



Weekly News

8th December 2024

The Second Sunday of Advent

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You are invited to '*Being With*'!



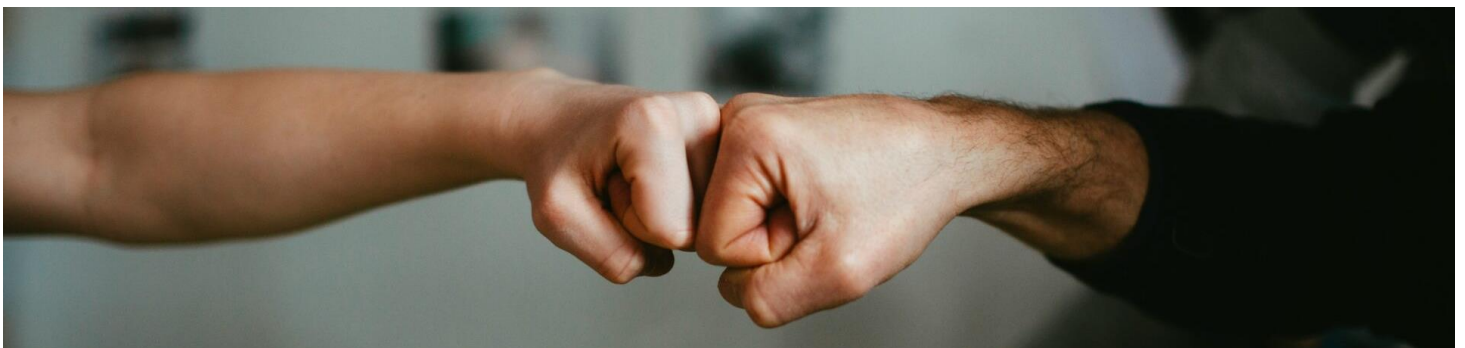
**Being
With**

From 26th January to 2nd April, our Curate, Karin Shaw; Prayer Ministry Leader, Pauline Harrison; and Lay Readers, Stuart and Catharine Davies; are putting on the *Being With* course – ten weeks of gatherings online. We are offering a Sunday and a weekday (Wednesday) group, both meeting from 7:15 – 8:45 pm.

We will spend time with one another, building relationships in a relaxed but structured way to explore faith (especially those who are new to it or have questions). It will be as comfortable as chatting in the pub, but it is also structured – so the time flies, no one voice dominates and we are kept 'on-topic'! And meeting online means you can choose your favourite drink! Because we are all made in the image of God, we expect to also meet with God as we consider one another's stories. These conversations do not need prior knowledge or study – just a simple willingness to share what you do know or feel ...

Each session has a theme. Participants are invited (not compelled!) to share ideas or experiences which help us mull it over. It is a conversation, not something to prepare. A short talk is presented, written by Sam Wells, Vicar of St Martin-in-the-Fields (and a regular speaker on *Thought for the Day* on Radio 4), and then there is more conversation. Our stories are weaved into Sam's talk. It is wonder-ful!

Email karin.shaw@leeds.anglican.org if you are interested or want to join the guest list. Click on these links to see more from the national team: <https://being-with.org/> or <https://www.stmartin-in-the-fields.org/people/revd-dr-sam-wells/>



St Peter's Afternoon Fellowship's Christmas Party

St Peter's Afternoon Fellowship will be holding their Christmas Party on Tuesday 10th December from 2:00 – 4:00 pm in Church, with carol singing and a festive Christmas afternoon tea. Please confirm your attendance by contacting Leigh Thompson (01423 884 899 or 07824 747 912 or leigh.a.thompson@hotmail.co.uk). It's important that places are confirmed as we have limited spaces and priority will be given to regular attendees.



Come for lunch next Sunday

The Sunday Lunch Club meets again next Sunday 15th December. It is open to everyone and there's no need to book or bring anything – although any donations towards the cost will be gratefully received! Lunch will be served at 1:00 pm. Please speak to Hannah Beck (07503 186 455) or Yvonne Dawes (07960 779 381) if you would like to know more.

St Peter's Christmas Tree Festival: 7th – 14th December 2024

Our annual Christmas Tree Festival started yesterday and continues until next Saturday 14th December. During the Festival visitors will be invited to vote for their three favourite trees and the winners will be announced at the 9:30 am Family Communion next Sunday 15th December. Don't forget to vote!

Editor's note: this piece appeared in last week's Weekly News in error – well done if you spotted that and thank you for pointing it out!

JERVAULX SINGERS
DIRECTOR CHARLIS COVER-EMITH

In dulci jubilo

Choral Anthems for Christmas
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21 SAT DEC 2024

St. John's Church
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7:30 PM

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ST PETER'S HARROGATE
FEEDING HUNGRY PEOPLE

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

Well done Sarah Martin, for organising **St Peter's Christmas Fair** on Saturday 30th November. Many thanks to all the stallholders and especially Catherine Medforth and her team for providing the refreshments.

The total raised for St Peter's Church was £1,871.50!

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 12th December at 11:30 am after the Holy Communion service. They will be serving hot drinks, homemade soups, fresh sandwiches, scones and delicious cakes!



Having a Christmas break?

If your group is taking a Christmas break in the next few weeks, then please let me know before the deadline for both the Christmas and New Year Weekly News editions – **noon on Wednesday 18th December**. I would also like to take this opportunity to wish all our readers and contributors a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Marian Chambers (*Weekly News Editor*)

Christmas Lunch will be served at St Peter's at 1:00 pm on Christmas Day!



Join us this CHRISTMAS

St Peter's Christmas Fair
10:30 am – 3:30 pm 30th November
Advent Candle Service
6:30 pm 1st December

Saturday Shoppers' Carols
3:00 pm and 4:00 pm 7th December
3:00 pm and 4:00 pm 14th December

St Peter's Christmas Tree Festival
7th – 14th December

Performance of Handel's Messiah
7:15 pm 20th December
Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols
6:30 pm 22nd December

Christmas Eve
3:00 and 4:30 pm Christingle Services
6:30 pm Carols for Christmas Eve
11:30 pm Midnight Mass

Christmas Day
8:30 am Holy Communion
9:30 am Family Communion
11:00 am Christmas Day Worship

New Year's Eve
4:00 – 6:00 pm Pray for 2025
11:30 pm Watchnight Service

Find all our services and events at www.stpetersharrogate.org.uk

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ST PETER'S CHURCH HARROGATE
G F Handel

Messiah

Jenny Stafford soprano
Elisabeth Paul mezzo-soprano
Toby Ward tenor
Andrew Greenan bass
Anthony Gray organ
John Longstaff director

Choirs of St Peter's and St Wilfrid's Churches
Harrogate Voices
Harrogate Handel Players (leader Fiona Love)

Friday 20th December 2024 7:15pm

Tickets £18 from Eventbrite (no booking fee) or
from St. Peter's Parish Office 07425 161425 (cash or cheques only),
or on the door (credit card payments accepted).

Today's Services: 8th December 2024

The Second Sunday of Advent

8:30 Holy Communion

9:30 Family Communion

There is Sunday Club for school age children today - please gather in the café area at the front of Church at the start of the service. Please come to St Mary's Chapel after you have received Communion if you would like to pray with our Prayer Ministry Team.

Hymns God whose love is everywhere; **243** In the bleak midwinter; **251**
It came upon the midnight clear; **33** At this time of giving

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

Preacher: Catharine Davies

Our Duty Wardens today are:

Mike Davies and
Paul Medforth

11:00 Choral Matins

Setting Jackson in G (Benedicite)

Hymns 26, 93, 29

Psalm 80

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

Anthem This is the record of John (*Gibbons*)

Preacher: Catharine Davies

4:15 pm Stepping Stones Service *Holy Communion*

Preacher: Chris Clayton

6:30 Choral Evensong by candlelight

Setting Byrd (Second Service)

Hymns 24, 40, 608

Psalm 40

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

Anthem Ascribe unto the Lord (*S S Wesley*)

Preacher: Michael Hunter



The Second Sunday in Advent

Today we light the second purple candle on our Advent wreath that is a symbol of **peace**. Psalm 46 v 10 tells us ... *Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth.* God can help us to find **peace** in the midst of what feels like chaos in our world.

Please pray for those who have asked for our prayers:

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

RIP: Marian Holmes

Also in our prayers this week:

- Mon** Chris Clayton, Associate Vicar
The Stepping Stones Services
- Tues** *Mission Possible UK*, serving the poor in Africa and Eastern Europe
The team preparing hot meals during the week
- Wed** Siân Lockwood, Churchwarden
All those serving refreshments after our services
- Thurs** *ARTIZAN International*, giving opportunities to people with disabilities in the UK and overseas
Kate Blake, Safeguarding Officer
- Fri** Hannah Beck, Lay Reader
St Peter's Bellringers
- Sat** Harrogate Deanery
Helen Camm, Deanery Synod Secretary

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** Psalm 30
Isaiah 45 v 14 to end
1 Thessalonians 1
- Tues** Psalm 56
Isaiah 46
1 Thessalonians 2 v 1 - 12
- Wed** Psalm 62
Isaiah 47
1 Thessalonians 2 v 13 to end
- Thurs** Psalm 54
Isaiah 48 v 1 - 11
1 Thessalonians 3
- Fri** *Lucy, Martyr at Syracuse, 304*
Psalm 86
Isaiah 48 v 12 to end
1 Thessalonians 4 v 1 - 12
- Sat** *John of the Cross, Poet, Teacher, 1591*
Psalm 42
Isaiah 49 v 1 - 13
1 Thessalonians 4 v 13 to end

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 Church is open to visitors from 9:30 am – 3:30 pm every day except Sundays. The Christmas Tree Festival runs from 7th – 14th December, don't forget to vote for your favourites – the winners will be announced on Sunday 15th December!

- Mon 9th** 11:00 am – 1:00 pm *Sit-n-Knit* in Church
1:30 – 3:00 pm *The Thinking about God* group in the Undercroft
2:00 pm The U3A Singing Folk group
- Tues 10th** ***International Human Rights Day***
12:00 – 12:30 pm Healing Service
2:00 – 4:00 pm St Peter's Afternoon Fellowship's Christmas Party
- Wed 11th** **10:30 – 11:00 am Café Reflexions**
7:30 pm Harrogate Harmony Men's Chorus
- Thurs 12th** 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 Handbells
7:30 pm St Peter's Choir Practice
- Fri 13th** 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 14th** **3:00 pm Shoppers' Carols**
4:00 pm Shoppers' Carols
These services will be just twenty minutes long, with three classic carols, a reading, a prayer and a talk.
- Sun 15th** ***The Third Sunday of Advent***
1:00 pm The Sunday Lunch Club
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 their Christmas Party!

Next Sunday 15th December **The Third Sunday of Advent**

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

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.

Bring and Sing! with Gareth Malone at the Leeds Lieder Festival

The organizers have announced a *Bring and Sing! with Gareth Malone* on Saturday 5th April 2025 at Leeds Minster, as part of their 2025 Festival, 'Song, the secret of Eternity' (5th – 12th April 2025). They are welcoming the captivating choir master to train the *Bring and Sing! Chorus* in Fauré's Requiem. Rehearsals begin at 3:00 pm followed by a performance in the Minster at 6:00 pm. Come along and enjoy lifting your voices in this stunning setting. Tickets for this event and the concert are already on sale at:



www.leedslieder.org.uk/whats-on/bring-and-sing-rehearsal-with-gareth-malone.

An update from Wellspring Therapy & Training



Like many charities, Wellspring is now facing challenges due to the cost-of-living crisis. Increased demand and reduced income require us to adapt and make changes to ensure our long-term sustainability. To navigate these turbulent times, we've undertaken a comprehensive consultation with staff, clients, and stakeholders.

This process has led us to restructure our services, prioritising support for children, young people, and their families. We will continue to serve over a hundred adults every week whilst we build up our Children and Young People's Service.

National statistics reveal a staggering **445% increase in referrals to children's mental health services since 2018 in England!** Locally, young people and their parents tell us they are facing agonising waits for essential support. By focusing on early intervention, **we aim to prevent long-term suffering and build resilience for future generations.** We remain committed to serving over 150 adults and children weekly, but we need your help to sustain and expand our work with the aim of supporting an extra 30 - 60 children every year. **Here's how you can make a difference:**

- **Donate** regularly every month or make a one-off gift;
- **Fundraise** for Wellspring – organise a fun run, a bake sale or other event to raise vital funds. Contact us and we will support your efforts.
- **Volunteer** your time – we need welcomers, administrators and event planners.

Visit <https://wellspringtherapy.co.uk/get-involved> to find out more.

John Wood, *Chair of Trustees*

From Harrogate to the Pyramids

Harry Satloka of Harrogate Walking Tours is back home after his charity cycle ride in aid of *Artizan International*. Just five days from the finish he had a serious accident with a van while cycling through Turkey. However, he did make it to his final destination on a bus and a borrowed bike. We hope he makes a full recovery!





Refreshments are served after each of our Sunday morning services from the kitchen

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



St Peter's is continuing to give out food **every day** to those in need. Please, when you do your shopping this week, remember to pick up a few tins or some toiletries to bring to Church next week to put in the hamper. **Thank you!**

Next Week's Deadline

The deadline for the next edition of the Weekly News (15th December) will be noon on Wednesday 11th December. 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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