



Weekly News

23rd December 2018

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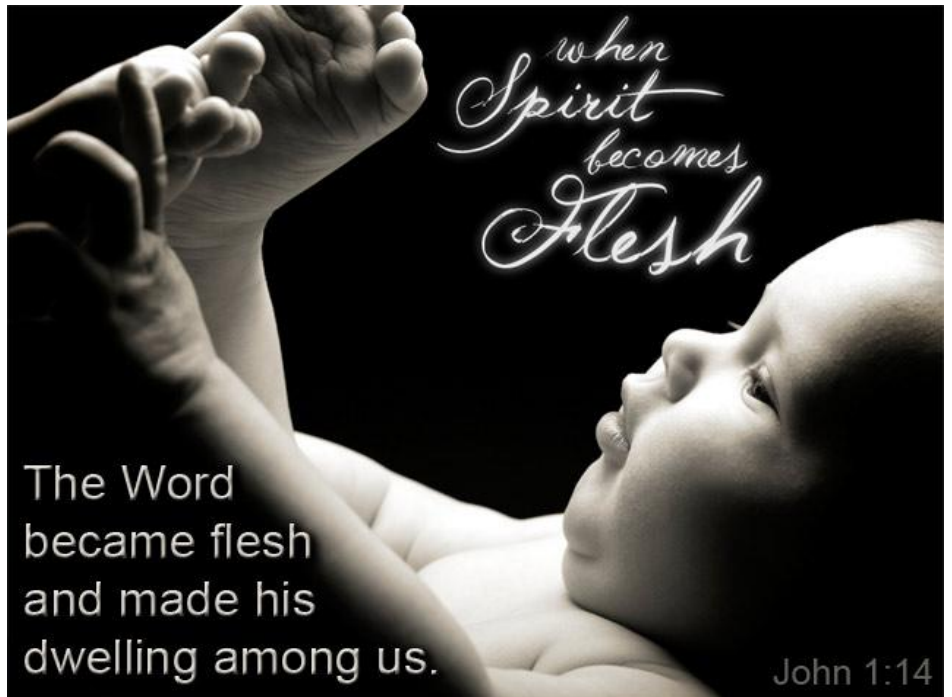
St Peter's Church, Cambridge Road, Harrogate, HG1 1PB

Why did the skeleton not go to the Christmas Service?

...because he had no body to go with!

Welcome to St Peter's in all your physical reality. Virtual reality and on-line interactions provide a valuable means of keeping in touch with distant friends and family, but there's nothing quite like real reality – real people gathering in a real place.

Here at St Peter's we love to meet in person – often with food or a cup of tea or coffee involved. In fact, you can get something to eat or drink before, during or after an event here on thirteen different occasions in any given week. In addition, from 9th January onwards, you are invited to a meal over a series of Wednesday evenings as



part of Alpha. Alpha is an opportunity to explore life, faith and meaning in a hospitable, easy-going environment. Each evening starts at 6:00 pm with a delicious home-cooked meal, followed by a short film about an aspect of life, faith and meaning, followed by open discussion. Alpha is a great way to get to know people – in person – and to explore what you believe.

If you'd like to join us for Alpha, fill in and return one of the invitations at the ends of the pew. To find out more about all the other occasions when you'll be truly welcome at St Peter's, visit: www.stpetersharrogate.org.uk.

As we venture into 2019, thank God for a God who chose to meet us physically and in person, and whose faithfulness stops at nothing.

Alan Garrow, Vicar of St Peter's

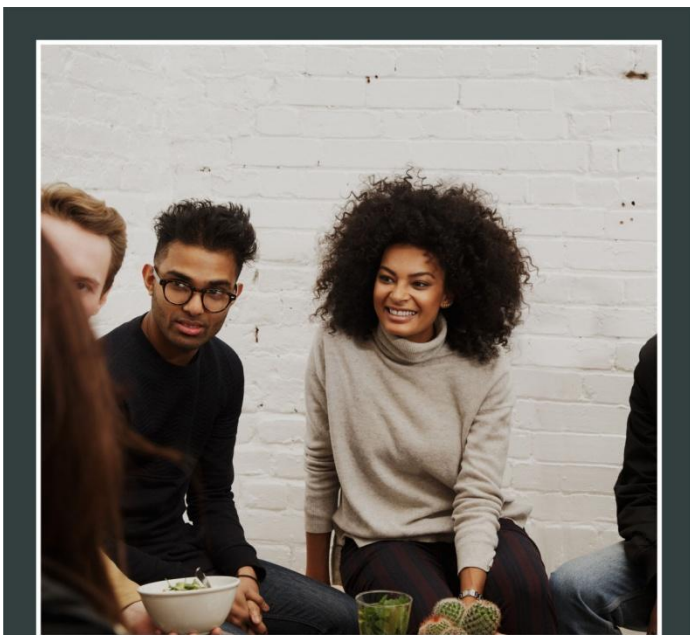


Watchnight Service

This atmospheric, candlelit service takes place next Monday, New Year's Eve, starting at 11:30 pm with beautiful, choral music from St Peter's Choir. Please join us to bring in the New Year!

Christingle – 50 years of helping children and young people

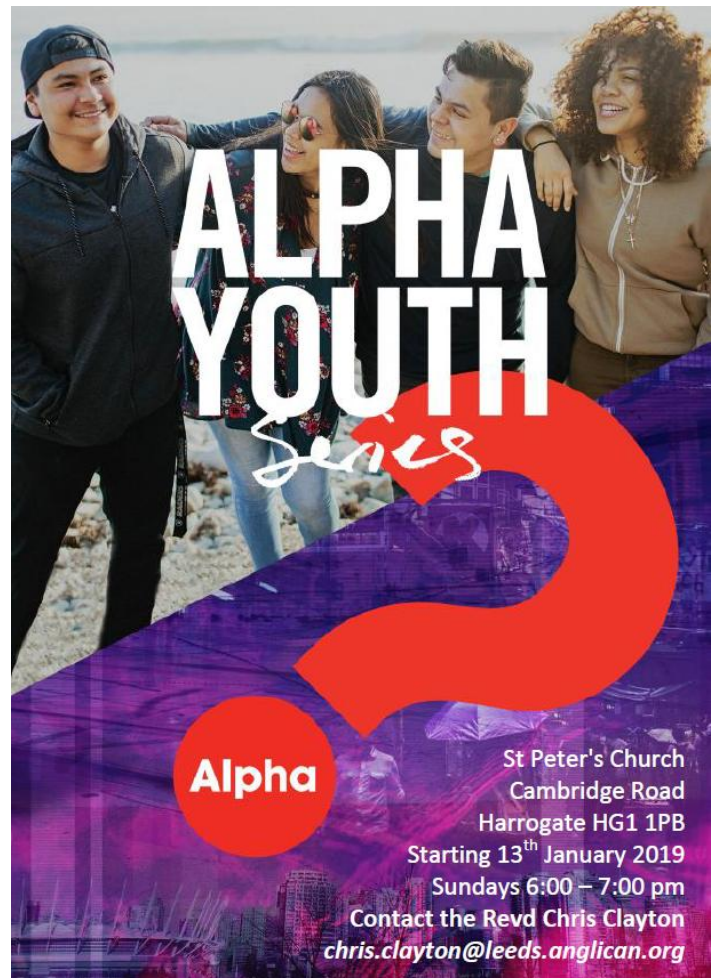
This year is a very special one for Christingle as it is 50 years since the first service in England at Lincoln Cathedral on 7th December 1968, when *The Children's Society* adopted the idea and introduced it to the Church of England. Now the Christingle collections raise millions of pounds to support *The Children's Society's* work with young people who are experiencing a range of complex issues, and who feel alone. They hope to bring love to the hearts of children who feel ignored, sanctuary to the lives of those who feel unsafe and peace to the minds of young people who feel like they simply don't matter. Through Christingle, you can help give a child their first Christmas free from sadness and fear. **Please give generously!**



Alpha is coming to town

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

Join us in 2019 #TryAlpha
Alpha.org/uk



Alpha

St Peter's Church
Cambridge Road
Harrogate HG1 1PB
Starting 13th January 2019
Sundays 6:00 – 7:00 pm
Contact the Revd Chris Clayton
chris.clayton@leeds.anglican.org

St Peter's Christmas Tree Festival 2018 Winners



St Peter's Breakfast Club won the Adult category with Harrogate, light up a life this Christmas

Congratulations to all our winners and many thanks to the organisers **Sue Dawson** and **Louise Knight** for all your hard work!



The Crafternoon Church Candy Cane tree won the Children's prize

St Peter's Music Group (left) had the Most Creative tree and Fighting Ependymoma's Tree of Inspiration (right) was voted the best Organisation entry.



Today's Services: 23rd December 2018

The Fourth Sunday of Advent

The Fourth Sunday in Advent

8:30 Holy Communion

9:30 Family Communion

*There is **no** Sunday Club 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 Communion Service.*

Hymns 420, 243, 489, 491

Readings Magnificat
Luke 1 v 39 - 45

Preacher: Sue Pearce

Our Duty Wardens today are:

Oliver Longstaff and
Richard Bion

11:00 Choral Matins

Setting Dyson in F (Benedicite)

Hymns 29, 35, 601

Psalm 144

Readings Isaiah 32 v 1 - 8
Revelation 22 v 6 to end

Anthem I sing of a maid (*Jack Longstaff*)

Preacher: Hannah Beck

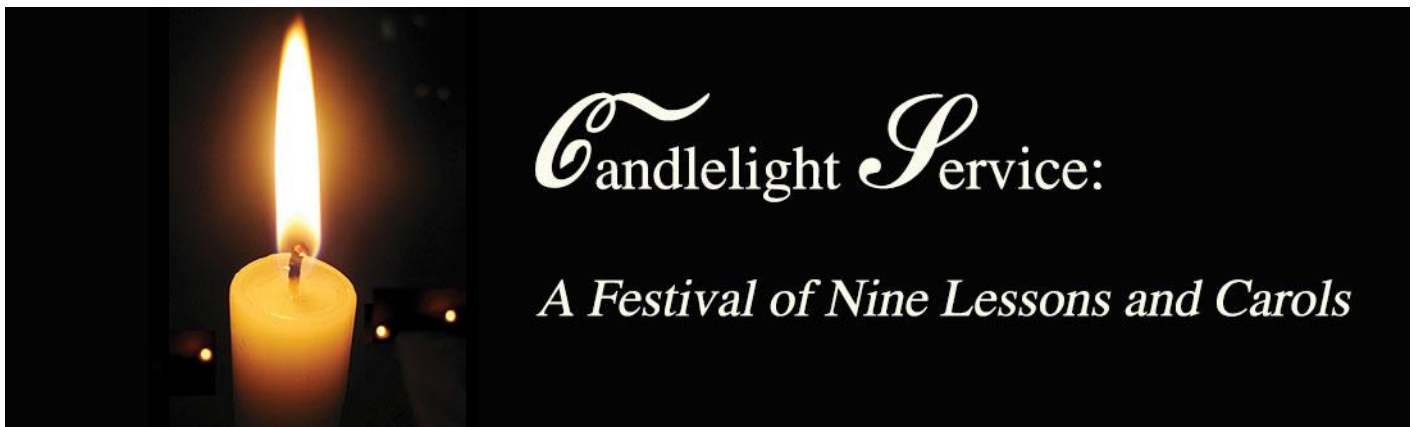
4:30 Afternoon Church *Refreshments from 4.15*

Hymns: 99, 120, 1404

Preacher: Chris Clayton



6:30 Service of Nine Lessons and Carols - *please see the order of service*



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.

Please pray for those who have asked for our prayers:

Tim Akers, Jane and Brian Crabtree, Louise Emrullahu, Pam Gardiner, Gill Gibson, Vicky Harrison, Edna Hodgkiss, David Neild, Peter Norbury, Alan Richardson, Frances Roxby-Proud, Colin Sinclair, Linda Ware and David Yardley.

Also in our prayers this week:

- Mon** St Peter's Bell Ringers
The emergency services, under pressure at Christmas
- Tues** The Hospital Chaplaincy Team
All the staff and patients at Harrogate Hospital
- Wed** St Peter's Lunchtime RefleXions
All those spending Christmas alone
- Thurs** St Peter's Sunday Club
The fragile ceasefire in Yemen
- Fri** St Peter's Breakfast Club
All those who are homeless this Christmas
- Sat** Sue Pearce, Assistant Priest
Jennyruth Workshop employing adults with learning difficulties

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** *Christmas Eve*
Psalm 45
Isaiah 52 v 13 – 53 to end
2 Peter 1 v 1 - 15
- Tues** *Christmas Day*
Psalm 110
Isaiah 62 v 1 - 5
Matthew 1 v 18 to end
- Wed** *Stephen, first martyr*
Psalm 13
Jeremiah 26 v 12 - 15
Acts 6
- Thurs** *John, apostle, evangelist*
Psalm 21
Exodus 33 v 12 to end
1 John 2 v 1 - 11
- Fri** *The Holy Innocents*
Psalm 36
Genesis 37 v 13 - 20
Matthew 18 v 1 - 10
- Sat** *Thomas Becket, martyr*
Psalm 19
Isaiah 57 v 15 to end
John 1 v 1 - 18

The Collect for the Fourth Sunday of Advent

Almighty God, you make us glad with the yearly remembrance of the birth of your Son Jesus Christ: grant that, as we joyfully receive him as our redeemer, so we may with sure confidence behold him when he shall come to be our judge; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

or

Almighty God, as we prepare with joy to celebrate the gift of the Christ-child, embrace the earth with your glory and be for us a living hope 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

Mon 24th

Christmas Eve

10:00 am Christingle making

10:00 am – 12:00 pm Shoppers' Coffee and Carols

3:00 pm Christingle Service

4:30 pm Christingle Service

6:30 pm Carols for Christmas Eve

11:30 pm Midnight Mass

Setting: Howells Collegium Regale (Gloria, Sanctus, Agnus Dei)

Readings: Isaiah 10 v 33 – 11 v 10

John 1 v 1 – 14

Anthems: Rocking Carol (arr *Willcocks*)

Christmas Processional (*Mack Wilberg*)

Preacher: Sue Pearce

Tues 25th

Christmas Day



8:30 am Holy Communion

9:30 am Family Communion

Hymns: 438, 36, 155, 408

Readings: Isaiah 9 v 2 – 7

Luke 2 v 1 - 14

Preacher: Hannah Beck

11:00 am Christmas Morning Service

Anthems: Ding dong merrily on high (arr *Charles Wood*)

Shepherds' Pipe Carol (*John Rutter*)

Readings: Isaiah 9 v 2 – 7

Luke 2 v 1 - 14

Preacher: Alan Garrow

Wed 26th

St Stephen's Day – Boxing Day

10:30 am Café RefleXion

Thurs 27th

11:00 am Holy Communion

Fri 28th

10:00 am St Peter's Cleaning Team

Sat 29th

No Refreshment Day today



Follow the Star: from Christmas to Epiphany

The Church of England's national Christmas campaign continues with ideas for journeying on with the star over the 12 days of Christmas e.g.:

Star tour: *make a string of 14 stars. Label each one with a different word: homeless, fighting, hungry, lonely, frightened, hurting, laughing, crying, hiding, running,*

working, singing, loving and searching. Starting on Christmas Eve choose one each day and pray that God's star light would be close to those in that situation.

Harrogate School of Theology & Mission

Professor Tom Wright – *Space, time and history: Jesus and the challenge of God.*

Come and hear this leading scholar and theologian at St Mark's Church on Saturday 12th January 2019, starting with a continental breakfast served from 9:30 am, then the lecture from 10:00 am – 12:00 pm. Tickets cost £8 (students £5) which includes breakfast and refreshments.

New Year Gala Concert at the Royal Hall

On Saturday 5th January 2019 at 7:30 pm in the Royal Hall enjoy the delights of Strauss, Lehar, Offenbach, Sousa, Rodgers, Hammerstein and much more with the National Festival Orchestra and our outstanding soloists. Special discounted tickets for those reading this newsletter; book on line and or by telephone (01423 323252) and enter/quote the code **STPETERS19** to buy one get one free. Not valid with any other concessions. Only valid in the Royal Hall for this New Year Gala Concert.



The flowers in Church today are to celebrate the

**Golden Wedding Anniversary of
Jennifer and Graham Cornish
on 27th December 2018**

Wesley Chapel

Oxford Street, Harrogate



Home alone on Christmas Day?

Come along to Wesley Chapel for some company and a free 3-course turkey lunch, served at 12:30 pm.

Please phone Philip on Harrogate 563990 to book your place.

Transport can be arranged if needed. You're also most welcome to come to our Family Christmas Service first at 11:00 am on Christmas morning.



Refreshments are served after each of our Sunday morning services from

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



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.

Next Sunday 30th December

The First Sunday of Christmas

8:30	Holy Communion
9:30	Family Communion
11:00	Choral Matins
4:30	Afternoon Church – <i>Service of the Word</i>
6:30	Evening Prayers (said)



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 full edition of the Weekly News (6th January 2019) will be noon on Wednesday 2nd January 2019. Please send any items (including photos) to Alan Garrow or to Marian Chambers (addresses below)

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