



Weekly News

2nd February 2025

The Presentation of Christ in the Temple

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The BIG Conversation About Food at St Peter's

Food has always been a big part of the ministry and life of St Peter's and, for the past twenty-five years, Breakfast Club has been a big part of how we've communicated who we are and what we're about. The recent changes in Breakfast Club mean that now is a good time to reflect on the place of food in the whole of our shared life. The biggest lesson from my research as a biblical historian is that the first Christians used food to communicate what they believed in and hoped for. How can we, in our own time and place, do the same?

This question is at the heart of *The Big Conversation about Food*. The 'conversation starter' is a survey with questions that we would like you to reflect on and answer. The questions are designed to capture your opinions, aspirations, ideas and willingness to help. Your answers will help us reflect together on the past, while shaping our vision for the future.



Volunteer Kevin Douglas cooking the bacon for Breakfast Club



The questionnaire is available in paper and electronic formats. To access the online version please follow [this link](#) or use this QR code.

If you prefer to use pen and paper, you can download a copy from our website to print or printed questionnaires are available from the Welcome Desk – and there is a post box for returns there too.

Please return your responses by Wednesday **5th March 2025**. Thank you!

Alan Garrow, *Vicar of St Peter's Church*



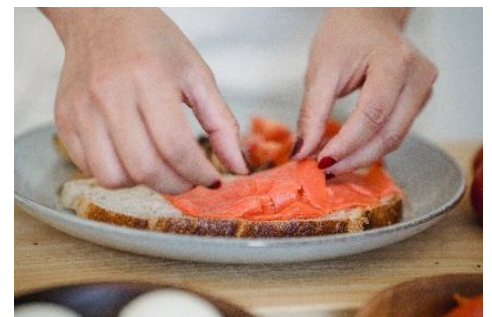
Well done to everyone involved in the Lunar New Year Celebrations at St Peter's on Saturday 25th January - £783 was raised for Church funds! Many thanks to Michelle Chong, Sunny and Susanna Lee for organising such a joyous event!

St Peter's Afternoon Fellowship meets this Tuesday

St Peter's Afternoon Fellowship now meets on the **first** Tuesday of the month from 2:00 – 4:00 pm at Church. There is usually a speaker, or sometimes an entertainer, and always a delicious afternoon tea. The next meeting is this week on Tuesday 4th February. Please call Leigh Thompson 01423 884 899 or 07824 747 912 if you would like to come.

Come to *The Market Day Café* next Thursday

The Market Day Café is on the second Thursday of each month. The next one is next week on Thursday 13th February at 11:30 am after the Holy Communion service. They will be serving hot drinks, homemade soups, fresh sandwiches, scones and delicious cakes!



Say it with Flowers

Why not mark a special occasion, such as an anniversary, a new baby or a birthday, by making a donation towards the flowers in Church? The St Peter's Flower Team will make an arrangement on the pedestal to the right of the altar, and you will also receive a mention in the Weekly News. Please speak directly to Sue Heapy for further details (07540 355 305).

The funeral of Nick Starmer



Nick's funeral, led by Hannah Beck, was held at St Peter's Church on Friday 24th January. Nick's dog, Mia, was also there. His brother, Sir Keir Starmer, spoke movingly about Nick and expressed the family's gratitude for all those who had cared for him over the last few years. He said, "Nick rocked up at St Peter's and helped out where he could. Thank you to all the people from St Peter's here who made Nick feel at home. Especially Hannah, who took him in when he needed shelter, looked after him, and made him feel safe and loved. Hannah was also with Nick when he died, which meant he didn't die alone. He had Hannah there and Mia his beloved dog lying beside him on his bed. That meant a lot to our family, thank you Hannah!" After the committal at Stonefall Crematorium, the family returned to share refreshments at St Peter's. We were glad to gift the family drawings of Nick and Mia created by local artist Shirley Hudson for our Lent 2022 exhibition in the Glass Foyer ['A Place at the Table'](#).

St Peter's Evening Fellowship meeting cancelled

Our Evening Fellowship meeting due to be held on 6th February has been cancelled. Our next meeting will be on 6th March at which we will be holding our AGM followed by a talk entitled '*Montenegro- The Black Mountain Country*' by Sue and Bryn Heapy. You are most welcome to join us. Further details from Richard Bion (07966 073 867 or richardbion9@gmail.com).



Today's Services: 2nd February 2025

The Presentation of Christ in the Temple

Candlemas

8:30 Holy Communion

9:30 Family Communion

*As it is the first Sunday of the month, there is **no** Sunday Club for school age children today, but all children and their parents are welcome to gather in the café area, where there are toys and activities to share during our Family Communion Service.*

Hymns Christ be our light; Mary and Joseph; For everyone born, a place at the table; **54** Brother, sister, let me serve you.

Reading Luke 2 v 22 - 40

Preacher: Mike Davies

Our Duty Wardens today are:

Kate Blake
and Ian Burt

11:00 Choral Communion

Setting Whitlock

Hymns 9, 281, 573, 609

Readings Hebrews 2 v 14 to end
Luke 2 v 22 - 40

Anthem Panis Angelicus (*Franck*)

Preacher: Karin Shaw

4:15 pm Stepping Stones Service *Celtic Worship*

Preacher: Sarah Martin

6:30 Choral Evensong for Candlemas

Setting Stanford in G

Hymns 94, 244, 80 (omit *verses)

Psalm 122

Readings Haggai 2 v 1 - 9
John 2 v 18 - 22

Anthem When to the temple Mary went (*Eccard*)

Preacher: Alan Garrow



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, Graham Cornish, Jane Crabtree, Tony Edwards, Louise Emrullahu, June Hemmings, Trevor Hughes, Kim Okell, Sheila Pantin, Lynda Pilmoor, Matthew Pindell, Celia Preston, Richard Sadler and Michelle Simon.

Also in our prayers this week:

Mon	St Aidan's CE High School The 10 th Harrogate St Peter's Guides
Tues	The fragile ceasefire between Hamas and Israel The displaced Palestinian people making the journey home to the north of Gaza
Wed	St Peter's Sacristans The Weekly News Editorial Team
Thurs	The 999 and NHS 111 call centre staff Men's Breakfast at St Peter's
Fri	St Peter's PCC The Friday Cleaning Team
Sat	Harrogate Deanery Helen Camm, Deanery Synod Secretary

Daily Readings

Morning Prayer is at 8:00 am and Evening Prayer is at 5:00 pm daily and are live streamed on Facebook – join in by following the links on our website. These are the Bible readings we will be using each morning this week:

Mon	<i>Anskar, Archbishop of Hamburg, Missionary in Denmark and Sweden, 865</i> Psalm 1 Malachi 1 v 1, v 6 to end John 13 v 1 - 11
Tues	Psalm 5 Malachi 2 v 17 – 3 v 12 John 13 v 12 - 20
Wed	Psalm 119 v 1 - 32 Malachi 2 v 17 – 3 v 12 John 13 v 21 - 30
Thurs	<i>The Martyrs of Japan 1597</i> Psalm 15 Malachi 3 v 13 – 4 to end John 13 v 31 to end
Fri	Psalm 19 Nahum 1 John 14 v 1 - 14
Sat	Psalm 23 Obadiah John 14 v 15 to end

The Collect for Candlemas

(Common Worship)

Lord Jesus Christ,
light of the nations and glory of Israel:
make your home among us,
and present us pure and holy to
your heavenly Father, your
God, and our God.

The Collect for The Presentation of Christ in the Temple (Book of Common Prayer)

Almighty and everliving God, we humbly beseech thy Majesty, that,
as thy only-begotten Son was this day presented in the temple in substance of our flesh, so we may be presented unto thee with pure and clean hearts, by the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

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 3rd** 11:00 am – 1:00 pm *Sit-n-Knit* in Church
1:30 – 3:00 pm The *Thinking about God* group are meeting in the Gallery to study St Luke's Gospel
2:00 pm The U3A Singing Folk group
- Tues 4th** **12:00 – 12:30 pm Healing Service**
2:00 – 4:00 pm St Peter's Afternoon Fellowship
- Wed 5th** **10:30 – 11:00 am Café Reflexions**
7:15 – 8:45 pm *Being With* online course. Week Two: *Essence*
7:30 pm Harrogate Harmony Men's Chorus
- Thurs 6th** 9:30 – 11:00 am The Toddler Group at St Peter's
11:00 am Holy Communion
7:00 pm 'Ethics Matters' six weekly lectures with Dr Peter Vardy:
5. *Money, money, money ...*
7:30 pm St Peter's Choir Practice
- Fri 7th** 9:30 am AA meeting in the Music Room
10:00 am – 12:00 pm St Peter's Cleaning Team
7:00 – 8:15 pm Bellringing Practice at St Peter's
- Sat 8th** 10:00 am – 3:30 pm *Harrogate Gilbert & Sullivan Society* are holding a Refreshment Day in Church. *Oh joy, oh rapture unforeseen*, their 2025 production is HMS Pinafore.
- Sun 9th** ***The Fourth Sunday before Lent***
5:30 – 7:00 pm Sanctuary, our youth group, are meeting in the Brostoff Hall to plan their Charity Day
7:15 – 8:45 pm *Being With* online course. Week Three: *Jesus*
7:30 – 8:30 pm AA meeting in the Brostoff Hall

Next Sunday 9th February 2025

The Fourth Sunday before Lent

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

St Peter's Food Ministry:

The Breakfast Club provides a free, hot breakfast every morning 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, preserved and dried food and toiletries.

Bakers needed for the next *Christian Aid* Refreshment Day

We only have to listen to the news or watch our television screens to understand the desperate plight and suffering being endured by the peoples of the Middle East.

Christian Aid, along with the fifteen other charities which make up the Disasters Emergency Committee (DEC), urgently need funds to help in their efforts to provide lifesaving supplies to civilians caught up in the conflict. Supplies such as medical aid to overwhelmed emergency services treating the injured, offering food, mattresses, blankets and other essentials.

On Saturday 15th February our local *Christian Aid* group are planning a Refreshment Day in Church to raise funds for the people of Gaza and Lebanon. Would you be able to help us in this endeavour? We would very much appreciate offers of homemade cakes, soup or biscuits to sell on the day. Please contact Judith Simpson (judiannesimpson@btinternet.com or 01423 564 842).

The next meeting of the Mothers' Union in Harrogate



The next meeting of the Mothers' Union will be on Tuesday 4th February at 2:00 pm at St Mark's Church on the Leeds Road. The speaker will be Esli Lees, who is a curate at St Mark's, and she will talk about her faith and how she came to her ministry in Harrogate. Esli is Hispanic American, grew up in California, and is married to Josh, who is from Yorkshire. Refreshments will be available. All are welcome.

Harrogate School of Theology & Mission

Christian considerations of potential changes in the law regarding 'assisted dying' – a live seminar by David Hanson

This is on Saturday 22nd February at Woodlands Methodist Church on Wetherby Road, starting with breakfast at 9:30 am, followed by the seminar and a group discussion from 10:00 am – 12:00 pm. David's career as a consultant surgeon included senior lectureship at the University of Leeds. He is a trustee of the *Thinking Faith Network* <https://thinkfaith.net/about>. Tickets cost £5, under 18s are free. Booking is in advance via *Eventbrite*, visit hstm.org.uk/events for further details.



Netmakers launch a new Youth Club

Netmakers are launching a new youth group at the Wesley Centre in Harrogate – a drop-in group aimed at creating a welcoming and safe space for young people in our community. This group, designed for young people aged 11 to 17 years old, will take place every Friday during term time from 4:00 to 6:00 pm. To find out more, get in touch with their Youth Lead, Cici Carreira (cici@netmakers.org.uk).

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



Banns of Marriage



The banns of marriage are published between **Cecille Beswyan Callisen** and **Robert James Cadiogen**.

This is for the first time of asking. If any of you know any reason in law why they may not marry each other you are to declare it.

Next Week's Deadline

The deadline for the next edition of the Weekly News (9th February) will be noon on Wednesday 5th February. Please send any items (including photos) to **The Weekly News Editor**, Marian Chambers, or to the Vicar, Alan Garrow.

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.

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