



Weekly News

4th December 2022

The Second Sunday of Advent

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Human Rights Day 2022 - dignity, freedom, and justice for all

Every year on 10th December, the world celebrates **Human Rights Day**, the very day when, in 1948, the United Nations General Assembly adopted the [Universal Declaration of Human Rights \(UDHR\)](#). The UDHR sets out a broad range of fundamental human rights and freedoms to which all of us, everywhere around the world, are entitled.

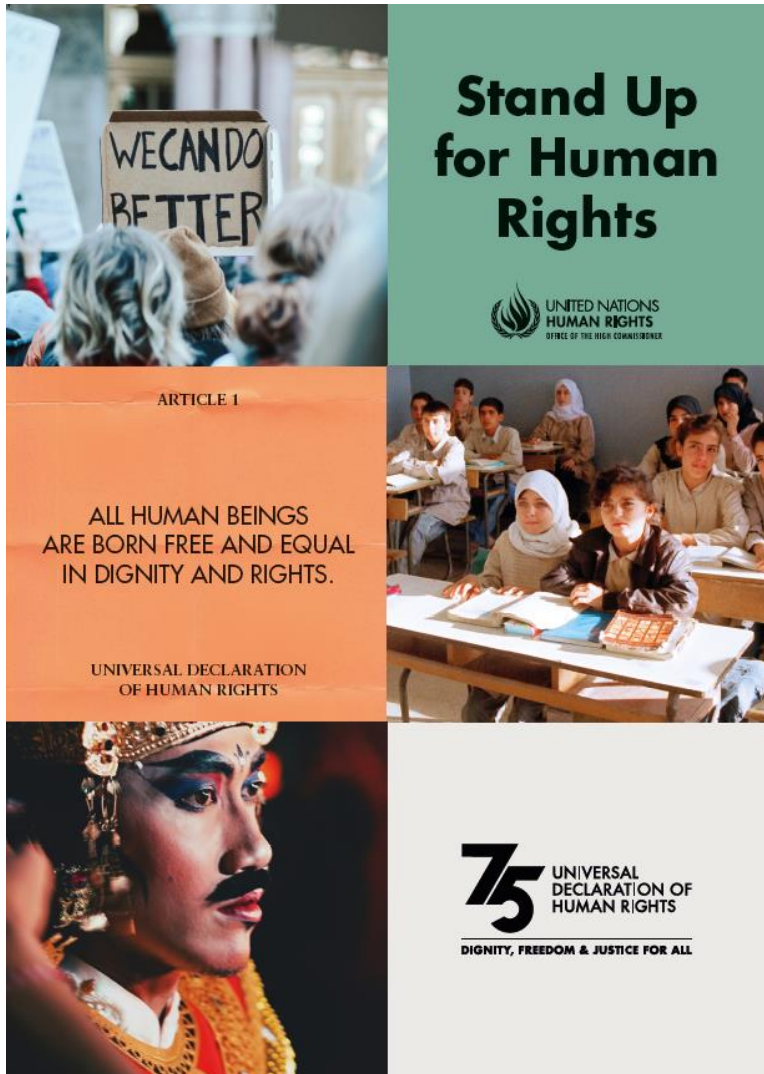
In the decades since the adoption of the UDHR, human rights have become more recognised and guaranteed across the globe. The Declaration is the foundation of human rights protections that today focus on vulnerable groups such as persons with disabilities, indigenous peoples and migrants.

However, the promise of the UDHR, of dignity and equality in rights, has been under a sustained assault in recent years. As the world faces challenges new and ongoing – pandemics, conflicts, exploding inequalities, a morally bankrupt global financial system, racism, climate change – many vulnerable groups of people are being left behind.

The 75th anniversary of the UDHR will be celebrated on 10th December 2023. The year-long campaign, launched on this year's Human Rights Day, seeks to shift the needle of understanding and action towards greater knowledge of the universality of the UDHR and the activism associated with it.

To find out more or to get involved visit the UN Human Rights website:

www.ohchr.org/en/get-involved.



Revelation – a poem by Ann Lewin

God's work of art.

That's me?

Then beauty must lie

In the eye of the

Beholder

I feel more like

One of those statues

Michelangelo left

Half emerging

From the marble block;

Full of potential,

On the verge of life,

But prisoned still

By circumstance and

Fear

Yet part of me is free -

And you are still creating,

Bringing to life

The promise that is there.

Sometimes by

Hammer blows

Which jar my being,

Sometimes by

Tender strokes half felt

Which waken me to

Life

Lord, Love me into wholeness

Set me free

To share with you

In your creative joy;

To laugh with you

At your delight

In me,

Your work of art.

Room at the inn - Shaeron Caton Rose, our wandering artist, needs accommodation from 19th December. Need not be long term; does need to be within public transport links. Well house trained. Can you help? Email her at shaeron@mac.com or speak to Alan Garrow. Thank you!



Interested in finding out more about God,
Jesus and the journey of life?

Join us as we meet for food, fellowship and to explore our faith.

Where: St Peter's Church, Harrogate

On the following Tuesday evenings between 6:00 pm
and 8:00 pm

17th January
31st January
21st February
7th March
21st March
4th April



Registration is essential. Please book on the
course by Sunday 18th December 2022.

Any questions or to book: please contact The Reverend Judith Clark
on 07968 730 544 or via email reverendjudithclark@gmail.com



Join us this CHRISTMAS

Advent Candle Service
6:30 pm 27th November

St Peter's Christmas Tree Festival
10th – 17th December

Nine Lessons and Carols
6:30 pm 18th December

Christmas Eve
10:00 am Shopper's Carols
3:00 and 4:30 pm Christingle Services
6:30 pm Carols for Christmas Eve
11:30 pm Midnight Mass

Christmas Day
8:30 am Holy Communion
9:30 am Family Communion
11:00 am Watchnight Day Worship

New Year's Eve
4:00 pm Pray for 2023
11:30 pm Watchnight Service

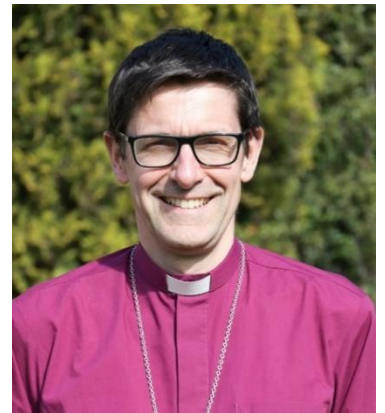
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Harrogate School of Theology & Mission

Can you trust the Bible (part 2) – a Bibletrack Seminar

This is on Saturday 10th December, starting at 10:00 am at Mowbray Community Church in Westmoreland Street, with a DVD presentation by Andrew Emerton followed by a facilitated discussion. Tickets cost £5, under 18s are free. Booking in advance via *Eventbrite*, visit hstm.org.uk/events for further details.



Come to *The Cake Matters Café* this Thursday



The Cake Matters Café is on the second Thursday of each month. The next one is on Thursday 8th December from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm after the Holy Communion service. They will be serving hot drinks; delicious soups with bread; freshly made rolls with a variety of fillings; scones; and of course, cake!

St Peter's Afternoon Fellowship

The next Afternoon Fellowship is on Monday 5th December, from 2:00 – 4:00 pm, when John Longstaff, our Director of Music, will play the piano and lead some carol singing. There will be a delicious afternoon tea as usual. Please call Gillian on 01423 500482 if you would like to come.



Two lucky raffle prize winners

Roma agreed to be one of the prizes for the raffle held to raise funds for St Peter's Players organised by Roy Taylor. The winner could have either a walk or a cuddle with Roma for an hour. Roy was overwhelmed by all the children who wanted to win this special prize, so to avoid any broken hearts, anyone who bought a book of raffle tickets could claim a walk or a cuddle and the winner would also receive a signed photo of Roma. Here is Grace with her signed photo

and Ava having her cuddle. Roma is going to be a very busy dog for a few weeks!

St Peter's Christmas Gifts Appeal

St Peter's Christmas Gifts Appeal, to help local families and to bring some Christmas cheer to an older person living alone or in residential care, had an overwhelming response from all our congregations. If you are taking part, please return your bag/parcel to St Peter's Church on Tuesday 6th or Wednesday 7th December between 9:00 am and 3:00 pm **with your card**. Contact Carole Raw (07425 161 425) if this is not convenient. Thank you so much for all your Christmas gifts!

Today's Services: 4th December 2022

The Second Sunday of Advent

The Second Sunday in Advent (BCP)

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 **529** The first nowell; **155** Hark! the herald angels sing; **410** O come, O come, Emmanuel; **314** Joy to the world

Reading Luke 1 v 26 - 38

Preacher: Shaeron Caton Rose



11:00 Choral Communion

Setting Day in B flat

Hymns 9, 36, 325, 362

Readings Hebrews 10 v 4 – 10
Luke 1 v 26 - 38

Anthem The Truth from above (*Vaughan Williams*)

Preacher: Shaeron Caton Rose

4:15 pm Stepping Stones Service *Celtic Worship*

Preacher: Judith Clark

6:30 Choral Evensong

Setting Byrd (Second Service)

Hymns 24, 40, 608

Psalm 11

Readings 1 Kings 18 v 17 - 39
John 1 v 19 - 28

Anthem Ascribe unto the Lord (*S S Wesley*)

Preacher: Sue Pearce

Our Duty Wardens today are:

Katie Blake
and Ian Birt

This week's worship online

We are continuing to live stream Morning and Evening Prayer on Facebook and Zoom at 8:00 am and 5:00 pm from Monday to Saturday. To join in follow the [links](#) on our website. Whenever we are unable to stream these services, it is possible to follow the day's liturgy via the national [Daily Prayer website](#).

Please pray for those who have asked for our prayers:

Pat Anderson, Robert Bickford, Ruth Bowes, Georgia Gabrielle Bradley, Michael Bradley, Margie Dickinson, Tony Edwards, Geni Emrullahu, Louise Emrullahu, Jo Fellows, David Fisher, Vicky Harrison, June Hemmings, Trevor Hughes, Jackie Kelly, Steve Martin, Sheila Pantin, Frances Roxby-Proud and Michelle Simon.

Also in our prayers this week:

Mon	Vulnerable children with safeguarding and welfare needs Looked-after children and children in care
Tues	Staff and residents of care homes The team preparing and serving Sunday Lunch
Wed	Those living in poverty <i>The Children's Society</i> , supporting young people facing abuse, exploitation and neglect
Thurs	GP surgeries and health centres All attending our Healing Service
Fri	His Majesty, King Charles III The Prime Minister and his Cabinet
Sat	<i>International Human Rights Day</i> The advocates and defenders of human rights around the world

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	Psalm 44 Isaiah 45 v 14 to end 1 Thessalonians 1
Tues	<i>Nicholas, Bishop of Myra</i> Psalm 56 Isaiah 46 1 Thessalonians 2 v 1 - 12
Wed	<i>Ambrose, Bishop of Milan</i> Psalm 62 Isaiah 47 1 Thessalonians 2 v 13 to end
Thurs	<i>The Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i> Psalm 54 Isaiah 48 v 1 - 11 1 Thessalonians 3
Fri	Psalm 86 Isaiah 48 v 12 to end 1 Thessalonians 4 v 1 - 12
Sat	Psalm 145 Isaiah 49 v 1 - 13 1 Thessalonians 4 v 13

The Collect for The Second Sunday of Advent

(Common Worship)

Almighty God, purify our hearts and minds, that when your Son Jesus Christ comes again as judge and saviour we may be ready to receive him, who is our Lord and our God.

The Collect for The Second Sunday in Advent

(Book of Common Prayer)

Blessed Lord, who hast caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant that we may in such wise hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that by patience and comfort of thy holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which thou hast given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ.

What's on This Week

*St Peter's Church is open as a **Warm Welcome Space** from 10:30 am – 3:30 pm every day except Sundays.*

The Christmas Tree Festival runs from 10th – 17th December.

Mon 5th	1:30 – 3:00 pm The <i>Thinking about God</i> group meets in the Undercroft 2:00 pm The U3A Singing Folk group 2:00 – 4:00 pm <i>St Peter's Afternoon Fellowship</i> meets at Gillian Taylor's home
Tues 6th	9:00 am – 3:00 pm <i>St Peter's Christmas Gifts Appeal</i> drop-off 12:00 – 12:30 pm Healing Service
Wed 7th	9:00 am – 3:00 pm <i>St Peter's Christmas Gifts Appeal</i> drop-off 10:30 – 11:00 am Café RefleXions 2:00 – 4:00 pm <i>Spectrum</i> , a social group for widows and widowers, meet in the Brostoff Hall 7:30 pm Harrogate Harmony Men's Chorus
Thurs 8th	9:30 – 11:00 am The Toddler Group at St Peter's 11:00 am Holy Communion 11:30 am – 1:30 pm The Cake Matters Café 7:30 pm St Peter's Choir Practice
Fri 9th	9:30 am AA meeting in the Music Room 10:00 am – 12:00 pm St Peter's Cleaning Team
Sat 10th	<i>International Human Rights Day</i> 10:00 am – 3:00 pm <i>Harrogate Operatic Players</i> are holding a Refreshment Day
Sun 11th	<i>The Third Sunday of Advent</i> 1:00 – 1:30 pm Sunday Lunch 5:30 – 7:00 pm Sanctuary , our Youth group, are meeting in the Brostoff Hall for their Christmas Party!

Next Sunday 11th December

The Third Sunday of Advent

8:30	Holy Communion
9:30	Family Communion
11:00	Choral Matins
4:15	Stepping Stones Service – <i>Holy Communion with Baptisms</i>
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 Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

Our mini Supermarket is on Thursdays 4:30 – 4:50 pm.


Introducing Steve Gibbin – joining us in July 2023

Steve Gibbin is due to join us as a SSM (Self-Supporting Minister) Curate on 1st July 2023, alongside Karin Shaw. He will continue to also work as a teacher at the Grammar School at Leeds.



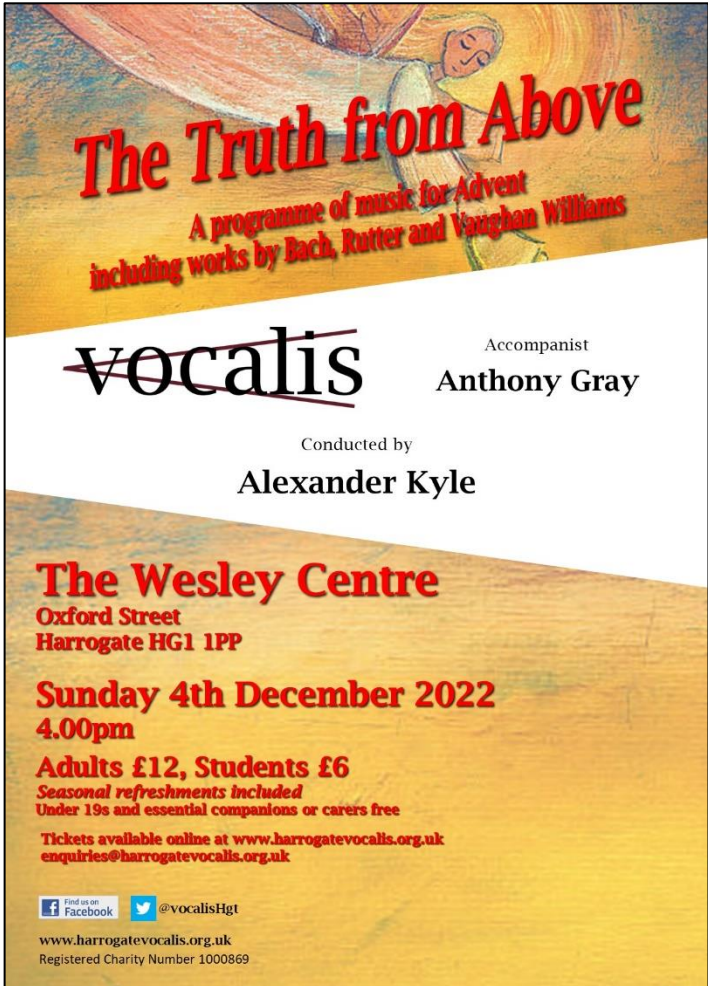
I was born and bred in Yorkshire and, after a gap year working in various factories, I studied philosophy at the University of Hull where I met Catherine, my wife. We have now been married for 22 years and have four children, three of whom are at St Aidan's and one who is at Oatlands Junior School. Although I did not come from a Christian background, during my time at Hull I met Christian friends and through them came to understand the meaning of grace and love as revealed in the life of Jesus. It is this faith that has sustained me throughout my adult life, and which has brought me to the point of ordained ministry.

After leaving university I completed a Master's and PGCE. For the last twenty years I have worked as a teacher of religious studies, firstly in a state school in east Leeds, and for the last 17 years at the Grammar School at Leeds where I have enjoyed various roles - Scout Leader, House Master, football coach, and for the last decade, the Head of Year 7. Aside from spending time with family and friends, I am an avid reader of both fiction and nonfiction, enjoy creative writing and music, walking, gardening and watching football - principally my son's team and Liverpool FC - though there is quite a difference between the two!



**Fanfare
for Christmas**

Brighthouse & Rastrick Band
2022 British Open Champions
Harrogate Gilbert & Sullivan Society
The Royal Hall, Harrogate
Saturday 17th December 2022 18:00
Tickets from £16.50
Box office : 01423 502116
harrogatetheatre.co.uk



The Truth from Above
A programme of music for Advent
including works by Bach, Rutter and Vaughan Williams

vocalis Accompanist
Anthony Gray

Conducted by
Alexander Kyle

The Wesley Centre
Oxford Street
Harrogate HG1 1PP

Sunday 4th December 2022
4.00pm
Adults £12, Students £6
Seasonal refreshments included
Under 19s and essential companions or carers free

Tickets available online at www.harrogatevocalis.org.uk
enquiries@harrogatevocalis.org.uk

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



Next Week's Deadline

The deadline for the next edition of the Weekly News (11th December) will be noon on Wednesday 7th December. Please send any items (including photos) to Alan Garrow **or** to Marian Chambers (addresses below).

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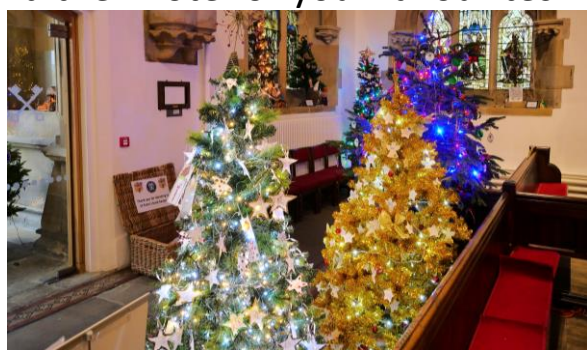
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St Peter's Christmas Tree Festival

Come and see this wonderful display of decorated trees from 10th – 17th December (10:30 am - 3:30 pm daily) and then vote for your favourites.



The winners will be announced at our Family Communion Service at 9:30 am on Sunday 18th December. There is also a Tree of Remembrance, for you to remember a loved one with a prayer or dedication hung on the tree.

All the trees will remain on display until after Christmas. Entry is free, but donations are always welcome.

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.