



Weekly News

31st March 2019

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

A prayer for Mothering Sunday



Today we thank God for the gift of mothers and mothering across the world. Isaiah wrote that God is a mother to us, comforting and carrying us in her arms. *As one whom a mother comforts, so I will comfort you. Isaiah 66:13.*

Gentle, patient God – thank you for your tender care.

Isaiah also wrote that God will never forget us and that he knows each one of us just as a mother knows her own children.

Can a woman forget her baby at her breast, feel no pity for the child she has borne? Even if these were to forget, I shall not forget you. Isaiah 49:15

Gentle, patient God – thank you for your tender care.

David wrote that in God's presence, he was quiet and at peace, trusting his God like a child safe in its mother's arms.

No I hold myself in quiet and silence, like a child in its mothers' arms. Psalm 131:2

Gentle, patient God – thank you for your tender care.

Jesus spoke of himself as a mother, longing to wrap his arms around us like a mother-hen gathering her chicks under her wings.

How often have I longed to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings. Matthew 23:37

Gentle, patient God – thank you for your tender care.

Prayers for Mothering Sunday available from the Mother's Union at www.mothersunion.org



HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

Sunday 14th April

Palm Sunday

During our services today palm crosses are blessed and given out to commemorate Christ's entry into Jerusalem

Monday 15th April

6:30 pm Compline – a service of quietness and reflection before rest at the end of the day

Tuesday 16th April

6:30 pm Compline

Wednesday 17th April

7:00 pm Performance of **Bach's St Matthew Passion** with St Peter's Choir, guest singers and an orchestra

Thursday 18th April

Maundy Thursday

11:00 am Holy Communion

7:30 pm **Choral Communion commemorating the Last Supper**

Friday 19th April

Good Friday

10:00 am **Good Friday Family Service** with craft activities and hot cross buns

2:00 pm **An Hour before the Cross** – meditations and music on the crucifixion of Christ

Saturday 20th April

Easter Eve

7:30 pm **Lighting of the New Fire** led by our youth group, Sanctuary

Sunday 21st April

Easter Sunday

All our usual Sunday services – celebrating with joy Christ's resurrection.

Please give generously

St Peter's gives out food parcels every day to those in need. Please, when you do your shopping this week, remember to pick up something extra – a few tins or perhaps a special treat like a chocolate egg - to bring to Church next week to put in the hamper.



NEW TIME for Sanctuary

Our youth group, Sanctuary, will be meeting from **6:00 – 7:30 pm** from now on. The next meeting is on Sunday 7th April in the Brostoff Hall as usual. Then after the school Easter Holidays, they will be meeting **every Sunday** during term-time. Please speak to our curate, Chris Clayton, if you'd like to come along and join in the fun!



Reconnecting with learning

During our Lent Lunchtime RefleXions, on Thursdays from around 11:30 am onwards, we are considering ways to reconnect: with different aspects of ourselves, and with something larger than ourselves. Come and

enjoy a delicious lunch and listen to Christine Hines from *The University of the Third Age* talk about **reconnecting with learning**.

Would you like to sponsor our Easter Flowers?

St Peter's Flower Team will be decorating our Church for Easter and any donations will be most welcome. If you wish to have a loved one commemorated by name alongside the Easter Lilies on the High Altar, please give that person's name along with any donation (**cash only, please**) to Sue Heapy (07540 355 305) before 7th April.



Amnesty Book Sale in Knaresborough

Our local group is holding a Book Sale at the URC Church in Knaresborough from 10 am - 2 pm on Saturday 6th April. Refreshments will be available. Please contact Linzy on 01423 313208 if you have any books to donate. Thank you!

St Peter's Evening Fellowship
are holding a
Prize Quiz
on Thursday 4th April
at 7:30 pm
in the Brostoff Hall
Everyone is very welcome

ST PETER'S CHURCH HARROGATE

BACH
ST. MATTHEW PASSION
in a new English translation by John Longstaff and Andrew Greenan

Wednesday April 17 at 7.00pm

Toby Ward Evangelist Andrew Greenan Jesus
Heather Jane Taylor soprano Lucy Morton mezzo-soprano
Adam Piplica alto Philip Wilcox bass Simon Lindley organ
directed by John Longstaff

Choir of St. Peter's Church
Vocalis (director Alexander Kyle)
Harrogate Bach Players
(leader Fiona Love)

Tickets £12 from
St. Peter's Parish Office
Mon-Fri 10:00 am-5:00 pm
01423 568218 / 07425 161425
or from choir members, or on the door

Today's Services: 31st March 2019



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. Pre-schoolers and their parents are welcome to stay in this area, where there are toys and activities to share for the whole service.

Hymns 1404, 1575, 1541, 1674

Reading John 2 v 1 -11

Preacher: Alan Garrow

11:00 Choral Matins

Setting Harris in A (Benedicite)

Hymns 238, 517, 469

Psalm 85

Readings Exodus 2 v 1 - 10

John 19 v 25b - 27

Anthem Lord, for thy tender mercies' sake (*Farrant*)

Preacher: Hannah Beck

4:15 Afternoon Church Service of the Word

Hymns: 553, 129, 1624

Preacher: Alan Garrow

6:30 Choral Evensong

Setting Morley (Short Service)

Hymns 477, 109, 507

Psalm 30

Readings Isaiah 40 v 27 – 41 v 13

2 Timothy 4 v 1 - 18

Anthem Cast me not away from thy presence (*S S Wesley*)

Preacher: Michael Hunter

Thank you to 10th Harrogate St Peter's Rainbows, Brownies, Guides and Rangers for making the 250 posies of flowers and helping with the 9:30 am service today!

Our Duty Wardens today are:
Angus Turner and
Helen Moule



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, Helen Gardiner, Pam Gardiner, Gill Gibson, Vicky Harrison, Edna Hodgkiss, Sian Lockwood, Peter Norbury, Peggy Palmer, Alan Richardson, Frances Roxby-Proud, Colin Sinclair and Keith Ward

Also in our prayers this week:

- Mon** Our Parish Newsletter, THE NET
Those whose work is fraught with danger
- Tues** Those in the midst of famine or disaster
The work of *Christian Aid*
- Wed** St Peter's Evening Fellowship
Paul Medforth, Churchwarden
- Thurs** St Peter's Bible RefleXions Group
The people of Mozambique, Malawi and Zimbabwe who have lost everything in the floods
- Fri** John and Patricia Stableford,
Churchwardens Emeriti
St Peter's Cleaning Team
- Sat** Sarah Martin, Lay Reader
The Healing Prayer Group

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 77
Jeremiah 17 v 5 - 18
John 9 v 18 to end
- Tues** Psalm 79
Jeremiah 18 v 1 - 12
John 10 v 1 - 10
- Wed** Psalm 63
Jeremiah 18 v 13 to end
John 10 v 11 - 21
- Thurs** Psalm 86
Jeremiah 19 v 1 - 13
John 10 v 22 to end
- Fri** Psalm 102
Jeremiah 19 v 14 – 20 v 6
John 11 v 1 - 16
- Sat** Psalm 42
Jeremiah 20 v 7 to end
John 11 v 17 - 27

The Collect for Mothering Sunday

God of compassion, whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary, shared the life of a home in Nazareth, and on the cross drew the whole human family to himself: strengthen us in our daily living that in joy and in sorrow we may know the power of your presence to bind together and to heal; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

or

God of love, passionate and strong, tender and careful: watch over us and hold us all the days of our life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

What's on This Week

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

SPRING BOOK SALE – in the Glass Foyer in aid of Church funds. On Thursday 4th, Friday 5th and Saturday 6th April – please support!

- Mon 1st** 2:00 pm The Singing Folk group
7:30 pm Lent Pilgrim course: **The Beatitudes** at Hannah Beck's
- Tues 2nd** 10:00 am – 1:00 pm *The Seasons Art Class* in the Brostoff Hall
12:30 pm Healing Service
1:30 pm Funeral of Carol Ackroyd (*followed by committal at Stonefall*)
1:30 – 4:30 pm *The Seasons Art Class* in the Brostoff Hall
- Wed 3rd** 9:30 am Bible RefleXions: **The Eucharist** – Do this to remember me
10:30 am Café RefleXion
7:00 pm Lent Pilgrim course: **The Lord's Prayer** at Fiona Weare's
- Thurs 4th** 9:30 am St Peter's Parent and Toddler Group
11:00 am Holy Communion
11:30 am Lent Lunchtime RefleXions: **Reconnecting with learning** with Christine Hines, *U3A*
2:00 pm St Peter's Handbell Ringers at Wesley Chapel
7:00 pm **THE HAPPINESS LAB** Episode 5: Looking after your body and soul
7:30 pm Choir Practice
7:30 pm **St Peter's Evening Fellowship: Prize Quiz**
- Fri 5th** 9:30 am AA Meeting
10:00 am **THE HAPPINESS LAB** Episode 5: Looking after your body and soul
10:00 am St Peter's Cleaning Team
7:00 pm Bell Ringers
- Sat 6th** 2:00 pm Concert Rehearsal
7:30pm **The Fisher Singers Concert**
- Sun 7th** **6:00 – 7:30 pm Sanctuary**, our youth group. **NB the new time!**

Next Sunday 7th April

The Fifth Sunday of Lent

- 8:30 Holy Communion
9:30 Family Communion
11:00 Choral Communion
4:15 Afternoon Church –
Holy Communion
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

The Prophets part 2 – a Bible track seminar by The Revd Dr Andrew Emerton

In this concluding section on the Prophets we will focus on the book of Isaiah and take a look at contemporary prophets today. This is at Mowbray Community Church on 13th April, starting with a continental breakfast served from 9:30 am, and then a DVD presentation by Andrew Emerton, followed by a facilitated discussion. Tickets cost £5, students £3, including breakfast and refreshments.

Come for lunch and support the work of Christian Aid

Christian Aid

We believe in life before death

You are warmly invited to come for lunch at St Peter's Church on Friday 12th April at 12:30 pm to raise money for the work of Christian Aid. If you would like to come, please contact Judith Simpson on 01423 564842 or judiannesimpson@btinternet.com before the 8th April.

Walk the Narrow Road

The Riding Lights Theatre Company are touring their acclaimed passion play during Lent 2019. On Friday 12th April at 7:30 pm it comes to St James' Church, Wetherby. Contact 01937 583074 to book your tickets - £8 for adults (under 18s free).

Riding Lights Theatre Company Presents **The Narrow Road** BY PAUL BIRCH

Hosted by St James' Church & Wetherby Methodist Church
Friday, 12 April, 7.30pm
@ St James' Church, Wetherby

Adults: £8 - Under 18's free
Tickets will be available from both churches and the Parish Office
01937 583074

For more information visit ridinglights.org

The Fisher Singers

& guest soloists conducted by Alexander Kyle will perform:
Rossini - Stabat Mater & Fauré - Requiem

St. Peter's Church, Harrogate
7.30pm on Saturday 6th April.

£10 for tickets and under 18s £5.
Available from P&C Music, Devonshire Place, Harrogate 01423 504035,
or by ringing 01765 608057 or 01423 574320.
Tickets will also be available on the door.

The People's Projects
A partnership with THE NATIONAL LOTTERY
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A Harrogate-based community organisation – Dancing for Well-Being – has an amazing opportunity! They could receive a National Lottery award of £48,800 for their project 'Together through Dance' in this year's People's Projects - but they need your support. You can find out more and vote for their project in ITV's Calendar North region at www.thepeoplesprojects.org.uk. Voting opens on 1st April and closes at midday on 15th April.

Dancing for Well-Being



Refreshments are served after each of our Sunday morning services from

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



Electoral Roll

All completed application forms need to be returned to Church **before this Tuesday 2nd April 2019**, otherwise you will not be eligible to attend or to vote at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting on 29th April 2019.

Books wanted please for a

SPRING BOOK SALE

in the Glass Foyer on

Thursday 4th, Friday 5th and Saturday 6th April

Your chance to clear out your bookshelves (and to re-stock!) Please contact Hannah Beck on 07503 186455 or leave any donations under the Tower.



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 (7th April) will be noon on Wednesday 3rd April. Please send any items (including photos) to Alan Garrow **or** to Marian Chambers (addresses below)

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