

# **Weekly News**

# 4<sup>th</sup> February 2018

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### **Getting ready for Lent**

I don't know about you but I often feel a bit caught out by Lent – especially when Ash Wednesday falls as early as 14<sup>th</sup> February. Now is definitely not too early to start planning how to make the most of it!

One resource I'd like to recommend is **#LiveLent – Let Your Light Shine**. Every day it offers a short **reading** from the Gospel of John, followed by a brief reflection. This is

followed by an invitation to simply stop for a moment and to **pause** and reflect on what the passage might mean to us. Having paused, it follows naturally that we go on to **pray** about our own journey with Jesus and to ask that others too may discover the



fullness of God's life, as we pray in the words Jesus gave us ... *Thy kingdom come*. Finally there is an invitation to **witness**, to do something each day to help make God's life a reality for others, through our words and our life. These daily actions are set out in a little booklet, available for £2. Alternatively, you can text **Lent** to **88802** to have the reflections sent to direct to your phone. If you'd like a booklet, please sign up on the Welcome Desk today so we can order the right number of copies.

Alongside the little booklet there is a companion 5-session course for **groups**. There will more information about how to sign up for one of these groups in next week's *Weekly News*. Other Lent resources available, as described in this week's *Weekly News*, include: the Thursday **'Faith and the Workplace' lunches** and Bishop Helen-Ann's **day of prayer** at Ripon Cathedral. So, a few options to consider as you plan your approach to Lent.

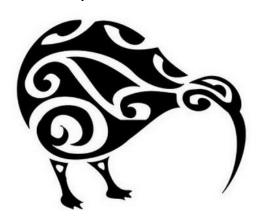
Alan Garrow, *Vicar of St Peter's* 

## Lent 2018 at St Peter's - Faith and the Workplace

What has the Christian faith got to do with the world of work? Here's an opportunity to find out how five very different people seek to express their beliefs and values in a variety of everyday situations. A series of short interviews will take place at St Peter's Church, between 12:30 and 1:00 pm on Thursdays during the season of Lent. At the same time refreshments will be available from our regular Thursday Lunchtime Reflexions catering team. Do join us for all or part of the series – see you there.

Thursday 22nd February Thursday 1st March Thursday 8th March Thursday 15th March Thursday 22nd March

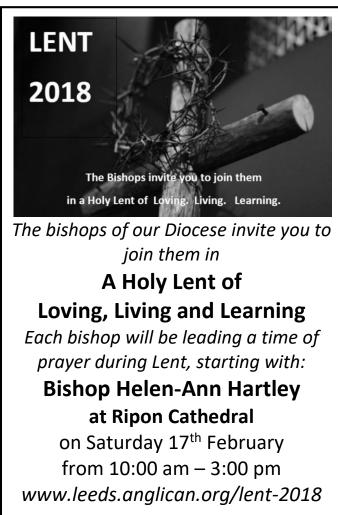
The Industrialist
The Optician
The Shopkeeper
The Accountant
The Taxi Driver



# Bishop Helen-Ann, Kia Ora!

There will be plenty of traditional Maori greetings like this today at Ripon Cathedral at the Service of Welcome and Instillation of The Right Reverend Helen-Ann Hartley as Bishop of Ripon at 3:30 pm. We offer a very warm welcome to Bishop Helen-Ann; please pray for her as she begins her new ministry in our diocese. Kia Ora means welcome in Maori!





## THE NET is on its way...

The next edition of our Parish newsletter, THE NET, comes out next Sunday in time for the beginning of Lent and the focus this time is on **Meeting the Team**. As well as all the details of our Lent and Easter services, you can find out more about our clergy and lay leaders. However, we still need more people to deliver the newsletter to households in our Parish – so if you are able to help then please contact Hannah Beck on 564942 or beckfamily@talktalk.net. Thank you!

Marian Chambers (Parish Newsletter Editor)

# Raising money for Western Primary School's new play area



Jen Bursell writes, "Thank you to everyone who voted for Western Primary School's bid to the Aviva Community Fund. Sorry to say we did not get the £25,000 we were hoping for, but we did get a grant of £2,500. We need your help again though! Tesco have chosen Western for their charity disc collection for the next 4 weeks - every time you shop please ask for a blue disc and it would be great if you could use it to vote for us. We are guaranteed £1,000 but if we come top

we will get £4,000! Thank you again for all your support - the money raised so far means work is definitely starting on the playground this July!"

# Inside the Temple – a poem by Barbara Stone

Sovereign Lord, as You have promised, You now dismiss your servant in peace.

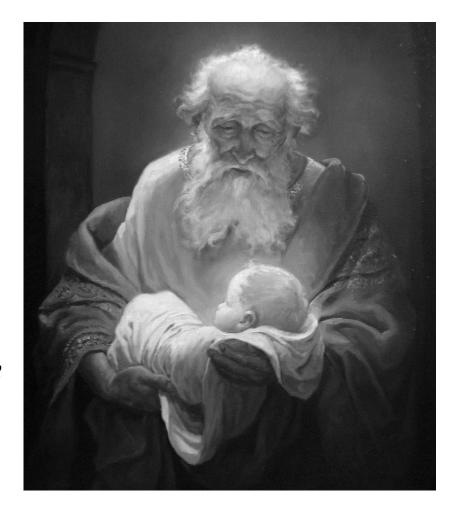
Luke 2: 29.

Who are you little one, who Simeon has blessed and thanked the Lord that now he'd find eternal rest?

And is it really true that you're the Promised Son? That God appointed you Messiah, Holy One?

Who are you, you whose name is: 'Chosen of the Lord'? And will your mother's soul be 'pierced by a sword'?

The people walking in darknes have seen a great light. Isaiah 9: 2 Who are you little one, who came one frosty night? Will you show us the way to your eternal light?



# **Today's Services: 4th February 2018**

The Second Sunday before Lent/Candlemas

8:30 Holy Communion

9:30 Family Communion

As this 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
 32, 40, 302, 234

 Reading
 Mark 1 v 29 -39

 Preacher:
 Alan Garrow

11:00 Choral Communion
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**Hymns** 368, 244, 573, 609

**Readings** 2 Corinthians 11 v 19 - 31

Luke 8 v 4 - 15

**Anthem** Panis Angelicus (*Franck*)

**Preacher:** Alan Garrow

**4:30 Afternoon Church** Holy Communion *Refreshments from 4.15* 

**Hymns:** 28, 27, 302 **Preacher:** Sue Pearce

6:30 Choral Evensong for Candlemas

**Setting** Stanford in G

**Hymns** 94, 360, 80 (omit\*)

Psalm 65

**Readings** Hosea 13 v 1 - 14

1 Corinthians 16 v 1 - 9

**Anthem** When to the temple Mary went (*Eccard*)

**Preacher:** Michael Hunter



At the 9:30 Service we offer prayer with laying on of hands. If you would like this ministry, please come up to receive the bread and wine (or a blessing) in St Mary's Chapel and wait behind in the pews there.

Our Duty Wardens today are:

Sarah Martin and Angus Turner

# Please pray for those who have asked for our prayers:

Tim Akers, Rosemary Almond, Janet Collinson, Denise Craven, Hilary Clark, Louise Emrullahu, Pam Gardiner, Gill Gibson, Peggy Harris, Vicky Harrison, Sue Heapy, Edna Hodgkiss, Caroline Kelly, Doreen Rhodes, Alan Richardson, Colin Sinclair and Linda Ware

RIP Kath McGough

### Also in our prayers this week:

**Mon** David Fisher, our Treasurer

Christian debt counselling charities

**Tues** St Peter's Flower Team

Her Majesty, the Queen, now in

the 66th year of her reign

**Wed** John Longstaff, Director of Music

St Peter's Choir

**Thurs** St Peter's Lay Baptism Team

Save the Children, providing relief to children in developing countries

Fri St Peter's PCC

Wellspring Therapy & Training, promoting good mental health

**Sat** Graham Cornish, one of our

retired clergy

The Wesley Centre

### **Daily Readings**

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 Psalm 1

Genesis 29 v 31 – 30 v

24

2 Timothy 4 v 1 - 8

**Tues** The Accession of Queen

Elizabeth II, 1952

Psalm 5

Genesis 31 v 1 - 24

2 Timothy 4 v 9 to end

**Wed** Psalm 119 v 1 - 32

Genesis 31 v 25 – 32 v 2

Titus 1

**Thurs** Psalm 15

Genesis 32 v 3 - 30

Titus 2

Fri Psalm 19

Genesis 33 v 1 - 17

Titus 3

Sat Psalm 23

Genesis 35

Philemon

## The Collect for the Second Sunday before Lent

Almighty God, you have created the heavens and the earth and made us in your own image:

teach us to discern your hand in all your works and your likeness in all your children;

through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns supreme over all things, now and for ever.

#### or

Almighty God, give us reverence for all creation and respect for every person, that we may mirror your likeness in Jesus Christ our Lord.

# What's on This Week

Morning Prayer is at 8:00 am and Evening Prayer at 5:00 pm daily

**Make Care Matter in Harrogate** – a North Yorkshire County Council public information exhibition in the Glass Foyer. Daily when Church is open.

**Mon 5**<sup>th</sup> 11:30 am Community Café

Tues 6<sup>th</sup> 12:30 pm Healing Service

**Wed 7**<sup>th</sup> 9:30 am Bible Reflexions – *A Journey into the Old Testament*:

Keeping faith with a faithful God

10:30 am Café RefleXion

6:00 pm Alpha this week asks – Why and how do I pray?

**Thurs 8**<sup>th</sup> 9:30 am Parent and Toddler Group

11:00 am Holy Communion 12:30 pm Lunchtime Reflexion

2:00 pm St Peter's Handbell Ringers at Wesley Chapel

7:30 pm The Undercroft Group

7:30 pm Choir Practice

**Fri 9**<sup>th</sup> 9:30 am AA Meeting

10:00 am St Peter's Cleaning Team

7:00 pm Bell Ringers

Sat 10<sup>th</sup> 10:00 am – 4:00 pm Refreshments provided by Time Together

A local charity providing support and opportunities for individuals with Autism, Asperger's and additional needs.

# Next Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> February The Sunday next before Lent

8:30 Holy Communion
9:30 Family Communion
11:00 Choral Matins

4:30 Afternoon Church –

Service of the Word

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 at the Wesley Centre each week at 1:00 pm, except for the third Sunday of the month when it is here at St Peter's.

Food parcels are available from 4:45 pm every day, except for Sundays, when it's 5:30 pm.

## Harrogate School of Theology & Mission

# Gospels Narratives part 1 – a Bible track seminar by The Revd Dr Jeremy Duff



The first of two in-depth sessions on the gospel narratives which lay at the heart of the New Testament and are our window onto the life and work of Jesus. This takes place at Mowbray Community Church on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> February, starting with a continental breakfast served from 9:30 am, and then a DVD presentation by Jeremy Duff, a former army officer and now principal of St Padarn's, the centre for ministry training in Wales, followed by a facilitated discussion. Tickets cost £5 per session, students £3, including breakfast and refreshments.

### What did Jesus really say? - a live lecture by The Revd Dr Alan Garrow

For the past century most scholars have suspected the existence of a very early set of sayings of Jesus, used in the creation of Matthew's and Luke's Gospels, that they commonly refer to as Q. If Q existed it should provide an even more accurate account what Jesus said, and what the first Christians believed about him, than the Gospels do. This could be significant because Q, as commonly understood,



doesn't include an account of Jesus' death or resurrection. But does the Q theory rest on a firm foundation? In this live lecture, on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> March 9.30-12.00noon at St Mark's Leeds Road (a change from the advertised programme), Alan will show that the traditional view of Q rests on two simple logical errors. When these errors are corrected the standard Q theory collapses; previously overlooked pre-Gospel sayings of Jesus come to light; and Luke's Gospel emerges as a particular source of insight into 'what Jesus really said'. Tickets cost £8, students £5, including breakfast and refreshments. For further details see www.hstm.org.uk.



**Pianist Wanted!** For Supporting Older People who hold a singing group on the third Wednesday of each month at St Peter's Church from 2:00 to 3:30pm. The role entails playing popular songs from their songbook, engaging with the group and generally having fun. Please contact Julia Lightfoot on 01423 531490 or at julialightfoot.sop@gmail.com if you can help.

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



of Church. Please come and join us.

Don't forget to pick up your copy of **A Short Guide to St Peter's Church** packed full of information - available for just £2 from our Welcomers!

# <u>Green Your Life</u> eco tip of the week

February – get to grips with your bills
Get to grips with your energy bills. The
information on a typical energy bill can
be confusing. But understanding it can
go a long way to helping you get to
grips with your energy use.



St Peter's gives out food parcels every day to those in need. Thank you so much if you remembered to bring some groceries to put in the hamper today.



**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 (11<sup>th</sup> February) will be noon on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February. Please send any items (including photos) to Alan Garrow: alan.garrow@gmail.com

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