



Weekly News

2nd May 2021

The Fifth Sunday of Easter

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Have you tried a Retreat?

An annual Serenity Retreat in Whitby has been a really important part of my year for over two decades. We're a self-selected lot with leaders who are delegated by the group but don't govern. We follow a spiritual programme embodied in Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions. Nobody presents anything, we have a series of meetings through the weekend in which we take turns to share our experience of trying to live life on life's terms, on a spiritual basis. We talk as honestly and openly as we can, without judgement, cross-talk or advice-giving. We begin each day with a half-hour meeting of silent prayer and meditation, followed by breakfast, and there's plenty of time for chatting, sleep and a good long walk.



It's a joy each February to see old friends and make new ones, and a way of benchmarking my spiritual progress (or lack of it!) – always a refreshing experience. The venue is also a joy. We're hosted by a religious order in beautiful surroundings with stunning views and can join chapel services if we choose. Accommodation is basic but comfortable, the food is tasty, and the welcome is warm. The Sisters are open to individual and family bookings as well as organised groups (*details below*). This year we've met on Zoom, of course – a surprising success – and the Priory is hoping to start taking bookings again from June. Have you ever thought of going on a retreat? Perhaps you could write about your experiences here.

Charlie Martineau

The Order of the Holy Paraclete is an Anglican religious order for women. The Sisters follow the Benedictine tradition. Their Mother House (pictured here) is at St Hilda's Priory, Sneaton Castle, Whitby, where they offer accommodation for guests staying on retreat. Visit www.ohpwhitby.org.uk to find out more.



Our Annual Parochial Church Meeting is on 25th May at 7:00 pm in Church. If you are **not already** on our Electoral Roll, you will not be able to attend or vote - if you are over 16 and resident in this Parish (or have worshipped here for 6 months) then please fill in an [electoral roll form](#) and return it to the Parish Office by 10th May.

With every gift, with every voice, with every prayer, with every action, we stop this climate crisis

Our planet is changing, but some people are feeling the effects of this more than others. Weather extremes are now more frequent and more intense due to the climate crisis and one place that has experienced this is Kenya. In parts of Kenya in 2020, drought was followed by relentless rainfall and flooding, which damaged crops that had struggled to grow. Together, the climate chaos and coronavirus are a double threat to lives and livelihoods.

In Kitui, eastern Kenya, 8 out of 10 people depend on rain to grow crops. Without water, staple crops like maize and beans wither up and die. People can't earn a living and they go hungry. They are forced to walk further and further to collect water. This daily burden robs them of the chance to farm and grow food for their families. Elderly women and children are especially vulnerable on these dangerous journeys and can face robbery or conflict as people battle over scarce resources. Cows, sheep and goats are becoming weaker and weaker. They can't produce milk or be sold. People are struggling to cope.



Christian Aid/Adam Finch

Christian Aid has been working with local partners in Kenya since 1997; they help communities build earth and sand dams, and rock catchments, so they can harvest water near their homes. Dams are simple and cost-effective natural storage solutions. They catch the rain when it falls, increase the amount of stored water



Christian Aid/Tom Pilston

available to communities, defend against intense rain and flooding, and free women and girls from making long and dangerous journeys to collect water.

Please donate this **Christian Aid Week (10th – 16th May)**. Your gift could help a community build an earth dam, providing a regular and reliable source of water in affected areas of Kenya.

Why I come to Online Church

Our Vicar, Alan Garrow, received this email last Sunday morning after he had preached at our 9:30 am Family Communion:

Before you preached this morning, I had a strong image of what Church has meant for me these past few months and years.

The image I had, was of a toy I used to have as a child, which was a metal spinning top. It worked by plunging a metal rod down through the centre of the toy, which I assumed started some sort of flywheel or gyroscope inside and this allowed the whole toy to spin on its point.

If the spinner lost power or began to wobble, the plunger could be activated again and the whole thing would speed up and regain its momentum once more.

When you spoke in Church this morning, your message spoke right into that image. Far from being 'a bit rubbish', online services have been a lifeline, a real source of sustaining power. Every week, they have been there and if my spirit starts to wobble for any reason, the words or the hymns or the preaching or just connecting somehow acts like that plunger in the spinning top.



After church, I feel re-energised. The things throughout the week which have clung to me and slowed me down are somehow flung off and my spirit is lightened.

I'm sure there's a sermon in here somewhere, but suffice to say, please be encouraged that the work you have done has meant so much to many of us. Praise the Lord for your ministry at St P's.

Pete Hallam



Today's Services: 2nd May 2021

The Fifth Sunday of Easter
The Fourth Sunday after Easter (BCP)

Please arrive no later than 5 minutes before the start of the service, so everyone can be safely seated at a distance

9:30 Family Communion

Hymns Today is the day we've been given; You are the vine; 399 My peace; 379 Majesty

Readings Acts 8 v 26 - 40
John 15 v 1 - 8

Preacher: Hannah Beck

Our Duty Warden today is:
Rachel Fell

11:00 Choral Communion

Setting Darke in A minor

Hymns 138 (*omit *verse*), 328, 278, 502 (*omit *verse*)

Readings Acts 8 v 26 - 40
John 15 v 1 - 8

Anthem This joyful Eastertide (arr. *Charles Wood*)

Preacher: Hannah Beck

To keep everyone safe don't forget to:

- wear a face covering and use the hand sanitiser
- follow the one way system – down the side aisles and up the centre aisle;
- keep your distance at all times, even when you share the peace;
- form a single, distanced queue in front of the dais to receive Communion – a wafer, but not wine, will be distributed (please indicate in advance if you need a gluten-free wafer);
- remember no refreshments will be served after the service, but bottled water is available if you need it;
- leave via the West Door after the 9:30 am service, if you are able. **Thank you!**

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, Diana Braithwaite, Louise Emrullahu, Pam Gardiner, Vicky Harrison, Miriam Jones, Jackie Kelly, Charlie Martineau, Monica Ory, Sheila Pantin, Michele Roszak and Frances Roxby-Proud.

Also in our prayers this week:

- Mon** Western Primary School
Martin House, hospice caring for children and young people
- Tues** Nazanin Zaghari-Ratcliffe and her family, as she is sentenced to another year in jail in Iran
The team preparing hot take-away meals during the week
- Wed** All those providing care or help to a vulnerable person
St Peter's Welcomers Team
- Thurs** The NHS and other key workers
The people of India overwhelmed by a second wave of Coronavirus
- Fri** National and local government
North Yorkshire County Council
- Sat** Catharine Davies, Licensed Lay Minister
St Michael's Hospice

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 145
Deuteronomy 16 v 1 - 20
1 Peter 1 v 1 - 12
- Tues** Psalm 19
Deuteronomy 17 v 8 to end
1 Peter 1 v 13 to end
- Wed** Psalm 30
Deuteronomy 18 v 9 to end
1 Peter 2 v 1 - 10
- Thurs** Psalm 57
Deuteronomy 19
1 Peter 2 v 11 to end
- Fri** Psalm 138
Deuteronomy 21 v 22 – 22 v 8
1 Peter 3 v 1 - 12
- Sat** *Julian of Norwich*
Psalm 146
Deuteronomy 24 v 5 to end
1 Peter 3 v 13 to end

The Collect for the Fifth Sunday of Easter

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ, have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life:

grant that, as by your grace going before us you put into our minds good desires, so by your continual help we may bring them to good effect;
through Jesus Christ our risen Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

or

Risen Christ, your wounds declare your love for the world and the wonder of your risen life: give us compassion and courage to risk ourselves for those we serve, to the glory of God the Father.

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 3rd	May Bank Holiday 4:30 - 4:50 pm hot food to eat in or take-away
Tues 4th	4:30 - 4:50 pm food parcels available
Wed 5th	4:30 - 4:50 pm hot food to eat in or take-away
Thurs 6th	11:00 am Holy Communion (<i>no booking required</i>) 2:00 pm Funeral of Keith Helsby 4:30 - 4:50 pm food parcels available
Fri 7th	4:30 - 4:50 pm hot food to eat in or take-away
Sat 8th	4:30 - 4:50 pm food parcels available
Sun 9th	The Sixth Sunday of Easter 1:00 – 1:30 pm Sunday Lunch 5:30 – 6:30 pm Youth Confirmation Course continues with Session 4: <i>Why is communication so important in relationships?</i> Contact Chris Clayton chris.clayton@leeds.anglican.org or (07407 258733).

New Headteacher at St Peter's School announced

The Governing Board of St Peter's School is delighted to announce the appointment of Mr Paul Griffiths to succeed as Headteacher following the retirement of Mrs Julia Collins at the end of last term. Mr Griffiths is due to commence his duties at the beginning of the autumn term in September 2020.

Next Sunday 9th May

The Sixth Sunday of Easter

9:30 Family Communion

11:00 Choral Matins

To check availability and to book a pew at our Sunday services contact our Parish Administrator, Carole Raw, by noon on Thursdays on 07425 161425 or at stpeterschurchhgtoffice@gmail.com

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** (with distanced seating) is served from 1:00 – 1:30 pm.

Hot food to eat in (with distanced seating) or take away, available 4:30 – 4:50 pm on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

Food parcels are available 4:30 – 4:50 pm on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays.

Thy Kingdom Come 13th – 23rd May 2021

Thy Kingdom Come is a global prayer movement that invites Christians around the world to pray from Ascension to Pentecost for more people to come to know Jesus. Since its start in May 2016 God has grown *Thy Kingdom Come* from a dream of possibility into a movement. Christians from 172 countries have taken part in praying ***Come Holy Spirit***, so that friends and family, neighbours and colleagues might come to faith in Jesus Christ.

This praying together has been across our diversity and differences as every person, household and church are encouraged to pray in their own way. According to our annual survey findings an astonishing percentage of people said they were praying for family and friends to come to faith in Jesus, and a significant number of people join in for the first time, but we recognise there is much more we can do together to help *Thy Kingdom Come* be fully in the lifeblood of the Church.

During the eleven days of *Thy Kingdom Come*, it is hoped that everyone who takes part will:

- *deepen their own relationship with Jesus Christ;*
- *pray for five friends or family to come to faith in Jesus*
- *pray for the empowerment of the Spirit that we would be effective in our witness*

Whether you have joined in before or not, we invite you to take part this year – visit thykingdomcome.global.



Please join us for our

REFLECT PRAYER MEETING

TUESDAY 4 MAY

7:45 - 9PM ON ZOOM
MEETING ID: 913 2545 6842
PASSCODE: 61 24 96

Reflect provides care and support for anyone in North Yorkshire dealing with the pain of a Pregnancy or Baby loss from any cause. We also provide support for anyone facing a Pregnancy Choice, giving them space to think through all their options.

<http://www.reflectsupport.co.uk/>



St Peter's is continuing to give out food **every day** to those in need. If you would like to donate something please bring it to Church from 8:00 – 9:00 am on Mondays to Saturdays, 1:00 – 2:00 pm on Sundays or 4:00 – 5:00 pm daily. Thank you!



We are looking for new members to join St Peter's Cleaning Team 10:00 – 11:00 am on Fridays. Please speak to Sarah Martin, Churchwarden, 07913 259490.



New to St Peter's? Please give your contact details to one of the Clergy after the service.

Next Week's Deadline

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

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