



Weekly News

8th August 2021

The Tenth Sunday after Trinity

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

And there was worship



We are here to worship Almighty God. That's our purpose as human beings and that's our purpose as a church! As we steadily rebuild our pattern of worship there are a surprising number of elements that need to come together. The church needs to be cleaned and the floral displays created. The audio-visual equipment prepared and set up, driven, and packed away. The altar prepared and cleared. The doors opened, and the people welcomed. The bells rung. The contactless giving machine set up and cash donations counted. The Weekly News written, laid out, printed, and distributed. The music selected, rehearsed, played and sung. The service led, the readings read, the prayers prayed, and the sermon preached. The after-service coffee prepared, served and cleared. And the furniture arranging for the next event.

Beyond the pandemic: the collection needs to be taken, the communion elements and Breakfast Club basket brought to the altar, and the bread and wine of Holy Communion administered. And that's not to mention the Sunday Club (more on that soon) ... and so on, until, eventually, someone locks up at the end of the day. That's about a hundred volunteers! If you'd like to be part of the amazing network of people who support our worship, then please offer your services to the team leader concerned (if you know who they are) or mention your willingness to one of our Churchwardens, Sarah Martin and Sian Lockwood.

Alan Garrow, Vicar of St Peter's Church

The first major event at Royal Hall for over a year!



Harrogate's Royal Hall is set to host its first major event since its closure last year — but some restrictions will remain in place. The Gilbert & Sullivan Festival, which takes starts today and runs from 8th - 18th August, will be limited to 55% of the venue's 950 seat capacity. A one-way system will also remain in place and those attending will be asked to wear a face mask. Usually the festival attracts audiences from around the world as well as groups from universities across the UK, but neither will be there this year. Tickets are available from www.gsfestivals.org or call the box office 01422 323252. Next Sunday there will be a Gilbert & Sullivan service here at 11:00 am.



The *Introduction to Theology* Course 2021/22

The *Introduction to Theology* twelve session course offers an opportunity to reflect upon the Christian faith and deepen your own personal journey. It's a good first step if you would like to develop your theological reflection, study skills, and/or begin to engage with the sources of Christian theology in a more academic way. The course will be running in three separate locations in 2021-22, please click on the links below for more information about each course, the cost, its location and specific dates:

- **Mirfield** (September to December 2021), book before 30th August 2021 - <https://learning.leeds.anglican.org/course/introduction-to-theology-mirfield>.
- **Bingley** (January to April 2022), book before 13th December 2021 - <https://learning.leeds.anglican.org/course/introduction-to-theology-bingley>.
- **Online** (April to July 2022), book before 4th April 2022 - <https://learning.leeds.anglican.org/course/introduction-to-theology-online-summer>. The study days will take place via Zoom, so you will need to have a laptop, tablet or PC with a camera and a microphone.

As there are only limited spaces available on each course, please book soon.

Picnic on The Stray with *Afternoon Church*

On Sunday 15th August *Afternoon Church* will be meeting for a picnic at 4:15 pm on The Stray (opposite the Vicarage) with games, songs and a talk. Please let our Curate, Chris Clayton (07407 258733 or chris.clayton@leeds.anglican.org) know if you are coming! In September *Afternoon Church* will return to its usual weekly pattern of Celtic Worship, Holy Communion, Crafternoon Church and Service of the Word.

Festival of the Earth helps to raise awareness of the climate crisis



Wakefield Council are holding a *Festival of the Earth* from July to October with an exciting collection of free events, activities and workshops. Right now there is an exhibition of paintings by Helen Thomas, which are inspired by urban wildflowers, at Wakefield Cathedral until 15th August. From 20th – 30th August visitors to the Cathedral will have the opportunity to engage with a stunning seven-metre replica of Earth, created by artist Luke Jerram, featuring detailed NASA imagery, with each centimetre of the internally-lit sculpture representing 18

kilometres of Earth's surface. There will also be all sorts of ticketed events and activities under the installation including a rock choir, a music concert and even a Pilates class! For more information about opening times and booking tickets visit: www.wakefieldcathedral.org.uk/gaia. To find out more about the *Festival of the Earth* visit: www.experiencewakefield.co.uk/guide/festivaloftheearth.

A celebration of Yorkshire Day and Lammas Day at Ripon Cathedral

A special service was held last Sunday to celebrate the beginning of the grain harvest and the agricultural industry in this part of Yorkshire. A special Lammas loaf and sheaves were blessed and placed at the altar. Canon Barry Pyke couldn't resist having a go on the tractor!



Today's Services: 8th August 2021

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8:30 Holy Communion

9:30 Family Communion

Today we welcome Saskia Robinson, who was baptised last Sunday at St Peter's.

Hymns 192 How lovely on the mountains; 124 Give thanks; 418 O Jesus, I have promised; 32 At the name of Jesus

Readings Ephesians 4 v 25 – 5 v 2
John 6 v 35 and v 41 - 51

Preacher: Sarah Martin

Today our Welcomer is
Pete Hallam
and our Duty Warden is
Kate Blake

11:00 Choral Matins

Setting Sanders in B flat (Jubilate)

Hymns 2, 599, 418

Psalm 89 v 1 -19

Readings 1 Kings 19 v 4 - 8
John 6 v 35 and v 41 - 51

Anthem The Lord bless you and keep you (*Rutter*)

Preacher: Sarah Martin

As we start to cautiously lift restrictions, we ask you to:

- continue to wear a face covering when moving about the building and when singing;
- use the hand sanitisers provided;
- avoid sitting directly behind anyone in the pew in front of you;
- wait to be asked to come forward for Communion;
- return to your seat by the one-way system (down the side aisles) after receiving Communion;
- be patient as we work out how to serve coffee after the service while still giving one another space!

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, 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 officials and athletes who participated in the Tokyo Olympic Games
Team GB, may they safely return home to their families and friends
- Tues** St Peter's Pastoral Support Team commissioned last Sunday
Those feeling lost, lonely and isolated
- Wed** All attending Café RefleXions
Local hospitality and leisure businesses having to close because staff are self-isolating
- Thurs** The NHS and other key workers
All the staff at Harrogate Hospital
- Fri** The Toddlers Group at St Peter's **Sanctuary**, St Peter's Youth Group
- Sat** Sarah Martin, Churchwarden
All those suffering from anxiety and depression

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** *Mary Sumner, founder of the Mothers' Union, 1921*
Psalm 71
Proverbs 1 v 1 - 19
Mark 2 v 23 – 3 v 6
- Tues** Psalm 73
Proverbs 1 v 20 to end
Mark 3 v 7 – 19a
- Wed** *Clare of Assisi*
Psalm 77
Proverbs 2
Mark 3 v 19b to end
- Thurs** Psalm 78 v 1 - 39
Proverbs 3 v 1 - 26
Mark 4 v 1 - 20
- Fri** *Florence Nightingale, nurse, social reformer, 1910*
Octavia Hill, social reformer
Psalm 55
Proverbs 3 v 27 – 4 v 19
Mark 4 v 21 - 34
- Sat** Psalm 76
Proverbs 6 v 1 - 19
Mark 4 v 35 to end

The Collect for the Tenth Sunday after Trinity

Let your merciful ears, O Lord, be open to the prayers of your humble servants; and that they may obtain their petitions make them to ask such things as shall please you;

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

Lord of heaven and earth, as Jesus taught his disciples to be persistent in prayer, give us patience and courage never to lose hope, but always to bring our prayers before you; 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 9th** 4:30 - 4:50 pm hot food to eat in or take-away
- Tues 10th** **12:00 – 12:30 pm Healing Service** - a simple reflective service, with prayers for healing with laying-on of hands (*no booking required*)
4:30 - 4:50 pm food parcels available
- Wed 11th** **10:30 – 11:00 am Café RefleXions** – a service combining reflective readings with coffee (or tea) and cake in an informal and relaxed setting (*no booking required*)
4:30 - 4:50 pm hot food to eat in or take-away
- Thurs 12th** 9:30 – 11:00 am Toddler Group
11:00 am Holy Communion (*no booking required*)
4:30 - 4:50 pm food parcels available
- Fri 13th** 4:30 - 4:50 pm hot food to eat in or take-away
- Sat 14th** 4:30 - 4:50 pm food parcels available
- Sun 15th** **The Eleventh Sunday after Trinity**
1:00 – 1:30 pm Sunday Lunch
4:15 Afternoon Church – Picnic on The Stray (opposite the Vicarage) with games, songs and a talk. Please let Chris Clayton (07407 258733 or chris.clayton@leeds.anglican.org) know if you are coming!

Next Sunday 15th August **The Eleventh Sunday after Trinity**

- 8:30 Holy Communion
9:30 Family Communion
11:00 Gilbert & Sullivan Service
4:15 Afternoon Church – Picnic on The Stray

Booking is no longer required for these Sunday Services

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.

Food parcels are available 4:30 – 4:50 pm on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays.

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Dignity Through Education

Providing education to the children of Sri Lanka's tea plantations

Tea cultivation was introduced to Sri Lanka by British colonialists in the 1820s. The tea plantation system was run with an indentured workforce, mainly brought in from Tamil Nadu in India. When Sri Lanka became independent in 1948, the tea workers were marginalized, legally designated as 'temporary immigrants' and denied citizenship. Their descendants only gained Sri Lankan citizenship in 2003.



Today, the work remains physically demanding, with harsh conditions and extremely poor pay. A 2019 investigation by the Thomson Reuters Foundation found take-home wages in some tea estates certified by Rainforest Alliance and Fairtrade were as little as 26 rupees a day (£0.11) after the deduction of debt repayments, salary advances and other fees. Another concern is the living conditions. Accommodation on tea estates generally consists of overcrowded, tin-roofed 'line rooms' - usually five in a row and originally built in the 19th century by the British – each room houses a family. Sanitation is often an outside tap and cesspit toilet; the electricity supply is unreliable; education and medical facilities are patchy.

Dignity Through Education was set up in 2016 by Theva Thevarokiam, a Sri Lankan who worked as a teacher in Colombo before moving to the UK in 1975. The charity provides small bursaries to help the children from tea plantation families to access higher education and improve their prospects. Individual sponsors pay £12 per month to support a student. They can keep in touch with each other by WhatsApp or email. If you would like to know more, become a sponsor or make a one-off donation please visit www.dignitythrougheducation.co.uk.

M Krishnasoban from Bogawantalawa in Nuwara Eliya District

*The money given to me by my donor through **Dignity Through Education** has been of great help for my university education for the past 4 years. I spent the scholarship money for my university studies and for publishing a Human Geography book for A level students. During my time at University I have been to many schools to give talks to A level students in Geography. My thanks to my donor and to DTE.*

I am glad to inform that I have been appointed as an Assistant Lecturer in Department of Geography, University of Colombo.





St Peter's is continuing to give out food **every day** to those in need. If you would like to donate something please bring it to Church from 8:00 – 9:00 am on Mondays to Saturdays, 1:00 – 2:00 pm on Sundays or 4:00 – 5:00 pm daily. Thank you!



Dandelions and Double Yellows

New paintings by Helen Thomas

10th July - 15th August, Wakefield Cathedral



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Next Week's Deadline

The deadline for the next edition of the Weekly News (15th August) will be noon on Wednesday 11th August. Please send any items (including photos) to Alan Garrow or to Marian Chambers (addresses below).

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You can join us
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New to St Peter's? Please give your contact details to one of the Clergy after the service.