

# **Weekly News**

# 4<sup>th</sup> August 2024

The Tenth Sunday after Trinity

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# Ordination, one month in

Prior to ordination there had been a lot of discussion about the meaning of being called to the priesthood, all very searching and instructive, and yet I still arrived on retreat geared up to tick 'Ordination' off the things to do list. It was only when we had time to sit, share and reflect outside of the context of daily life that it started to sink in.



Steve Gibbin was ordained at Ripon Cathedral by the Bishop of Ripon, Anna Eltringham, on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2024.

The most significant change for me has been in the prayer of absolution, when as deacons we said, in solidarity with all you lovely sinners, 'pardon and forgive us'. Now priested, we are expected to say, 'pardon and forgive you'. At first, that did not sit too comfortably, but I have come to understand that as priests, we are not forgiving sins ourselves, but passing the abundance on

Christ's love by which we are all forgiven. And that means pointing not to our own holiness, (impressive as that may be!). Rather, as Alan put it in his sermon at my first Communion service, priests are to be signs of a new reality that is not of our own making, but by the work Christ has done in us, and is also doing in you, in the different ways you have also been called to serve.

So, one month in, there is still much to learn, but much to be thankful for, especially the love and grace we stand in and that you have shown over the course, not just of this month, but the first year of my curacy. Thank you!

Steve Gibbin, Curate at St Peter's Church, Harrogate

## The Market Day Café is on Thursday

The *Market Day Café* is on the second Thursday of each month. The next one is this week on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> August 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).

# Asda and our food ministry UPDATE

A huge thank you to everyone who donates food for our food ministry, whether direct or via the ASDA instore trolley. Without your help, our Breakfast Club, weekday meals, Sunday lunches and Thursday mini supermarket would struggle, especially with the rising cost of living. Donations to St Peter's Food Ministry are made available without charge and with no questions asked. For the time being, if you wish to continue to support our food ministry in this practical way, it would be most helpful if you could bring the donations to church direct and place items in the wicker basket in Church.

ASDA has supported us for many years, and we have been so grateful for this. A change in personnel has resulted in their change of focus to supporting our friends at the wonderful Resurrected Bites charity, with its emphasis on reducing food waste and bringing different types of people together. Our distinctive and complementary ministries both do God's work and we have been extremely grateful for Resurrected Bite's compassionate response to this new development.

In the meantime, the following items are most appreciated:

Tinned meat, fish, vegetables or fruit; breakfast cereals; biscuits; jam or honey; pasta sauce; instant coffee and teabags; long-life juice; dried fruit; treats like sweets or cakes. Toiletries like deodorant, toilet paper, shower and shaving gel, shampoo, soap, toothbrushes, tooth paste, hand wipes are also needed.

Please continue to pray for everyone involved in helping the hungry in these challenging times.

# St Peter's Afternoon Fellowship

St Peter's Afternoon Fellowship meets again on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> August, from 2:00 – 4:00 pm at Church. Sue Heapy, who leads our Flower Team at St Peter's, will be the speaker with a talk entitled 'Oman – The Jewel of Arabia'. Please call Leigh Thompson on *01423* 884 899 or *07824 747 912* if you would like to come.



# **Recycling at St Peter's Church**

Roy Taylor has been helping St Peter's to recycle our waste for several years now, making regular trips to the Recycling Centre - helping to mitigate our impact on the environment. However, Roy has now decided that at the end of this year it will be time for him to pass on this duty. We would like to thank Roy for his years of effort, setting us all a good example and working on our behalf. The Environment Action Team would like to establish a rota of people who can assist with this duty going forwards. Our hope is that with enough volunteers this will be an infrequent task, perhaps once a month or less. If you be able to help us with this, please email <a href="mailto:environment@STPHG.onmicrosoft.com">environment@STPHG.onmicrosoft.com</a> or speak to me (07305 491 453).

Charles Stones, St Peter's Environment Action Team

# Let all men sing: a sing along with Harrogate Harmony Men's Chorus

Singing for pleasure and spending time with like-minded people is really beneficial for our mental health and wellbeing. So, come along for an evening's singing, including refreshments and time to socialise, for just £5 on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> August at St Peter's Church at 7:30 pm.

- Men of all ages welcome.
- There is no need to read music.
- Newcomers and experienced singers welcome.

For more information call Leo on 07545 499 326 or email pro@harrogateharmony.org.uk.





# **Today's Services: 4th August 2024**

#### The Tenth Sunday after Trinity

8:30 Holy Communion

## 9:30 Family Communion

Sunday Club is closed for the Summer, 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 1** Abba, Father; **27** As the deer; **330** Let us break bread together;

**496** Shout for joy and sing

**Reading** John 6 v 24 – 35 **Preacher:** Chris Clayton

11:00 Choral Communion

**Setting** Oldroyd (Mass of the Quiet Hour)

**Hymns** 325, 460, 516, 277

**Readings** Ephesians 4 v 1 - 16

John 6 v 24 – 35

**Anthem** Ave Maria (*Lindley*)

**Preacher:** Hannah Beck

**Our Duty Wardens today are:** 

Mo Atkinson and Paul Medforth

4:15 pm Stepping Stones Service Celtic Worship

**Preacher**: Sarah Martin

There is NO Evening Service at St Peter's Church tonight

# 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.



# Organ music for a Summer afternoon

John Longstaff, our Director of Music, will be playing pieces by Bach, Handel, Mendelssohn and Strauss (amongst others) at St Peter's Church on Bank Holiday Monday 26<sup>th</sup> August from 2:00 pm. Admission is £10, which includes a cream tea afterwards. All proceeds will go to the Choir and Organ funds. There will be a performance of Handel's Messiah in December in Church.

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

Pat Anderson, Graham Cornish, Jane Crabtree, Peter Dickinson, Tony Edwards, Louise Emrullahu, Rose Green, June Hemmings, Trevor Hughes, Jackie Kelly, Rachel Looby, Elaine Manaley, Derek Mansfield, Steve Martin, Kim Okell, Sheila Pantin, Graham Pearce, Matthew Pindell, Celia Preston, Richard Sadler and Michelle Simon.

## Also in our prayers this week:

**Mon** Chris Clayton, our Associate Vicar

The Stepping Stones Services

**Tues** *Mission Possible UK*, serving the

poor in Africa and Eastern Europe

The team preparing hot meals

during the week

Wed St Peter's Sacristans

All our Duty Wardens and

Sidespeople

**Thurs** Our armed forces serving at home

and overseas

The Royal Airforce

Fri North Yorkshire Council

Stewart Davies, Lay Reader

Sat Sarah and Thomas on this their

wedding day

The Paris 2024 Closing Ceremony

taking place tomorrow

# The Collect for The Tenth Sunday after Trinity (Common Worship) Lord of heaven and earth, as Jesus taught his disciples to be persistent in prayer, give us patience and courage never to lose hope, but always to bring our prayers before you;

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## **Daily Bible Readings**

Morning Prayer is at 8:00 am and Evening Prayer at 5:00 pm daily. You can also listen to these daily services via the <u>Daily Prayer website</u>. These are the readings we will be using in Church each morning this week:

**Mon** Oswald, King of

Northumbria, Martyr, 642

Psalm 71 1 Samuel 24

Acts 3 v 11 to end

Tues Transfiguration of our Lord

Psalm 27

1 Kings 19 v 1 - 16

1 John 3 v 1 - 3

Wed Psalm 77

1 Samuel 28 v 3 to end

Acts 4 v 13 - 31

**Thurs** *Dominic, Priest, Founder of* 

the Order of Preachers, 1221

Psalm 78 v 1 - 39

1 Samuel 31

Acts 4 v 32 – 5 v 11

**Fri** Mary Sumner, Founder of

the Mothers' Union, 1921

Psalm 55

2 Samuel 1

Acts 5 v 12 - 26

Sat Psalm 76

2 Samuel 2 v 1 - 11

Acts 5 v 27 to end

# The Collect for The Tenth Sunday after

Trinity (Book of Common Prayer)
Let thy merciful ears, O Lord, be open
to the prayers of thy humble servants;
and that they may obtain their
petitions make them to ask such things
as shall please thee;
through 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 5**<sup>th</sup> 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

**Bramall Gallery** 

2:00 pm The U3A Singing Folk group

Tues 6<sup>th</sup> 12:00 – 12:30 pm Healing Service

Wed 7<sup>th</sup> 10:30 – 11:00 am Café RefleXions

1:30 – 3:00 pm Harrogate Wellbeing Choir 4:00 pm free *Move Together* fitness class 7:30 pm Harrogate Harmony Men's Chorus

**Thurs 8**<sup>th</sup> 9:30 – 11:00 am The Toddler Group at St Peter's

11:00 am Holy Communion

11:30 am - 1:30 pm Market Day Café

1:30 – 2:45 pm Handbells

**Fri 9**<sup>th</sup> 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 10<sup>th</sup> 1:00 pm Thomas and Sarah's wedding in Church

Sun 11<sup>th</sup> The Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

1:00 – 1:30 pm Sunday Lunch

7:30 – 8:30 pm AA meeting in the Brostoff Hall

# Next Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> August The Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

8:30 Holy Communion

9:30 Family Communion

11:00 Choral Matins

4:15 Stepping Stones Service

- Holy Communion

6:30 Choral Evensong

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, except for the third Sunday of the month when it is *Sunday Lunch Club*. **Hot food** is available 4:30 – 4:50 pm on

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Our mini Supermarket is on Thursdays 4:30

– 4:50 pm.

# A beginner's guide to Evensong: the Responses and the Psalms

This distinctively Anglican service follows the traditional pattern as written in The Book of Common Prayer of 1549 by Thomas Cranmer, and consists of choral music (the responses, psalms, canticles and anthems) from the rich Anglican musical tradition, scripture readings, and prayers. Choral Evensong is sung daily in most Church of England cathedrals, as well as in churches and cathedrals throughout the Anglican Communion. It has increased in popularity over the last century with people wanting to experience quality live performances of choral music and finding solace in the stillness and calm of the music, prayers and readings at the end of a busy day - an opportunity for reflection and meditation.



A service of Choral Evensong is sung at St Peter's Church at 6:30 pm on most Sundays.

#### The Responses

Preces and Responses are one of the oldest forms of prayer. At Evensong they take the form of a petition sung by the priest (or sometimes a cantor or lead singer) and a response sung by the choir. For example:

Priest: O Lord, open thou our lips.

Answer: And our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.

The Responses sung at Evensong are identical to those sung at Matins and were adapted by Thomas Cranmer from the responses of the Latin pre-Reformation liturgy. There are many choral settings for them, dating from the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries (including those by William Byrd and Orlando Gibbons) to more contemporary settings. The Responses appear twice, the first set opens the service, the second occurs after the Apostles' Creed.

#### The Psalms

Matins and Evensong (Morning and Evening Prayer) include a Psalm or Psalms, chosen according to the lectionary of the day. They may be sung by the choir or with the congregation, either to plainsong, or to a distinctive type of chant known as Anglican chant. Learning to sing Anglican Chant is one of the first challenges for a new chorister. Each Psalm ends with the singing of the Gloria and the congregation is expected to stand when the final Gloria is sung.

The Book of Psalms is a book of the Old Testament, a collection of sacred songs and poems written over a 1,000 year period to be sung at public worship. Many of our best loved hymns are based on a Psalm. For example, the writer of *O worship the King, all glorious* above took inspiration from Psalm 104. The hymn *As the deer pants for the water*, which we are singing today at 9:30 am echoes Psalms 42 and 43.

Refreshments are served after each of our Sunday morning services from



the kitchen area at the front of Church. Please come and join us.

# Join the Parish Giving Scheme









#### PARISHGIVINGSCHEME

If you would like to support St
Peter's financially, the simplest and
most tax efficient way to do so is via
the Parish Giving Scheme (PGS). You
can join using their website
<a href="https://www.parishgiving.org.uk">www.parishgiving.org.uk</a> or give
them a call on 0333 002 1260.
St Peter's PGS number is: 460646304

#### Next Week's Deadline

The deadline for the next edition of the Weekly News (11<sup>th</sup> August) will be noon on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> August. Please send any items (including photos) to **The Weekly News Editor**, Marian Chambers, or to the Associate Vicar, Chris Clayton.



**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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