



Weekly News

5th January 2025

The Epiphany

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

Ethics Matters – to everyone

What are the implications for our society of the recent Assisted Dying Bill? Why is the UK birth rate falling and what ethical questions are raised by surrogacy? Why do some people, including religious believers, think war can be just? Can ancient religious principles and more recent international laws cope with modern conflicts and technologies – both in terms of when it is just to go to war and how a war is fought? Whose interests should businesses consider when making decisions? Is capitalism a force for good, or evil, in the world today? What are the potential benefits and costs of generative AI? Should AI be regulated and is such regulation possible?

These are just some of the questions addressed in six Thursday evening lectures, beginning this week on 9th January, by influential author and thinker Dr Peter Vardy. Each hour-long lecture begins at 7:00 pm and is followed by discussion over light refreshments. These lectures are free, but to book your place please email the Parish Office with the words *Ethics Matters* in the subject line (stpeterschurchhgtooffice@gmail.com).

Do consider who among your friends and neighbours might be glad to be invited. This is an opportunity to serve our community, not to be missed.

Alan Garrow, Vicar of St Peter's Church

Ethics Matters

Weekly lectures with discussions at St Peter's Church, Harrogate with Dr Peter Vardy

Starting in January 2025

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| 9th January | Ethics Matters |
| 16th January | A good death? |
| 23rd January | Sex/Life |
| 30th January | A just war? |
| 6th February | Money, money, money... |
| 13th February | Artificial Intelligence |

All lectures begin at 7pm. Light refreshments will be served.
Book your free place at: stpeterschurchhgtooffice@gmail.com



Photo taken by Hannah Beck

Nick Starmer and Mia

Nick Starmer, a member of Breakfast Club, died, aged 60, on Boxing Day this year.

Hannah Beck writes, "Nick will be very much missed by Breakfast Club, and especially at the Sunday lunches. He originally 'rocked up' at St Peter's Church doors shortly before Covid. He made friends very easily - although being deaf he could be choosy if he wanted to - and became a regular each morning, even after he had been housed by the Council. He had a great sense of humour and was always cheerful. To us he was always just Nick, with Mia his very faithful and well-behaved dog."

After moving to Leeds, he came over every weekend and helped on Sundays putting out and setting up tables, and later helping serve with the others at Sunday lunches and the Sunday Lunch Club. He did all jobs cheerfully and willingly, never needing to be told what to do. His illness was difficult for us all, but he never complained – just got on with the job in hand. Even this Christmas Day, he was in his place by the hatch in Church – we will always remember him. Mia is still cared for by us and remains Nick's dog."

Hannah and other members of the Breakfast Club did an exceptional job of caring for Nick, who had cancer, throughout his illness.



Being With is a **life changing** way to help people explore the Christian Faith.

Starting: Sunday 26th and Wednesday 29th January for 10 weeks
Time: 7:15 – 8:45 pm
Location: online (Google Meet)
Address: the link will be emailed to you
Contact: Karin Shaw - 01423 568218 or karinmshaw@leeds.anglican.org



You are warmly invited to

Ripon Cathedral's
Plough Sunday Service
supported by the
Yorkshire Agricultural Society
Sunday 12 January 2025

Hot pork rolls and dancing from the
Highside Longsword dancers from 2.30 pm

The service will celebrate farming in North Yorkshire and the Dales as well as recognising the work of those who care for the land in many different ways.

The address is given by The Right Revd John Inge, recently retired Bishop of Worcester.

Service starts at 3.30pm

We look forward to seeing you there.



Harrogate School of Theology & Mission

The Bishop of Kirkstall, Arun Arora, speaks on 'Living Faithfully: Rediscovering Michael Ramsey's Five Spiritual Helps'



Michael Ramsey (the 100th Archbishop of Canterbury, 1961-1974) offered his Five Helps as spiritual principles for living a faithful Christian life. Although Ramsay formulated these many decades ago, Bishop Arun will help us to understand how relevant they remain and how we can use them as foundations for a Christ-centered life. Bishop Arun is known as a thought-provoking and entertaining speaker.

This live lecture is at St Mark's Church on Saturday 18th January starting with breakfast served from 9:30 am, then the lecture from 10:00 am – 12:00 pm. Tickets cost £8 (students £5 and under 18s free) and includes breakfast and refreshments. This lecture is also available on Zoom at a cost of £5. Fees are payable on the day or preferably in advance at [Eventbrite](#).

Could you help us recycle?

We are looking for volunteers to help us keep on top of our recycling here at Church. Are you someone with a van or car who would be willing to help? If so, please see one of the Churchwardens (Mike Davies and Siân Lockwood), Carole Raw in the Parish Office or one of the Clergy. Thank you!

It's St Peter's Afternoon Fellowship on Tuesday

St Peter's Afternoon Fellowship now meets on the first Tuesday of the month from 2:00 – 4:00 pm at Church. So, the next meeting is this Tuesday 7th January, when Sue Pearce, one of our retired clergy, will be speaking about being a Hospital Chaplain and there will be a delicious afternoon tea. Please call Leigh Thompson 01423 884 899 or 07824 747 912 if you would like to come.



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? 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).



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 9th January at 11:30 am after the Holy Communion service. They will be serving hot drinks, homemade soups, fresh sandwiches, scones and delicious cakes. Please come and support our Church!

Today's Services: 5th January 2025

Celebrating The Epiphany

Twelfth Night

The Second Sunday after Christmas (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 7 All hail King Jesus!; **364** Lord we give You praise; **236** I'm special; **73** Come on and celebrate

Reading Matthew 2 v 1 - 12

Preacher: Stewart Davies

Our Duty Wardens today are:

Mo Atkinson
and Ian Burt

11:00 Choral Matins

Setting Boyce in C (Jubilate)

Hymns 85, 488, 91

Psalm 113

Readings Isaiah 60 v 1 - 6

Matthew 2 v 1 - 12

Anthem From the rising of the sun (*Ouseley*)

Preacher: Hannah Beck

4:15 pm Stepping Stones Service *Celtic Worship*

Preacher: Sarah Martin

6:30 Choral Evensong by candlelight

Setting Carolus Andreas (fauxbourdons)

Hymns 84, 487, 86 (omit *verse)

Psalm 96

Readings Isaiah 60 v 1 - 9

John 2 v 1 - 11

Anthem The three Kings (*Peter Cornelius*)

Preacher: Tony Shepherd



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.

Please pray for those who have asked for our prayers:

Pat Anderson, David Chambers, Graham Cornish, Jane Crabtree, Tony Edwards, Louise Emrullahu, June Hemmings, Trevor Hughes, Derek Mansfield, Kim Okell, Sheila Pantin, Lynda Pilmoor, Matthew Pindell, Celia Preston, Richard Sadler and Michelle Simon.

RIP: Olive Davenham and Nick Starmer

Also in our prayers this week:

- Mon** Vulnerable children with safeguarding and welfare needs
St Andrew's Evangelical Mission, in Chosica, Peru
- Tues** Staff and residents of care homes
Jan Edwards, St Peter's Lay Pastoral Minister
- Wed** All who are working yet remain trapped in poverty
Those struggling to pay food and energy bills
- Thurs** GP surgeries and health centres
All attending our Healing Service
- Fri** His Majesty, King Charles III
All those working together to safeguard our planet
- Sat** Those who are close to death
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 each morning this week.

- Mon** *The Epiphany*
Psalm 132
Jeremiah 31 v 7 - 14
John 1 v 29 - 34
- Tues** Psalm 99
Isaiah 63 v 7 to end
1 John 3
- Wed** Psalm 46
Isaiah 64
1 John 4 v 7 to end
- Thurs** Psalm 148
Isaiah 65 v 1 - 16
1 John 5 v 1 - 12
- Fri** *William Laud, Archbishop of Canterbury, 1645*
Psalm 149
Isaiah 65 v 17 to end
1 John 5 v 13 to end
- Sat** *Mary Slessor, Missionary in West Africa, 1915*
Psalm 150
Isaiah 66 v 1 - 11
2 John

The Collect for the Epiphany

(Common Worship)

Creator of the heavens,
who led the Magi by a star to
worship the Christ-child:
guide and sustain us,
that we may find our journey's
end in Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Collect for the Epiphany

(Book of Common Prayer)

O GOD, who by the leading of a star didst
manifest thy only-begotten Son to the
Gentiles:
Mercifully grant, that we, which know thee
now by faith, may after this life have the
fruition of thy glorious Godhead; 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 6th** 11:00 am – 1:00 pm *Sit-n-Knit* in Church
2:00 pm The U3A Singing Folk group
- Tues 7th** **12:00 – 12:30 pm Healing Service**
2:00 – 4:00 pm St Peter's Afternoon Fellowship – *Sue Pearce will be the speaker and afternoon tea will also be served*
- Wed 8th** **10:30 – 11:00 am Café RefleXions**
7:30 pm Harrogate Harmony Men's Chorus
- Thurs 9th** 9:30 – 11:00 am The Toddler Group at St Peter's
11:00 am Holy Communion
11:30 am – 1:30 pm The Market Day Café
7:00 pm 'Ethics Matters' six weekly lectures with Dr Peter Vardy:
1. *Ethics Matter*
7:30 pm St Peter's Choir Practice resumes
- Fri 10th** 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 11th**
- Sun 12th** ***The First Sunday of Epiphany (The Baptism of Christ)***
Plough Sunday
7:30 – 8:30 pm AA meeting in the Brostoff Hall
5:30 – 7:00 pm Sanctuary, our youth group, are meeting in the Brostoff Hall for a social evening to welcome everyone back.

Next Sunday 12th January 2025

The First Sunday of Epiphany

The Baptism of Christ

Plough Sunday

- 8:30 Holy Communion
9:30 Family Communion
11:00 Choral Communion
4:15 Stepping Stones Service
 – *Holy Communion*
6:30 Choral Evensong

As from 1st January 2025:

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.

Our mini-supermarket is on Thursdays from 4:30 – 4:50 pm – an opportunity to stock up on tinned, preserved and dried food!

Christmas Flowers at St Peter's 2024



Thank you to Sue Heapy and St Peter's Flower Team for all your hard work this Christmas and throughout the year!

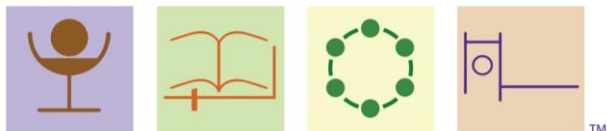


Refreshments are served after each of our Sunday morning services from



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

Join the Parish Giving Scheme



PARISH GIVING SCHEME

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 www.parishgiving.org.uk 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 (12th January) will be noon on Wednesday 8th January. Please send any items (including photos) to **The Weekly News Editor**, Marian Chambers, or to the Vicar, 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.

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