



Weekly News

7th January 2024

The First Sunday of Epiphany

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What does an Area Dean do?

When I became Area Dean on 1st January 2022 one member of the congregation suggested, 'What does an Area Dean do?' as a topic for the *Weekly News*. At the time I thought such a piece might take the prize for the duller on record. My view has softened since then because the work has been more interesting than I expected.



Harrogate Deanery includes twenty-seven parishes in Harrogate, Knaresborough, Wetherby and surrounding villages. Its main business is communication and support and there are various

meetings, conferences, and quiet days that contribute to that work. You can get a flavour of some of these at www.harrogatedeanery.org. As well as overseeing such events, the Area Dean has a particular part to play when parishes are between vicars. The most challenging thing about the role is the volume of administration. I'm glad to take this opportunity, therefore, to express gratitude for our exceptional Deanery Synod Secretary, Helen Camm (*here on the right*).

An enjoyable part of being Area Dean is the opportunity to spend time with colleagues and to learn more about the work of ordinary parishes and chaplaincies. For all its limitations and struggles, the Church of England continues to provide a remarkable network of communities, serving their communities, in local situations. Being Area Dean has helped me to keep sight of that.



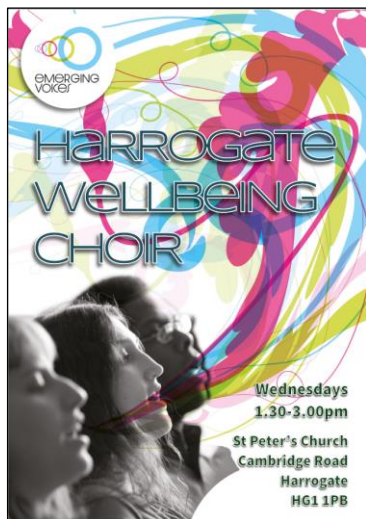
Alan Garrow, Area Dean, Harrogate Deanery

An invitation from Oliver Longstaff and Carrie Brown:

We would be honoured and delighted to share our marriage service at 12 noon on Saturday 13th January with as many of St Peter's congregation as are able to be present. Our guest list is considerable, but there will be plenty of space for our Church friends, for whose prayers and good wishes we are so grateful.

Come to *The Market Day Café* on Thursday

The *Market Day Café* is on the second Thursday of each month. The next one is this week on Thursday 11th January at 11:30 am after the Holy Communion service. They will be serving hot drinks, homemade soups, fresh sandwiches, scones and wonderful cakes!



Start the New Year with a song

Harrogate Wellbeing Choir is a FREE and inclusive community choir, open to adults in the local Harrogate area with lived or current experience of mental ill health. Sessions are supportive and friendly in a relaxed environment, with tea and coffee provided. They meet on Wednesdays from 1:30 – 3:00 pm at St Peter's Church, led by conductor Lucy Coleman. No previous experience is necessary! If you are interested in coming, contact them by phone 07984 535 629 or email admin@emergingvoicescharity.co.uk.



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6.30-8.00 pm

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Christmas Flowers at St Peter's 2023



Brogan Crane lighting the Gaudete candle on the Advent wreath

Today's Services: 7th January 2024

Celebrating THE EPIPHANY

The First Sunday after the Epiphany (BCP)

PLOUGH SUNDAY

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!; **298** Jesus, Name above all names: **31** As with gladness; **457** O worship the Lord

Reading Matthew 2 v 1 - 12

Preacher: Mike Davies

Our Duty Wardens today are:

Roy Taylor and
Rachel Fell

11:00 Choral Matins

Setting Boyce in C (Jubilate)

Hymns 85, 488, 91

Psalm 89 v 20 - 30

Readings Ephesians 3 v 1 - 12
Mark 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 *verses)

Psalm 47

Readings Isaiah 60 v 1 - 9
John 2 v 1 - 11

Anthem The three Kings (*Peter Cornelius*)

Preacher: Chris Clayton



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, Beverley Cooper, Graham Cornish, Jane Crabtree, Tony Edwards, Louise Emrullahu, David Fisher, June Hemmings, Trevor Hughes, Jackie Kelly, Jane Lishman, Rachel Looby, Derek Mansfield, Steve Martin, Kim Okell, Sheila Pantin, Dora Ringrose, Richard Sadler and Michelle Simon.

Also in our prayers this week:

Mon	The staff and pupils of our local schools as the Spring Term begins The Toddler Group at St Peter's
Tues	Those feeling lost, lonely and isolated St Peter's Welcomers Team
Wed	Local retail, hospitality and leisure businesses All the charity shops in our town
Thurs	All the patients at Harrogate Hospital Hospital Chaplaincy Teams
Fri	The safety and security of all MPs, their families and staff The Government of this country
Sat	Carrie Brown and Oliver Longstaff on this their wedding day All who are sick in body, mind or spirit

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	<i>The Baptism of Christ</i> Psalm 89 v 19 - 29 1 Samuel 16 v 1 – 3 and v 13 John 1 v 29 - 34
Tues	Psalm 9 Genesis 1 v 20 – 2 v 3 Matthew 21 v 18 - 32
Wed	Psalm 20 Genesis 2 v 4 to end Matthew 21 v 33 to end
Thurs	Psalm 21 Genesis 3 Matthew 22 v 1 - 14
Fri	<i>Aelred of Hexham, Abbot of Rievaulx, 1167</i> Psalm 67 Genesis 4 v 1 – 16 and 25 - 26 Matthew 22 v 15 - 33
Sat	<i>Hilary, Bishop of Poitiers, 367</i> Psalm 33 Genesis 6 v 1 - 10 Matthew 22 v 34 to end

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 8th	1:30 – 3:00 pm The <i>Thinking about God</i> group meets in the Undercroft 2:00 pm The U3A Singing Folk group
Tues 9th	12:00 – 12:30 pm Healing Service
Wed 10th	10:30 – 11:00 am Café RefleXions 1:30 – 3:00 pm Harrogate Wellbeing Choir 7:30 pm Harrogate Harmony Men's Chorus
Thurs 11th	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 1:30 – 2:45 pm St Peter's Handbell Ringers 6:30 pm Wedding Rehearsal
Fri 12th	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 13th	12:00 pm The Wedding of Carrie Brown and Oliver Longstaff 
Sun 14th	<i>The Second Sunday of Epiphany</i> 1:00 – 1:30 pm Sunday Lunch 7:30 – 8:30 pm AA meeting in the Brostoff Hall 5:30 – 7:00 pm <i>Sanctuary</i> , our youth group are meeting in the Brostoff Hall

Next Sunday 14th January

The Second Sunday of Epiphany

8:30	Holy Communion
9:30	Family Communion
11:00	Choral Communion
4:15	Stepping Stones Service – <i>Holy Communion</i>
6:30	Choral Evensong by candlelight

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.

Thank you, but we should have done more

The Bishop of Norwich, Graham Usher, lead bishop for Environmental Affairs, reflects on COP28



In November I wrote about my hopes for COP28. We needed a commitment to phase out fossil fuels, make significant progress with the Loss and Damage Fund, prioritise resilience building for climate vulnerable communities, and create a transition to green development pathways that is just and ambitious.

COP28 has seen some progress on these items. Like a cracked record, I say again: Thank you, but we should have done more. \$700m has been pledged for the Loss and Damage Fund, with further funding pledges for adaptation and resilience building. Both are a start, but the amounts are not nearly enough to support even the existing schemes in the pipeline to support the poorest and least resilient communities in the world who have pumped the least carbon into the atmosphere.

While it is very significant that the words 'fossil fuels' have made it into the final agreement, it remains disappointing that the parties have failed to agree the most important pledge – the need to completely phase out fossil fuels. The Alliance for Small Island States said: "the process has failed us".

But when will the world wake up to the urgency?

The UK Government's clear position of a phase out of fossil fuels means it can have global moral leadership in this area. Without a phase out of fossil fuels there is no pathway to net zero carbon. Those on the frontline of the climate crisis cannot wait yet another year.

I am inspired by how Jesus spoke of finding the fullness of life, how he reached out to the poorest around him, and how he noticed the beauty of nature. The Church of England has a clear role in continuing to be a place of thanksgiving for our life in Jesus, hope for the poor, and prophetic action to care for our planet.

I urge us all, and particularly world leaders, to remember that the pledges made at COP28 do not have to be the upper limits of our climate action. We can and must reach further. That goal must be a fossil fuel phase out and a re-centring of our priorities towards the care of creation and the poorest people with whom we share this one, beautiful planet.

The Rt Revd Graham Usher - Bishop of Norwich

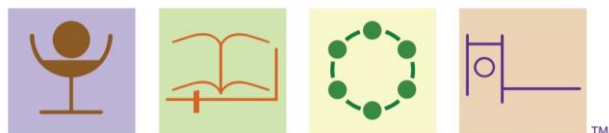
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services from



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St Peter's PGS number is: **460646304**

Next Week's Deadline

The deadline for the next edition of
the Weekly News (14th January) will
be noon on Wednesday 10th January.
Please send any items (including
photos) to **The Weekly News Editor**,
Marian Chambers, or to the Vicar,
Alan Garrow.



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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