



Weekly News

5th September 2021

The Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity

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Today is Climate Sunday

Why have we been so deaf to the evidence of climate change and its unfolding consequences, so slow to work out what changes must be implemented to restore balance and so stubborn in avoiding taking the practical micro-actions in our daily lives that would make a difference, however small?

Perhaps the phrase 'inconvenient truth' is revealing. It was used by those engaged in bringing climate change up the international agenda fifteen years ago to challenge the unresponsiveness of governments, industries and individuals. For these mostly carried on with political, business and consumer practices that ignored the evidence - because changing from these did not and does not suit us.



The God we worship is a God of justice who cares for those who suffer as a result of the actions or inaction of others: supremely by sending Jesus as saviour to bring good news to the poor, proclaim release to the captives, let the oppressed go free. Every day of our lives we seek to join with God in this work of doing justice (Micah 6 v 8).

Now the urgent need is to prevent or alleviate the suffering that the poor and disadvantaged are experiencing due to climate change, as it will have the earliest and greatest impact on these people. That's doing justice. So too is anticipating the effects on our children's children and changing the way we meet our needs of the present so as not to compromise the ability of future generations to meet their own needs. Truth and justice are our business as Christians: what steps are you going to take to try and set things right?

Stewart Davies, *St Peter's Environmental Officer*



Nations' Climate Sunday Service

5 September
Glasgow Cathedral
and online



A Nations' *Climate Sunday Service*

At 3:30 pm today churches from across Britain and Ireland will come together online and in Glasgow Cathedral to celebrate, challenge and commit ahead of COP26. More than 1,600 churches, including St Peter's, have registered their

Climate Sunday service on this *Churches Together* website. For details of how to join in with the service in Glasgow online visit www.climatesunday.org.

Praying for the UN Climate Change Conference

COP 26 takes place this November 2021 in Glasgow. There are four key goals for COP 26. They include countries providing more ambitious climate plans, adaptation measures to protect the environment, agreeing on finance to support poorer countries and agreeing a rule-book to guide their future collaboration.

We pray that negotiators and diplomats will be united in their determination to resolve on-going issues and focus with determination on moving forwards in agreement. We pray for the preparations for this summit and for all the meetings that will take place. We pray above all for those formulating national policies: Lord, grant them vision and ambition.



Come and paint Dickensian London!

The next production for our drama group, St Peter's Players, is the musical **OLIVER!** running from 4th – 6th November 2021 here at St Peter's Church. The actors have been cast and rehearsals start on Monday. Now they are looking for scenic artists to help create the scenery – the London of Charles Dickens. If you have any artistic talent and would like to join the crew, please speak to John Hain, the Director (*and also playing Fagin, my dears*), or email him at jmhhain@gmail.com.

Harrogate School of Theology & Mission

Stephen Cottrell, Archbishop of York, speaks on Travelling Well: A Theological Reflection on the Place of Pilgrimage in the Christian Life

The first lecture of the new season is at St Mark's Church on Saturday 25th September 2021, starting with a continental breakfast served from 9:30 am, then the lecture from 10:00 am – 12:00 pm. Tickets cost £8 per session or £25 for the series of four (students £5 per session or £15 for the series) including breakfast and refreshments. Fees payable preferably in advance by the online booking system *Eventbrite* or on the day by contactless card or cheque.





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) or send her an email brynsusie@hotmail.com.

Could you lead the prayers at one of our services?

Shortly after coming to St Peter's Church, I contacted various people in Church to ask if they might be willing to put together intercessions for our services. As you will have realised, people were more than willing to do this, and I was able to set up rotas. The time has come for me to hand this ministry over to someone else, and I am pleased to say that Catharine Davies has agreed to do this.

Please do consider becoming a member of the team, especially at the 11:00 am Choral Matins service. If you feel you would be able and happy to do this, please contact Catharine, either by filling in one of the volunteer forms, or speaking to her in person after one of the services.

I wish Catharine every joy in taking on this valuable role.

Sue Pearce, one of our retired Clergy (pictured above)



Welcome back Sanctuary!

Sanctuary, St Peter's Youth Group for those of secondary school age, are meeting in the Brostoff Hall for a **Welcome Back Party** next Sunday 12th September from 5:30 to 7:00 pm. If you'd like to come speak to Chris Clayton (07407 258733 or chris.clayton@leeds.anglican.org) – **Year 7s especially welcome!**

Sunday Club returns in October

On the 3rd, 10th and 17th October Sunday Club will be available during our 9:30 am Family Communion Service again, but numbers will be limited. To check availability and to book a place email our Parish Administrator, Carole Raw, at stpeterschurchhgtooffice@gmail.com



If you would like to read and sign *The Climate Coalition's The Time is Now* declaration visit <https://thetimeisnow.uk>

Today's Services: 5th September 2021

Climate Sunday

The Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity

First Sunday of Creationtide

8:30 Holy Communion

9:30 Family Communion

Sunday Club will return in October, until then children and their parents are welcome to pick up an Activity Bag from the table by the entrance to explore during the service.

Hymns 393 Morning has broken; 14 All things bright and beautiful; 124
Give thanks; My God is a good God

Readings James 2 v 1 – 10 and v14 - 17
Mark 7 v 24 - 37

Preacher: Stewart Davies

11:00 Choral Communion

Setting Oldroyd (Mass of the Quiet Hour)

Hymns 423, 174, 301, 543

Readings Isaiah 35 v 4 – 7a
James 2 v 1 – 10 and v14 - 17

Anthem Ave verum corpus (*Elgar*)

Preacher: Hannah Beck

4:15 pm Afternoon Church Celtic Worship

Preacher: Chris Clayton

6:30 Choral Evensong

Setting Sumsion in G

Hymns 569, 456, 18

Psalm 119 v 49 - 64

Readings Exodus 14 v 5 to end
Matthew 6 v 1 - 18

Anthem Hear my prayer (*Mendelssohn*)

Preacher: Alan Garrow

Our Duty Wardens today are:

Carrie Brown and

Richard Bion

This week's worship online

We are continuing to live stream the following services on Facebook and Zoom: [9:30 am Holy Communion](#) and [11:00 am Matins or Holy Communion \(BCP\)](#) on Sundays; [Morning and Evening Prayer](#) at 8:00 am and 5:00 pm from Monday to Saturday. To join in follow the links here or on our website.

Please pray for those who have asked for our prayers:

Pat Anderson, Ruth Bowes, 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** St Peter's Player's as they begin rehearsals for 'Oliver!' tonight
The *Thinking about God* discussion group
- Tues** All teachers and pupils starting a new school this week
Paul Griffiths, new Headteacher at St Peter's CE Primary School
- Wed** Carole Raw, Parish Administrator
The Weekly News Editorial Team
- Thurs** Harrogate police officers
The fire and rescue service
- Fri** All those killed and injured by the bomb attacks at Kabul airport
The Afghan refugees arriving in the UK to start new lives
- Sat** All for whom the 20th anniversary of 9/11 will be a difficult day
Sarah Martin, Lay Reader and Churchwarden

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** Allen Gardiner, founder of the South American Missionary Society, 1851
Psalm 1
Wisdom 1
Mark 9 v 38 to end
- Tues** Psalm 5
Wisdom 2
Mark 10 v 1 - 16
- Wed** *The Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary*
Psalm 119 v 1 - 32
Wisdom 3 v 1 - 9
Mark 10 v 17 - 31
- Thurs** Psalm 15
Wisdom 4 v 7 to end
Mark 10 v 32 - 34
- Fri** Psalm 19
Wisdom 5 v 1 - 16
Mark 10 v 35 - 45
- Sat** Psalm 23
Wisdom 5 v 17 – 6 v 11
Mark 10 v 46 to end

The Collect for the Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity

Almighty God, whose only Son has opened for us a new and living way into your presence:

give us pure hearts and steadfast wills to worship you in spirit and in truth; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

or

Merciful God, your Son came to save us and bore our sins on the cross: may we trust in your mercy and know your love, rejoicing in the righteousness that is ours through Jesus Christ our Lord.

What's on This Week

St Peter's Church is open for private prayer from 11:00 am – 1:00 pm every day except Sundays.

- Mon 6th** **The Thinking about God discussion group has been postponed**
4:30 – 4:50 pm Hot food
7:00 pm **Oliver!** Rehearsal – *Oliver! Oliver! Never before has a boy wanted more*
- Tues 7th** **12:00 – 12:30 pm Healing Service**
- Wed 8th** **10:30 – 11:00 am Café RefleXions**
4:30 – 4:50 pm Hot food
- Thurs 9th** 9:30 – 11:00 am Toddler Group
11:00 am Holy Communion
4:30 - 4:50 pm Mini Supermarket – an opportunity to stock up!
7:30 pm St Peter's Choir Practice
- Fri 10th** 4:30 – 4:50 pm Hot food
- Sat 11th**
- Sun 12th** **The Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity**
Education Sunday
1:00 – 1:30 pm Sunday Lunch
3:00 pm Battle of Britain Service at Stonefall Cemetery
5:30 – 7:00 pm **Sanctuary**, St Peter's Youth Group, are meeting in the Brostoff Hall for a Welcome Back Party. Speak to Chris Clayton (07407 258733 or chris.clayton@leeds.anglican.org) if you'd like to come – **Year 7s especially welcome!**

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The Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity
Education Sunday

- 8:30 Holy Communion
9:30 Family Communion
11:00 Choral Matins
3:00 Battle of Britain Service
 at Stonefall Cemetery
4:15 Afternoon Church – *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.

It's Education Sunday on 12th September

Education Sunday is a national day of prayer and celebration for everyone involved in the world of education. The theme for Education Sunday this year will be 'A Word in Season', a phrase taken from Isaiah 50 v 4:

EDUCATION SUNDAY



2021: A Word in Season

The Lord God has given me the tongue of the learned, that I should know how to speak a word in season to him who is weary.

When pupils are struggling, they need help and support not to give up. When pupils are doing well, they need some approbation. A word of encouragement or praise at the right time and from the right person can fire them up to persevere or to do even better. Teachers' encouragement was particularly important during lockdown when pupils spent many hours alone at home with only online contact.

We must express our thanks to the teachers who have gone the extra mile during lockdown. They have supported home-learning online, while continuing to keep schools open, initially for our vulnerable children and children of key workers, and then for pupils in bubbles that were free from Covid. They have had to work harder and been on call for longer, while returning to schools before their turn had come to be vaccinated. Teachers do all this for their pupils, not expecting any gratitude. But they too are weary, and a word of thanks and understanding will go a long way.

After the challenges of the last eighteen months, it is clear that those who teach are as much in need of an encouraging 'word in season' as those who learn from them.

Reflections: walking through loss

PREGNANCY LOSS TRAINING

Are you a good listener? Is God calling you to help those in need?
Would you like to be equipped to walk alongside people in their grief?



Reflect is a free support service in North Yorkshire for anyone facing a pregnancy choice and for those in need of support after experiencing pregnancy or neonatal loss. They are looking for volunteers to train to provide their structured support programme *Reflections: walking through loss* for those

struggling after a pregnancy or baby loss, from any cause. This will be a combination of nine Zoom and three in-person training sessions starting on Monday 4th October 2021. The course costs £80 (if this would prohibit you from training, a grant may be available). For more information visit <https://reflectyork.co.uk/>.

Thinking about God discussion group postponed

The **Thinking about God** discussion group, which was to have recommenced tomorrow, has been postponed until Monday 13th September. Contact Paul Gill (07580 310971) for further details.

Refreshments are served after each of our Sunday morning services from



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

Popular Organ Recital

The Organ Recital held on Bank Holiday Monday 30th August at St Peter's raised a grand total of £945. Well done and thank you to John Longstaff; to those who served the cream teas afterwards; and to everyone who came and supported this event!



*The banns of marriage are published between **Nicola Katherine Doherty** and **Benjamin Richard Whiting**. This is for the first time of asking. If any of you know any reason in law why they may not marry each other you are to declare it.*

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.

Next Week's Deadline

The deadline for the next edition of the Weekly News (12th September) will be noon on Wednesday 8th September. Please send any items (including photos) to Alan Garrow or to Marian Chambers (addresses below).

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