



Weekly News

30th December 2018

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Day 7 30TH DECEMBER

Refugee God

Read Matthew 2.13-15

'Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt'

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Flick the news on, any day, and images of war and conflict will be there. And together with them, people fleeing in search of safety.



Refugees are not a recent development. There have been refugees for as long as there have been wars, natural disasters and political tyrants. A few refugee crises make it to the news and rouse our compassion, but many are invisible in faraway countries, hoping and praying for better days.

It is often easy to imagine God is sat somewhere safe in heaven, in comfort and peace while we struggle down here on earth.

The story of Christmas does not allow us to fuel that image. Rather, in this story, we have a God who experiences the full brunt of the pain of the world, as his life is in danger, and his family flee to a foreign land, leaving home and scant possessions behind.

Refugee God, you came on earth, and were told there was no place for you. We pray today for all refugees, all fleeing violence, that they would find places of safety and people of welcome. Amen

Are there refugees in your area?

People who have fled from home?

Can you help in any way?

Today's Services: 30th December 2018

The First Sunday of Christmas
The Sunday after Christmas Day

8:30 Holy Communion

9:30 Family Communion

*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 420, 602, 357, 491

Readings Colossians 3 v 12 - 17

Luke 2 v 41 to end

Preacher: Alan Garrow

11:00 Choral Matins

Setting Stanford in B flat (Jubilate)

Hymns 67, 75, 444

Psalm 105 v 1 - 11

Readings Isaiah 41 v 21 – 42 v 1

Colossians 3 v 12 - 17

Anthem Lully, lulla thou tiny little child (*Kenneth Leighton*)

Preacher: Alan Garrow

4:30 Afternoon Church Service of the Word *Refreshments from 4.15*

Hymns: 602, 498, 36

Preacher: Hannah Beck

6:30 Evening Prayer (said)

Readings Isaiah 61

Luke 2 v 15 - 21

Our Duty Wardens today are:

Rachel Fell and

Sian Lockwood



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.

Next Sunday 6th January – The Epiphany

8:30	Holy Communion	4:30	Afternoon Church – <i>Service of the Word</i>
9:30	Family Communion		
11:00	Choral Communion	6:30	Choral Evensong

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 Players
All those working away from home this Christmas
- Tues** Those in the midst of famine or disaster
The work of aid agencies throughout the world
- Wed** **Sanctuary**, St Peter's Youth Group
Schools, colleges and universities
- Thurs** St Peter's Food Parcel Scheme
Those feeling overwhelmed and struggling with debt
- Fri** Those who are close to death
St Michael's Hospice
- Sat** Chris Clayton, Curate at St Peter's
The **Alpha Youth** course starting on 13th January 2019

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 102
Isaiah 59 v 12b to end
John 1 v 29 - 34
- Tues** *The naming and circumcision of Jesus*
Psalm 103
Genesis 17 v 1 - 13
Romans 2 v 17 to end
- Wed** *Basil the Great and Gregory of Nazianzus*
Psalm 18
Isaiah 60 v 1 - 12
John 1 v 35 - 42
- Thurs** Psalm 127
Isaiah 60 v 13 to end
John 1 v 43 to end
- Fri** Psalm 89 v 1 - 37
Isaiah 61
John 2 v 1 - 12
- Sat** Psalm 48
Isaiah 62
John 2 v 13 to end

The Collect for the First Sunday of Christmas

Almighty God, who wonderfully created us in your own image and yet more wonderfully restored us through your Son Jesus Christ:

grant that, as he came to share in our humanity, so we may share the life of his divinity; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

or

God in Trinity, eternal unity of perfect love: gather the nations to be one family, and draw us into your holy life through the birth of Emmanuel, our Lord Jesus Christ.



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

Please come and join us.

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.

What's on This Week:

Mon 31st *New Year's Eve*
4:00 -6:00 pm Lighting the new candles
11:30 Watchnight Service

Tues 1st *New Year's Day*
Wed 2nd 10:30 am Café RefleXion
Thurs 3rd 9:30 am St Peter's Parent and Toddlers Group
 11:00 am Holy Communion

Fri 4th 9:30 am AA Meeting
 10:00 am St Peter's Cleaning Team
 7:00 pm Bell Ringers

Sat 5th 10:00 am – 4:00 pm Refreshment Day held by Harrogate Brigantes Rotary Club

Church closed for repairs...

St Peter's Church will be closed to visitors from 8:30 am – 4:30 pm on Monday 7th and Tuesday 8th January 2019. Breakfast Club, Morning and Evening prayers will not be affected.

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.

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