** - With shore leave denied and access to ships becoming more difficult for the Chaplains, seafarers' worries and anxieties have become heightened during this crisis. The Mission now has 25 trained and qualified chaplains from across all time zones offering a live 'chat line' - with many seafarers under extended contracts and reduced access to chaplains in ports, this service has become crucial.

**Connectivity for seafarers** – however, there are still large numbers of seafarers without access to the internet on board their ships. Most of them are now denied shore leave because of COVID-19 restrictions and so find themselves cut off from the outside world. The Mission are providing mobile Mifi units while a ship is in port, so that seafarers can at last communicate with their families – even delivering the units by a bucket lowered over the side of the ship, when Chaplains were not allowed onboard!

**Safe Seafarer Centres** – as restrictions are lifted, the Mission's 121 port centres are being made ready to reopen with deep cleaning as well as Perspex screens, hand sanitising units and signage being fitted. To safely transport coronavirus-free seafarers to these centres the Mission's global fleet of over 30 minibuses are also being adapted.

**Advocacy** – the Mission always responds to a myriad of seafarers' issues including justice and welfare cases, repatriation, abandonment, late payment of wages, shortages of food and money, piracy, bullying and discrimination. During the pandemic these cases have become even more prevalent, with the most recent being supporting the more than 100 seafarers stranded in the UK unable to get home to India when the borders closed.

To find out more about *The Mission to Seafarers* work or to make a donation visit [www.missiontoseafarers.org](http://www.missiontoseafarers.org).



**The Mission to Seafarers**  
Caring for seafarers around the world

## A thank you to Mo Atkinson from St Peter's Welcomers



St Peter's Welcomers presented Mo Atkinson with flowers last Sunday to thank her for all her hard work and dedication as their team leader. Gillian Sinclair (see below) has kindly agreed to lead the team from now on.



### Introducing Gillian Sinclair

I am a nurse and have run a small independent clinic, looking after hormone, weight and skin issues, for the last 15 years. Recently married at St Peter's, it is a place I love and have always felt the church family has been so important in my growing faith. I have made many special friends here and shared some adventures. So, as I am now working less hours, I hope to help continue the great work that the Welcomers provide by taking on this leader's role.

### Creationtide and Climate Sunday

Creationtide is the season in the annual church calendar, from 1<sup>st</sup> September to 4<sup>th</sup> October, dedicated to God as Creator and Sustainer of all life. The theme for 2021 is *A Home for All, renewing the oikos of God*. Oikos means 'home' or 'family' and is the root of words starting with 'eco' like 'ecology' and 'economics'. In the months leading up to the UN climate change talks in November 2021 (COP26), churches are being encouraged to hold a special Climate Sunday service, to make a commitment to tackle climate change, and to call on world leaders to do the same.



# Climate Sunday

On Climate Sunday, 5<sup>th</sup> September, St Peter's are holding a climate-focused service to reflect on how we can each play our part in reducing greenhouse gas emissions, to pray, and to commit to action. Climate Sunday has an on-line declaration that you may decide to sign up to at <https://thetimeisnow.uk/> before or after the service. Stewart Davies, St Peter's Environmental Officer, will be our preacher at our 9:30 am Family Communion Service. On 3<sup>rd</sup> October, as Creationtide comes to an end, we are planning to hold our Harvest Festival and Animal Service.

# Today's Services: 29<sup>th</sup> August 2021

The Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

**8:30 Holy Communion**

**9:30 Family Communion**

**Hymns** 646 All I once held dear; Christ be in my waking: 830 I, the Lord of sea and sky; How great is our God

**Readings** Genesis 18 v 1 - 10  
Mark 7 v 1 – 8, 14 – 15 and 21 - 23

**Preacher:** Catharine Davies

**11:00 Choral Matins**

**Setting** Ireland in F (Jubilate)

**Hymns** 555, 411, 413

**Psalm** 119 v 17 - 32

**Readings** Deuteronomy 4 v 1 – 2 and v 6 - 9  
James 1 v 17 - 27

**Anthem** They that go down to the sea in ships (Sumsion)

**Preacher:** John Longstaff

**2:30 pm Baptism of Wilf Alexander Atkinson**

**6:30 Choral Evensong**

**Setting** Harris in A

**Hymns** 523, 379, 14

**Psalm** 119 v 33 - 48

**Readings** Exodus 12 v 21 - 27  
Matthew 4 v 23 – 5 v 20

**Anthem** Now the God of Peace (*Knight*)

**Preacher:** Sue Pearce

**Today our Welcomer is**  
Sarah Martin  
**and our Duty Warden is**  
Eve Hawkins

## This week's worship online

We are continuing to live stream the following services: [9:30 am Holy Communion](#) and [11:00 am Matins or Holy Communion \(BCP\)](#) to join in follow the links here or on our website. [Morning and Evening Prayer](#) are at 8:00 am and 5:00 pm from Monday to Saturday and will be live-streamed on Facebook and Zoom.

**Please pray for those who have asked for our prayers:**

Pat Anderson, Ruth Bowes, Graham Cornish, 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 those working with children and young people  
John Longstaff, playing this afternoon at the Organ Recital
- Tues** St Peter's Breakfast Club  
The people of Haiti in the aftermath of the earthquake
- Wed** St Peter's Flower Team  
That as Creationtide begins, we all rise to the challenges of the climate crisis
- Thurs** The NHS and other key workers  
Ambulance crews and paramedics
- Fri** Seafarers and their families on *Merchant Navy Day*  
The chaplains and volunteers of the *Mission to Seafarers*
- Sat** Catharine Davies, Licensed Lay Minister  
St Peter's Music Group

**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** *John Bunyan, Writer, 1688*  
Psalm 126  
Proverbs 25 v 1 - 14  
Mark 8 v 11 - 21
- Tues** *Aidan, Bishop of Lindisfarne, Missionary, 651*  
Psalm 132  
Proverbs 25 v 15 to end  
Mark 8 v 22 - 26
- Wed** Psalm 119 v 153 to end  
Proverbs 26 v 12 to end  
Mark 8 v 27 - 9 v 1
- Thurs** Psalm 143  
Proverbs 27 v 1 - 22  
Mark 9 v 2 - 13
- Fri** *Gregory the Great, Bishop of Rome, Teacher, 604*  
Psalm 144  
Proverbs 30 v 1 - 9, 24 - 31  
Mark 9 v 14 - 29
- Sat** Psalm 147  
Proverbs 31 v 10 to end  
Mark 9 v 30 - 37

**The Collect for the Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity**

Almighty God, who called your Church to bear witness that you were in Christ reconciling the world to yourself:

help us to proclaim the good news of your love, that all who hear it may be drawn to you; through him who was lifted up on the cross, and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**or**

Almighty God, you search us and know us:  
may we rely on you in strength and rest on you in weakness, now and in all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

# 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 30<sup>th</sup>**

## ***Summer Bank Holiday***

**2:30 pm Popular Organ Recital** by John Longstaff, to include music by Bach, Handel, Vierne and Widor. Admission £10 (cash or cheque on the door), cream tea served afterwards

4:30 - 4:50 pm hot food to eat in or take-away

**Tues 31<sup>st</sup>**

**12:00 – 12:30 pm Healing Service** - a simple reflective service, with prayers for healing with laying-on of hands (*no booking required*)

**Wed 1<sup>st</sup>**

## ***Creationtide begins***

**10:30 – 11:00 am Café RefleXions** – a service combining reflective readings with coffee (or tea) and cake in an informal and relaxed setting (*no booking required*)

4:30 - 4:50 pm hot food to eat in or take-away

**Thurs 2<sup>nd</sup>**

9:30 – 11:00 am Toddler Group

**11:00 am Holy Communion** (*no booking required*)

4:30 - 4:50 pm Mini Supermarket – an opportunity to stock up on tins and bread, no questions asked

7:30 pm St Peter's Choir Practice

**Fri 3<sup>rd</sup>**

## ***Merchant Navy Day***

4:30 - 4:50 pm hot food to eat in or take-away

**Sat 4<sup>th</sup>**

**Sun 5<sup>th</sup>**

## **Climate Sunday**

The Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity

1:00 – 1:30 pm Sunday Lunch

**Next Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> September**  
**The Fourteenth Sunday after**  
**Trinity**

## **Climate Sunday**

8:30 Holy Communion

9:30 Family Communion

11:00 Choral Communion

4:15 Afternoon Church

*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.

## Activity bags, Afternoon Church and Sunday Club

From next Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> September **Activity Bags** for the children who attend our 9:30 am Family Communion service should be available. As well as activity sheets to work on during the service, there will be small toys and a book. As you enter Church through the Glass Foyer entrance, please pick up an appropriate Activity Bag (the bags are labelled for pre-schoolers, 5 - 7s and 8 - 11s). At the end of the service please put all the items back into the bag and leave them on the table by the West Door.

**Afternoon Church** returns next Sunday at 4:15 pm and will follow this weekly cycle of services – the first week of the month will be *Celtic Worship*; the second week will be *Holy Communion*; then the third week will be *Crafternoon Church*; and the fourth week will be a *Service of the Word*.

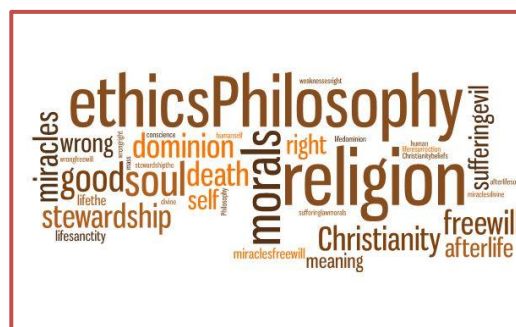
On the 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> October **Sunday Club** will be available during our 9:30 am Family Communion Service again, but numbers will be limited. To check availability and to book a place email our Parish Administrator, Carole Raw, at:

[stpeterschurchgtooffice@gmail.com](mailto:stpeterschurchgtooffice@gmail.com).

## Thinking about God discussion group

The **Thinking about God** discussion group is recommencing on 6<sup>th</sup> September. The discussions are based on an A Level Philosophy of Religion and Ethics syllabus. The group meets in The Undercroft at St Peter's from 1:30 – 3:00 pm every Monday.

Contact Paul Gill ([gillsno6@aol.com](mailto:gillsno6@aol.com) or 07580 310971) for further details.



## FLY THE RED ENSIGN

FOR MERCHANT NAVY DAY  
3rd SEPTEMBER 2021

Fly the Red Ensign is The Seafarers' Charity's annual campaign to honour the brave men and women who kept the UK afloat during both World Wars and celebrate our dependence on modern-day merchant seafarers who are responsible for more than 90% of the UK's imports. The COVID-19 pandemic had a tragic impact on Merchant Navy communities, and many continue to need urgent support.

This Merchant Navy Day, 3rd of September, fly the Red Ensign to remember the sacrifices of the often forgotten and invisible Merchant Navy community.

[WWW.MERCHANTNAVYFUND.ORG](http://WWW.MERCHANTNAVYFUND.ORG)



## Popular Organ Recital

by John Longstaff  
Organist and Director of Music

2:30pm Monday 30th August  
including: Bach, Handel, Vierne, Widor

Tickets £10 at the door (cash or cheque please)  
Cream Tea served afterwards

## 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

Sort Code: 53-50-21

Account No: 67137628

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

## Next Week's Deadline

The deadline for the next edition of the Weekly News (5<sup>th</sup> September) will be noon on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> September. Please send any items (including photos) to Alan Garrow or to Marian Chambers (addresses below).

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## St Peter's Afternoon Fellowship



Afternoon Fellowship returns in October from 2:00 – 4:00 pm on the first Monday of the month. Would you be willing to drive members to and from these meetings? If you have a wheelchair you no longer need, would you be willing to donate it? Speak to Gillian Taylor (01423 500482) if you can help.

## 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.