



Weekly News

31st December 2023

The First Sunday of Christmas

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St Peter's Church, Cambridge Road, Harrogate, HG1 1PB

Prayers for the world today

As Christians, we know that God listens to our prayers for the world. Our hearts and minds can feel overwhelmed by the immense challenges affecting people, all around the world as well as our loved ones.

God, our Heavenly Father, listens to His loved ones. Scripture promises that when we turn to Him, He will respond resulting in powerful prayers of intercession. Psalm 46 v 1 says, 'God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble'.

Our Father God is sovereign over all. He is good, He is powerful, and He is filled with compassion. So, let's turn to Him in faith, casting our cares upon Him with persistence and thanksgiving, remembering all the ways He has helped us in the past. Thank you for taking time to bring the needs of others before God. He hears your prayers for the world, and we know He can do more than we ask or imagine.



Father God, we pray for our world today.

We pray for peace and hope to abound.

Many are affected by natural disasters: floods, droughts and forest fires.

Many are struggling with conflict, poverty and the global food crisis.

O Lord, we pray for your provision, peace and protection.

In Jesus' name, **Amen**.

Prayers for 2024 - *come and light a candle and pray for our nation and for the world tonight from 4:00 – 6:00 pm here in St Peter's Church.*

Today's Services: 31st December 2023

The First Sunday of Christmas

The Sunday after Christmas Day (BCP)

New Year's Eve

8:30 Holy Communion

9:30 Family Communion

*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.*

Readings Galatians 4 v 4 - 7
Luke 2 v 15 - 21

Preacher: Alan Garrow

Our Duty Wardens today are:

Sarah Martin
and Ian Burt

11:00 Choral Matins

Setting Stanford in B flat (Jubilate)

Hymns 64, 75, 444

Psalm 105 v 1 - 11

Readings Isaiah 61 v 10 – 62 v 3
Luke 2 v 15 - 21

Anthem A New Year Carol (*Benjamin Britten*)

Preacher: Alan Garrow

4:00 – 6:00 pm Prayers for 2024

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11:30 Watchnight Service

Preacher: 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.

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.

A hot **Sunday lunch** is also served each week at 1:00 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.

Please pray for those who have asked for our prayers:

Pat Anderson, Beverley Cooper, Jane Crabtree, Tony Edwards, Louise Emrullahu, David Fisher, June Hemmings, Trevor Hughes, Jackie Kelly, Rachel Looby, Derek Mansfield, Steve Martin, Kim Okell, Sheila Pantin, Dora Ringrose, Richard Sadler, Michelle Simon and Richard Skidmore.

Also in our prayers this week:

Mon	Peace and justice in the world, as the New Year begins Catharine Davies, Licensed Lay Minister
Tues	All who work in foodbanks St Peter's mini-supermarket
Wed	St Peter's Sacristans Nigel Bearcroft, our caretaker
Thurs	Social care workers, helping people to live independently and with dignity All who lead the prayers at our services
Fri	The Sunday Lunch Club St Peter's Evening Fellowship
Sat	Karin Shaw, Curate The children sponsored through <i>Compassion UK</i>

Daily Readings

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

Mon	<i>The naming and circumcision of Jesus</i> Psalm 103 Genesis 17 v 1 - 13 Romans 2 v 17 to end
Tues	<i>Basil the Great and Gregory of Nazianzus, Bishops</i> Psalm 18 v 1 - 30 Ruth 1 Colossians 2 v 8 to end
Wed	Psalm 127 Ruth 2 Colossians 3 v 1 - 11
Thurs	Psalm 89 v 1 - 37 Ruth 3 Colossians 3 v 12 – 4 v 1
Fri	Psalm 48 Ruth 4 v 1 - 7 Colossians 4 v 2 to end
Sat	<i>THE EPIPHANY</i> Psalm 132 Jeremiah 31 v 7 - 14 John 1 v 29 - 34

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 (7th January) will be noon on Wednesday 3rd January. Please send any items to Marian Chambers, or to Alan Garrow.

What's on This Week

Mon 1st	<i>New Year's Day</i>
Tues 2nd	12:00 pm Healing Service
Wed 3rd	10:30 am Café RefleXions
Thurs 4th	9:30 am The Toddler Group at St Peter's 11:00 am Holy Communion
Fri 5th	9:30 am AA meeting in the Music Room 10:00 am St Peter's Cleaning Team
Sat 6th	<i>The Epiphany</i>
Sun 7th	<i>The First Sunday of Epiphany</i>
8:30	Holy Communion
9:30	Family Communion
11:00	Choral Matins
1:00	Sunday Lunch
4:15	Stepping Stones Service
5:30 pm	Sanctuary , our youth group in the Brostoff Hall
6:30	Choral Evensong by candlelight
7:30pm	AA meeting in the Brostoff Hall



The flowers in Church today are to celebrate the safe arrival of **Cora Lyle Chambers Robinson** a first granddaughter for David and Marian Chambers