



Weekly News

29th December 2024

The First Sunday of Christmas

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The twelve year old Jesus at the Temple

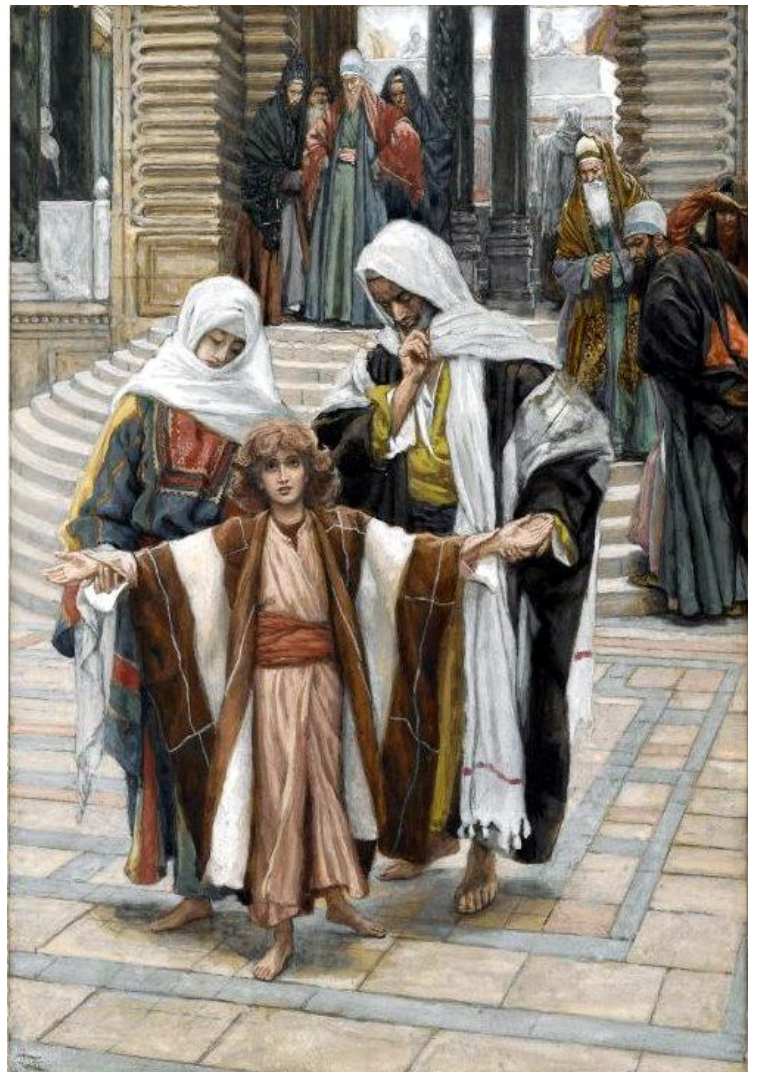
⁴¹Every year Jesus' parents went to Jerusalem for the Festival of the Passover.

⁴²When he was twelve years old, they went up to the festival, according to the custom. ⁴³After the festival was over, while his parents were returning home, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but they were unaware of it. ⁴⁴Thinking he was in their company, they travelled on for a day. Then they began looking for him among their relatives and friends. ⁴⁵When they did not find him, they went back to Jerusalem to look for him.

⁴⁶After three days they found him in the temple courts, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. ⁴⁷Everyone who heard him was amazed at his understanding and his answers. ⁴⁸When his parents saw him, they were astonished. His mother said to him, "Son, why have you treated us like this? Your father and I have been anxiously searching for you. ⁴⁹"Why were you searching for me?" he asked. "Didn't you know I had to be in my Father's house?" ⁵⁰But they did not understand what he was saying to them.

⁵¹Then he went down to Nazareth with them and was obedient to them. But his mother treasured all these things in her heart. ⁵²And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favour with God and man.

(Luke 2 v 41 to end)



Jesus Found in the Temple
James Tissot (Nantes, France, 1836–1902)

Today's Services: 29th December 2024

The First Sunday of Christmas

8:30 Holy Communion

9:30 Family Communion

*There is **no** Sunday Club for school age children today.*

Please come to St Mary's Chapel after you have received Communion if you would like to pray with our Prayer Ministry Team.

Readings Colossians 3 v 12 - 17

Luke 2 v 41 to end

Preacher: John Knott

Our Duty Wardens today are:

Siân Lockwood and

Mo Atkinson

11:00 **Matins**

Setting Stanford in B flat (Jubilate)

Hymns 67, 75, 444

Psalm 105 v 1 - 11

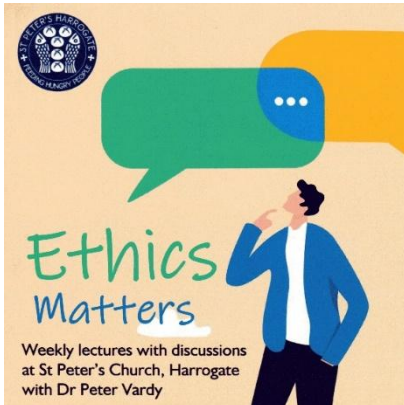
Readings 1 Samuel 2 v 18 – 20 and 26

Luke 2 v 41 to end

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Preacher: John Knott

Starting in January 2025: *Ethics Matters*



A six-week lecture series by eminent philosopher Dr Peter Vardy starts at St Peter's Church on Thursday evenings at 7:00 pm on 9th January 2025. Peter has written extensively on religion and ethics and was vice-principal of Heythrop Jesuit College in London. Entry is free, but please book your place by emailing: stpeterschurchhgtoffice@gmail.com. Each lecture lasts around an hour, with the opportunity to discuss matters over wine and nibbles afterwards.

Next Sunday 5th January 2025

The Second Sunday of Christmas

8:30 Holy Communion

9:30 Family Communion

11:00 Choral Matins

4:15 Stepping Stones Service
– *Celtic Worship*

6:30 Choral Evensong by
candlelight

As from 1st January 2025:

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.

Our mini-supermarket is on Thursdays from 4:30 – 4:50 pm – an opportunity to stock up on tinned and dried food and fresh bread!

Please pray for those who have asked for our prayers:

Pat Anderson, David Chambers, Graham Cornish, Jane Crabtree, Olive Davenham, Tony Edwards, Louise Emrullahu, June Hemmings, Trevor Hughes, Derek Mansfield, Kim Okell, Sheila Pantin, Matthew Pindell, Celia Preston, Richard Sadler 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
The Sit-n-Knit group
- Wed** Local hospitality and leisure businesses
The Artizan Café
- Thurs** All the staff at Harrogate Hospital
Hospital Chaplaincy Teams
- Fri** David Skaith, Mayor for York and North Yorkshire
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. These are the Bible readings we will be using each morning this week.

- Mon** Psalm 113
Isaiah 59 v 1 – 15a
John 1 v 19 - 28
- Tues** Psalm 102
Isaiah 59 v 15b to end
John 1 v 29 - 34
- Wed** *The naming and circumcision of Jesus*
Psalm 103
Genesis 17 v 1 - 13
Romans 2 v 17 to end
- Thurs** *Basil the Great and Gregory of Nazianzus, Bishops, Teachers, 379 and 389*
Psalm 18 v 1 - 30
Isaiah 60 v 1 - 12
John 1 v 35 - 42
- Fri** Psalm 127
Isaiah 60 v 13 to end
John 1 v 43 to end
- Sat** Psalm 89 v 1 - 37
Isaiah 61
John 2 v 1 - 12

The Collect for The First Sunday of Christmas (Common Worship)

God in Trinity, eternal unity of perfect love:
gather the nations to be one family, and draw us into your holy life through the birth of Emmanuel, our Lord Jesus Christ.

The Collect for The Sunday after Christmas Day (Book of Common Prayer)

Almighty God, who wonderfully created us in your own image and yet more wonderfully restored us through your Son Jesus Christ: grant that, as he came to share in our humanity, so we may share the life of his divinity; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

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Next Week's Deadline

The deadline for the next edition of the Weekly News (5th January) will be noon on Wednesday 1st January. Please send any items to Marian Chambers, or to Alan Garrow.

What's on This Week

- Mon 30th** 11:00 am – 1:00 pm *Sit-n-Knit* in Church
- Tues 31st** ***New Year's Eve***
4:00 – 6:00pm Prayers for 2025
11:30 pm Watchnight Service
- Wed 1st** ***New Year's Day***
10:30 – 11:00 am Café RefleXions
- Thurs 2nd** **11:00 am Holy Communion**
- Fri 3rd** 9:30 am AA meeting in the Music Room
10:00 am St Peter's Cleaning Team
- Sat 4th**
- Sun 5th** ***The Second Sunday of Christmas***
7:30pm AA meeting in the Brostoff Hall

Being With: an online course exploring Christian faith and life

Starting in January, this ten week course is an introduction to Christianity with a difference. Devised by the Revd Dr Sam Wells and the Revd Sally Hitchiner at St Martin in the Fields, this is an opportunity to explore what Christian faith is all about, to reflect on the Christian story and to place your own story within it. We will be running two courses both from 7:15 – 8:45 pm; one starting on Sunday 26th January and the other on Wednesday 29th January. Interested in finding out more? Please be in touch with Karin Shaw (karinshaw@googlemail.com).