



Weekly News

5th December 2021

The Second Sunday of Advent

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

Explore life, faith and meaning

We believe that everyone should have the chance to explore the Christian faith, ask questions and share their point of view. Alpha is a series of weekly sessions exploring the Christian faith. Each session looks at a different question around faith and is designed to create conversation.

Alpha is run around the globe and everyone's welcome. It runs in cafés, churches, universities, homes - you name it. No two Alphas look the same, but generally they have three things in common: food, a talk and good conversation.

The next Alpha course at St Peter's Church starts on Wednesday 19th January 2022 from 6:00 – 8:30 pm. Each session will start with a meal because it's a great way to build community and get to know each other. Then there's a talk, around 30 minutes long, exploring the big issues around faith and unpacking the basics of Christianity. Followed by the most important part of any Alpha: the chance to share thoughts and ideas on the topic, and simply discuss it in a small group.

Sarah Martin is our team leader. To book your place contact her on 0791 325 9490 or email her at: sarah@makeadifference.co.uk.

Visit www.alphaharrogate.org to find out more about Alpha.



St Peter's Church
Wednesdays 6:00 - 8:30 pm
Starting 19th January 2022

Join us in 2022 #TryAlpha
Alpha.org/uk



Say it with Flowers

Why not mark a special occasion, such as an anniversary or 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 to Sue Heapy for further details (07540 355305).



St Peter's Ladies who Lunch

The **Ladies who Lunch** are meeting again on Friday 17th December at 12:15 pm at the Palm Court Café at the bottom of Montpellier Hill. If you would like to join us for food and fellowship, then please contact Sue Heapy (07540 355 305 or brynsusie@hotmail.com) before Monday 13th December, so she can book a table.

St Peter's Afternoon Fellowship - cancelled

As a precaution, the Vicar and Churchwardens have decided to cancel the next Afternoon Fellowship, which was to have taken place on Monday 6th December.

Join the volunteer team at Knaresborough Vaccination Centre

Last Monday the government announced that booster vaccines would be extended to all adults aged over 18 amid concern over the new Omicron variant. The gap between a second dose and booster has also been cut to three months. This means it's going to be a busy time for vaccination centres like the one at Chain Lane Community Hub in Knaresborough where our own Sue Pearce is a volunteer. The centre needs around nine volunteers at each session to help with a range of duties including marshalling, checking-in and patient observation following vaccination. Anyone interested in joining the volunteer team should email support@hcpharmacy.co.uk or phone 07514 658065.



Flood Harrogate with light this Christmas

To get involved all you need to do is to decorate one (or more) windows of your house, flat or workplace, but please include the words **#thelightshines** somewhere in your design. Then leave the lights on or curtains open each evening from 12th – 19th December, so people can see your display. To find out more and to be part of the trail visit www.theharrogatehub.org/pf/thelightshines/.

The Harrogate & Knaresborough Amnesty Group are holding a Refreshment Day on Saturday 11th December. Could you help on the day or perhaps bake something? Please contact Judith Simpson on 01423 564842 if you can help.

Omicron variant of COVID 19

The Bishop of London, Sarah Mullally, has called for everyone to take steps to protect themselves and others following the identification of the new omicron variant of COVID-19. Bishop Sarah, who leads the Church of England's Covid Recovery Group, said, "The Government has outlined the return of compulsory face coverings in shops and on public transport in England and we should also continue to take other public health precautions that, by now, are very familiar, such as regular hand-washing, observing physical distancing and ensuring good ventilation indoors. Meanwhile we are awaiting any new Government regulations and guidance and will update our advice for churches accordingly."

At St Peter's we encourage everyone to wear a face covering especially when moving around the building or singing; to use the hand-sanitisers provided; and to respect one another's space, like not sitting directly behind someone in the pews.

St Peter's Christmas Tree Festival

Come and see this wonderful display of decorated trees from 4th – 11th December (10:00 am - 4:00 pm daily) and then vote for your favourites. The winners will be announced at our Family Communion Service next Sunday, 12th 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 30th December. Entry is free, but donations are always welcome.



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ARTIZAN INTERNATIONAL

Thursday 9th December 2021, 7.30 pm

Beethoven's
Moonlight Sonata by candlelight

Performed by Warren Mailley-Smith

Also featuring classical favourites by Chopin, Liszt, Debussy, Rachmaninov and Gershwin

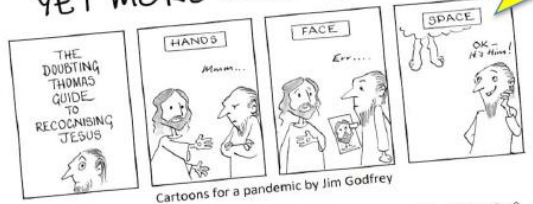
Wesley Centre, Oxford Street, Harrogate HG1 1PP

Tickets: £12 per adult; £5 per student including mulled wine and mince pies

HOW TO BOOK:
Tickets available online from TICKET SOURCE at www.ticketsource.co.uk/cm/t-pjaqnn
Tickets also available on the door on the night, but please text to 07957282857 to advise in advance your name and how many to expect.

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"Finding something to smile about is vital in the midst of adversity." - Bishop Steven Croft

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The Rt. Revd. Dr. Stephen Croft, Bishop of Oxford

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All profits will go to Action for Children.

Today's Services: 5th December 2021

The Second Sunday of Advent

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 and share an Activity Bag.*

Hymns **739** Good news, good news to you we bring; Candle in the window; **36** Away in a manger; **347** Lo, He comes with clouds descending

Readings Malachi 3 v 1 - 4
Luke 3 v 1 - 6

Preacher: Chris Clayton

11:00 Choral Communion

Setting Day in B flat

Hymns 9, 36, 278, 362

Readings Malachi 3 v 1 - 4
Luke 3 v 1 - 6

Anthem The Truth from above (*Vaughan Williams*)

Preacher: Sarah Martin

2:30 Baptism of Camilla Burkhardt

4:15 pm Stepping Stones Service - Celtic Worship - Saint Bridget

Preacher: Chris Clayton

6:30 Choral Evensong

Setting Purcell in G minor

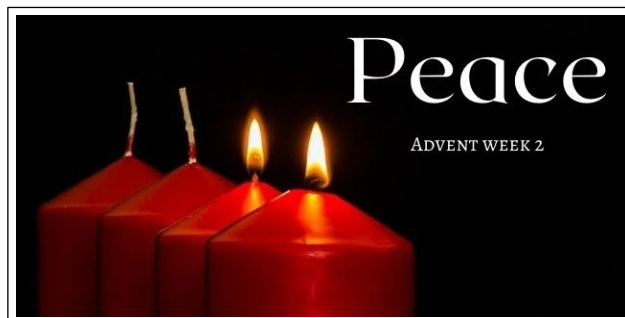
Hymns 24, 40, 608

Psalm 75

Readings Isaiah 40 v 1 - 11
Luke 1 v 1 - 25

Anthem Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace (S S Wesley)

Preacher: Alan Garrow



**Our Duty Wardens today are:
Carrie Brown and
Paul Medforth**



Help feed a family this Christmas

St Peter's Church launched a new initiative to help feed local families this Christmas and had an overwhelming response from all our congregations. If you are taking part, please bring your bag or parcel, **clearly marked with the letter and number on the back of your Christmas card**, into Church on Tuesday 7th or

Wednesday 8th December from 9:00 am - 3:00 pm. If this is not possible, please call Carole Raw on 07425 161425. Thank you so much for all your Christmas gifts.

Please pray for those who have asked for our prayers:

Pat Anderson, Ruth Bowes, Kenneth Coggane, Graham Cornish, Geni Emrullahu, Louise Emrullahu, Pam Gardiner, Vicky Harrison, June Hemmings, Miriam Jones, Jackie Kelly, Charlie Martineau and Sheila Pantin.

Also in our prayers this week:

- Mon** The Toddler Group at St Peter's Vulnerable children with safeguarding and welfare needs
- Tues** The team preparing and serving Sunday Lunch
All who work in foodbanks
- Wed** The 27 people drowned crossing the English Channel in a dinghy
That the British and European authorities will seek a humane solution to this migrant crisis
- Thurs** The NHS and other key workers
The staff and volunteers at the Knaresborough vaccination centre
- Fri** *Amnesty International UK*
All standing up for human rights
- Sat** Stewart Davies, Lay Reader
All those working on telephone support helplines

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** *Nicholas, Bishop of Myra*
Psalm 30
Isaiah 30 v 1 - 18
Matthew 14 v 1 - 12
- Tues** *Ambrose, Bishop of Milan*
Psalm 56
Isaiah 30 v 19 to end
Matthew 14 v 13 to end
- Wed** ***The Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary***
Psalm 62
Isaiah 31
Matthew 15 v 1 - 20
- Thurs** Psalm 54
Isaiah 32
Matthew 15 v 21 - 28
- Fri** Psalm 86
Isaiah 33 v 1 - 22
Matthew 15 v 29 to end
- Sat** Psalm 42
Isaiah 35
Matthew 16 v 1 - 12

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 Christmas Tree Festival is on until Saturday 11th December from 10:00 am – 4:00 pm daily.

- Mon 6th** 1:30 – 3:00 pm *Thinking about God* discussion group in The Gallery. Contact Paul Gill (07580 310971)
2:00 pm The U3A Singing Folk group
6:00 pm AA meeting in the Music Room
- Tues 7th** 9:00 am – 3:00 pm *Help Feed a Family this Christmas* drop-off
12:00 – 12:30 pm Healing Service
- Wed 8th** 9:00 am – 3:00 pm *Help Feed a Family this Christmas* drop-off
10:30 – 11:00 am Café RefleXions
11:30 am – 1:15 pm *Harrogate Rethink Support Group* are holding their Christmas Buffet
- Thurs 9th** 9:30 – 11:00 am Toddler Group
11:00 am Holy Communion
7:30 pm St Peter's Choir Practice
- Fri 10th** ***International Human Rights Day***
9:30 am AA meeting in the Music Room
- Sat 11th** 10:00 am – 3:00 pm *Harrogate & Knaresborough Amnesty Group* are holding a Refreshment Day – tea, coffee, sandwiches and cakes – all home-made. Please support!
- Sun 12th** **The Third Sunday of Advent**
1:00 – 1:30 pm Sunday Lunch
5:30 – 7:00 pm **Sanctuary**, our Youth group, are meeting in the Brostoff Hall for a **Christmas Party**.
Dress code – Christmas – **essential!**



Next Sunday 12th December

The Third Sunday of Advent

- 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 (8:20 – 8:45 am) for all those who are hungry or in need.

A hot **Sunday Lunch** is served from 1:00 – 1:30 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.



Do you receive care or are you a carer?

The Archbishops of Canterbury and York have set up a Commission to 'Reimagine Care' for adults with disabilities and people with care and support needs in later life. Their aim is to develop a radical and inspiring long-term vision for care and support in England so

everyone can flourish. They will offer practical recommendations to national and local government and propose areas for further action by the Church of England on ways to support people who draw on care to live well in the community.

I have been asked to be an adviser to the Commission, looking at the role of churches, faith communities and the wider community in providing care.

The Commission have started by asking a wide range of people and organisations about their experiences of care and support now and how they would like this to be different in the future. They are particularly interested in hearing from people who draw on care services, unpaid carers, families and friends and churches. There is a form that you can complete online at [Archbishops' Commission on Reimagining Care - Listening and Engagement Exercise | The Church of England](#) but we will also have paper copies at the South Door on Sunday. It's a long form but the Commission are happy if people complete just some of the questions. They are struggling to hear from churches, and I know St Peter's people will have a lot to say – so do please consider getting involved and completing a form.

Sian Lockwood OBE, *Churchwarden at St Peter's Church*

At the heart of Christmas: the new Church of England campaign

At the heart of Christmas is the Church of England's campaign for Advent and Christmas 2021. Inspired by readings from the Gospels of Luke and John read at so many Christmas services, ***At the heart of Christmas*** is an invitation to everyone to explore the good news of God's saving love as revealed in the birth of Jesus. It is also a challenge to each of us to ponder in our hearts, as Mary did, what the extraordinary events of the first Christmas might mean for us now and in the years ahead. Starting on Christmas Eve and continuing daily until Epiphany (6th January), twelve contributors share something that lies close to the heart of Christmas for them, bringing the theme to life through a mixture of personal story, Bible reading, reflection and questions to ponder. To find out more please visit: www.churchofengland.org/resources/advent-and-christmas-2021-resources-heart-christmas

At the heart of Christmas



This week's worship online

We are continuing to live stream the following services on Facebook and Zoom: 9:30 am Family Communion on Sundays (also available on *St Peter's YouTube channel* to watch later); and Morning and Evening Prayer at 8:00 am and 5:00 pm from Monday to Saturday. To join in follow the [links](#) on our website.

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 (12th December) will be noon on Wednesday 8th December. Please send any items (including photos) to Alan Garrow or to Marian Chambers (addresses below).

THE NET, our Parish newsletter is back!



In this Advent edition there are details of our Christmas services and an invitation to join Alpha. Please take some and pass them on to friends and neighbours. If you usually deliver copies to a whole street near you, please pick up as many copies as you need to do that. Thank you!

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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.