



# Weekly News

2<sup>nd</sup> December 2018

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

## Pray for Harrogate

### HEALTH



- Demographic change.
- Workforce.
- Infrastructure.

### MEDIA



- Deploying limited resources – choosing what to cover and how.
- The future role of the local newspaper in sustaining a healthy community.
- The effects of social media on our young people and the quality of our public conversations.

### POLICE



- The ease with which people are scammed either online or over the phone.
- The challenges which the retail sector in Harrogate is facing.
- Cuts in finance to public sector.

### LOCAL POLITICS



- Adult Social Care.
- Air quality.
- Looked after children.

### BUSINESS



- Town centre business owners and concerns for long term viability of their business.
- Employees worried about their job security.
- The challenge to our 'Indies' from changing retail habits (e.g. increased online shopping).

### EDUCATION



- Families in crisis.
- Staff stress.
- The impact of funding shortfalls on support for children.

Earlier this year, Christians from a range of different churches across Harrogate gathered at the Cedar Court Hotel for the first of what we hope will be an Annual Civic Prayer Breakfast. We invited six representatives from different aspects of town life to tell us about areas of their work where we could support them in prayer.

Here is an indication of the prayer points they shared:

Robert Harrison, Chief Operating Officer for the Harrogate and District NHS Trust spoke about **Health**. Cllr Don Mackenzie from

North Yorkshire County Council spoke about **Local Politics**. Jean Macquarrie, Editor of the Harrogate Advertiser, spoke about the **Media**. Steve Scarre, President of Harrogate and District Chamber of Commerce, spoke about **Business**; Lisa Winwood, the very recently appointed Chief Constable for North Yorkshire spoke about the **Police**, and Julia Collins, Headteacher at St Peter's Primary School, spoke about **Education**.

This was an excellent, and very well supported, event. It was a great opportunity to gain an insight into the challenges faced by some key individuals in our community, and, as Christians with a common purpose, to pray for them.

Alan Garrow, *Vicar of St Peter's*



# ALPHA YOUTH Series

**Alpha**

St Peter's Church  
Cambridge Road  
Harrogate HG1 1PB  
Starting 13<sup>th</sup> January 2019  
Sundays 6:00 – 7:00 pm  
Contact the Revd Chris Clayton  
[chris.clayton@leeds.anglican.org](mailto:chris.clayton@leeds.anglican.org)

Alpha is coming  
to *town*

St Peter's Church  
Wednesdays 6:00 - 8:00 pm  
Starting 9<sup>th</sup> January 2019

Join us in 2019 #TryAlpha  
[Alpha.org/uk](http://Alpha.org/uk)

**Alpha**

**Thank you Net Casters! The Advent 2018 edition of THE NET, our Parish newsletter, came out last Sunday. If you have not already done so, please collect your newsletters today and deliver them as soon as you are able.**

Young people (Yr 7+) are invited to a

## Sanctuary Advent Special

Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> December  
6.00-8.30pm  
St Peter's Vicarage  
13 Beech Grove, HG2 0ET

**Sanctuary**  
St Peter's Youth

ST PETER'S HARROGATE  
FEEDING HUNGRY PEOPLE

Dress: smart casual  
RSVP [alan.garrow@gmail.com](mailto:alan.garrow@gmail.com)





## St Peter's Evening Fellowship Annual Dinner

This year St Peter's Evening Fellowship are holding their annual dinner at Ascot House, Kings Road, on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> December. The guest speaker is our very own Canon Tony Shepherd MBE, retired Vicar of St Peter's. Please contact Richard Bion on 01423 569701 or pick up a form from the back of Church to book your place.

## Sanctuary @ The Escape Room – the second chance!

If you missed the last visit to Clue HQ Escape Room in Harrogate or are just plotting your revenge, then you can have that chance on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> December. The cost this time has been discounted to £10 per person. We will meet in the Glass Foyer at 5:30 pm prompt and you will need to be collected by 8:00 pm. Make sure you book your place by Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> December with Chris Clayton (07407 258733).



## WOT – no flowers!

As we begin Advent, you will notice there are no flowers in Church, because Advent is a time of preparation and anticipation for Jesus entering our world. The flower team, prayerfully, and with much thought, try to find ways to enhance our beautiful building to the glory of God, and provide a visual aid to all those people who visit, or worship here. We hope you will look forward with anticipation to our Christmas offerings.



*Carols  
by  
Candlelight*

St Peter's Church

6:30 pm Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December

*Come and enjoy an evening of Christmas carols, featuring a choir and acclaimed harpist and singer, Lucy Bunce. There will be a retiring collection for:*



Doors open at 5:30 pm for you to enjoy Crafts stall – Mulled wine – Mince pies

## St Peter's Christmas Tree Festival

- Free -  
Admission

Sat. 8<sup>th</sup> - Sat. 15<sup>th</sup> December 2018

9.30am to 4pm daily\*

*Come and see our fantastic display of decorated trees!*

*Hang a message on our Tree of Remembrance*

*Vote for your favourite Christmas trees!*

*Festive fun for everyone!*



St Peter's Church, Cambridge Road, Harrogate HG1 1JW  
\*Church services & events permitting

# Today's Services: 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2018

## The First Sunday of Advent

**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** 41, 487, 357, 362

**Reading** Luke 21 v 25 - 36

**Preacher:** Hannah Beck

*At this 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.*

**11:00 Choral Communion**

**Setting** Day in B flat

**Hymns** 9, 36, 26, 362

**Readings** Romans 13 v 8 - 14

Matthew 21 v 1 - 13

**Anthem** The Truth from above (*Vaughan Williams*)

**Preacher:** Alan Garrow

**4:30 Afternoon Church Holy Communion**

*Refreshments from 4.15*

**Hymns:** 154, 487, 640

**Preacher:** Alan Garrow

**6:30 Advent Candle Service - please see order of service**

**Our Duty Wardens today are:**

Sian Lockwood and

Richard Bion



**New to St Peter's?** Please fill in one of the welcome cards in the pews and hand it to one of the clergy.



Refreshments are served after each of our Sunday morning services from the kitchen area at the front of Church. Please come and join us.

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

Tim Akers, Rosemary Almond, Jane and Brian Crabtree, Louise Emrullahu, Pam Gardiner, Gill Gibson, Vicky Harrison, Edna Hodgkiss, Caroline Kelly, Peter Norbury, Peggy Palmer, Alan Richardson, Frances Roxby-Proud, Colin Sinclair and Linda Ware.

**Also in our prayers this week:**

- Mon** John Longstaff, Director of Music  
St Peter's Choir
- Tues** All our Deputy and Duty Wardens  
St Peter's Sidespeople
- Wed** Those who are bereaved  
St Michael's Hospice
- Thurs** St Peter's Home Communion Team  
All who are housebound
- Fri** St Peter's Teaching & Learning  
Task Group  
*Craft Aid International*, giving opportunities to people with disabilities in the UK and overseas
- Sat** Sarah Martin, Lay Reader  
Our *Alpha* Team preparing for the new course starting in January

**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** Psalm 50  
Isaiah 42 v 18 to end  
Revelation 19
- Tues** Psalm 80  
Isaiah 43 v 1 - 13  
Revelation 20
- Wed** Psalm 7  
Isaiah 43 v 14 to end  
Revelation 21 v 1 - 8
- Thurs** *Nicholas, Bishop of Myra*  
Psalm 42  
Isaiah 44 v 1 - 8  
Revelation 21 v 9 - 21
- Fri** Psalm 25  
Isaiah 44 v 9 - 23  
Revelation 21 v 22 - 22  
v 5
- Sat** *The Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary*  
Psalm 9  
Isaiah 44 v 24 - 45 v 13  
Revelation 22 v 6 to end

**The Collect for the First Sunday of Advent**

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility; that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**or**

Almighty God, as your kingdom dawns, turn us from the darkness of sin to the light of holiness, that we may be ready to meet you in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

# What's on This Week

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

**Fairtrade Christmas Shop** – open Monday to Saturday from 10:00 am – 4:00 pm in the Old Baptistery.

**Mon 3<sup>rd</sup>** 2:00 pm Singing Folk

**Tues 4<sup>th</sup>** 12:30 pm Healing Service  
7:00 pm Harrogate Christmas Shop Windows awards

**Wed 5<sup>th</sup>** 9:30 am Bible RefleXions – **The Beatitudes**: Living with openness to God  
10:30 am Café RefleXion

**Thurs 6<sup>th</sup>** 9:30 am St Peter's 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 St Peter's Evening Fellowship's Annual Dinner at Ascot House, Kings Road  
7:30 pm Choir Practice

**Fri 7<sup>th</sup>** 9:30 am AA Meeting  
10:00 am St Peter's Cleaning Team  
12:00 pm Funeral of Wendy Smith in Church  
7:00 pm Bell Ringers  
5:30 pm **Carols by Candlelight** in aid of *Craft Aid International*

**Sat 8<sup>th</sup>** **St Peter's Christmas Tree Festival starts TODAY!**  
10:00 am – 4:00 pm our local **Amnesty International** group are holding a Refreshment Day. As part of the *Write for Rights* campaign, please sign Christmas cards and letters of support to people around the world whose rights are being denied.

**Sun 9<sup>th</sup>** 6:00 – 8:30 pm **Sanctuary Advent Special** at St Peter's Vicarage

## **Next Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> December** **The Second Sunday of Advent**

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.

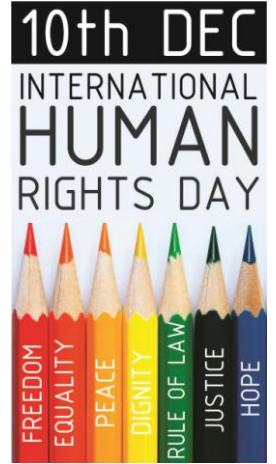


## Sing Carols round the piano with John Longstaff

The next St Peter's Afternoon Fellowship is on, Monday 10<sup>th</sup> December, from 2:00 – 4:00 pm, when John Longstaff, our Director of Music, will play the piano and lead some carol singing. Please call Gillian Taylor on 01423 500482 for further details.

## Mark Human Rights Day with *Amnesty International*

This year is the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Declaration of Human Rights and International Human Rights Day falls on 10<sup>th</sup> December. *Amnesty International* is holding a Refreshment Day at St Peter's this Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> December. Soup, sandwiches, cakes and drinks will be served from 10:00 am – 4:00 pm. As part of Amnesty's *Write for Rights* campaign, Christmas cards and letters of support will be written to people around the world whose rights are being denied; there is also a display and a quiz to try. Please support us on the day – and enjoy some delicious homemade food!



## #Follow the Star this Christmas

The Church of England's national Advent and Christmas campaign for 2018 includes an interactive calendar with some lovely **Star ideas for families and churches** in the countdown to Christmas, such as:

**Star Tree** – find a special star for your Christmas tree. As you put it on the tree, gather everyone around and say this special prayer:

*Star of wonder, star of light, may God's blessing be on our tree, on our home and in our hearts as we find the Christ child this Christmas.*

Find out more and join in at [www.churchofengland.org/followthestar](http://www.churchofengland.org/followthestar).





St Peter's gives out food parcels *every day* to those in need. Please, when you do your shopping this week, pick up some extra Christmas treats – food, chocolate or sweets, toiletries - to bring to Church next Sunday to put in the hamper. **A chance to make someone's Christmas a little happier!**

### **Could you help pack and/or deliver the Christmas Parcels?**

We are making up Christmas Parcels for families in need and the elderly on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December. Please let Patricia Stableford (526767) or Carole Raw in the Parish Office (568218) know if you are able help.



**A fantastic GRAND TOTAL of £3,226.07 was raised last Saturday. Well done and thank you for all your hard work!**

*Thank you for praying!*

**Jan Edwards**, who has been on our prayer list, would like to thank everyone for their prayers and heartfelt get well wishes. They have truly helped and sustained her through a very difficult time. She is now on the road to recovery.

### **Next Week's Deadline**

The deadline for the next edition of the Weekly News (9<sup>th</sup> December) will be noon on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> December. Please send any items (including photos) to Alan Garrow **or** to Marian Chambers (addresses below)

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