



# Weekly News

14<sup>th</sup> June 2020

The First Sunday after Trinity

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## Coming Soon: *St Peter's E-News*

What is your preferred means of communication? Some people love email, others are much more comfortable with face-to-face. Some love WhatsApp, others only do Messenger/ Facebook. There are even people who put pen to paper and then put that in an envelope! With a diverse community like St Peter's it has always been a challenge to find the best way to reach everyone with the right information at the right time. In these Covid-19 days that challenge, and the need, is greater still.



In an effort to provide a simple and convenient way to stay in touch we will soon launch *St Peter's E-News*. This simple email newsletter will offer a digest of what's in *The Weekly News*, with the full *Weekly News* still available to download from the Church website (and batches sent to those without internet access).

If you've told us your email address in the past, you should receive the first newsletter automatically in the next couple of weeks. If this doesn't happen, or if you think we might not have an up-to-date email address, then tell Carole Raw, our Administrator, via: [stpeterschurchhgtooffice@gmail.com](mailto:stpeterschurchhgtooffice@gmail.com). Equally, if you'd prefer not to receive the newsletter, please tell Carole or use the 'unsubscribe' button at the base of the newsletter. As we add this new element to our communications, I'd like to take the opportunity to thank our brilliant editor, Marian Chambers, and her husband David, who, through the medium of *The Weekly News* and Church website, have been played such a crucial vital role in keeping us connected, informed and entertained during Covid-19 days – and B.C. (Before Covid-19) too!

Alan Garrow, *Vicar of St Peter's Church*

## Readings for Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> June

### The First Sunday after Trinity

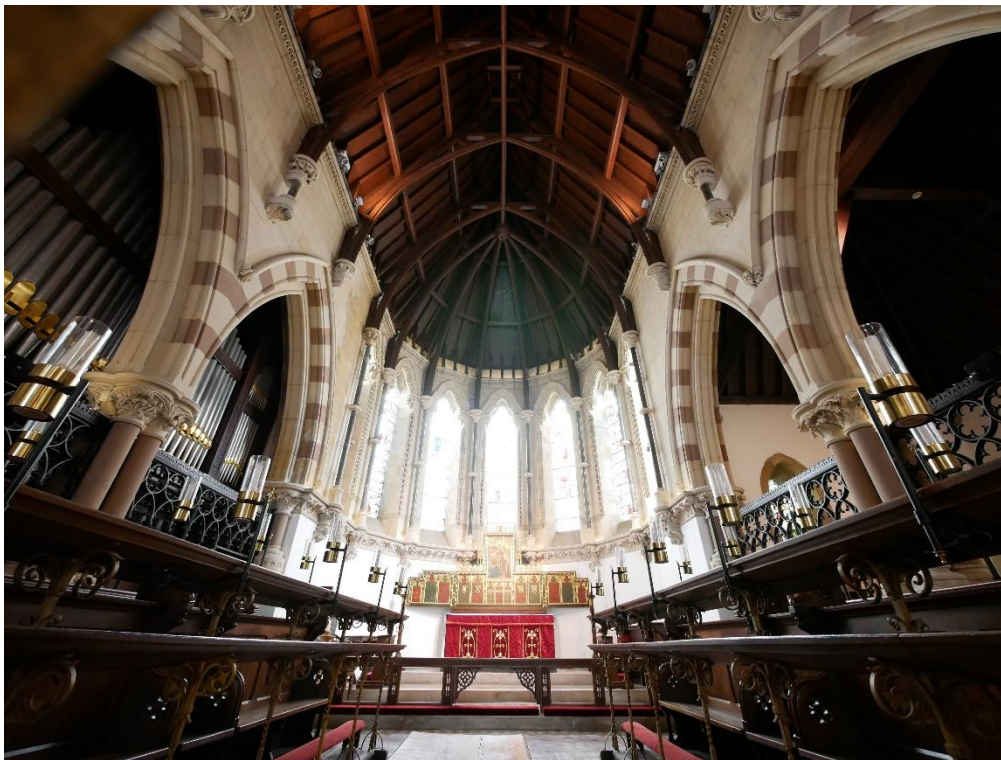
Old Testament	Exodus 19 v 2 – 8a
Gospel	Matthew 9 v 35 – 10 v 8
Epistle	Romans 5 v 1 - 8



## Places of worship reopening for private prayer

On 7<sup>th</sup> June, the Communities Secretary Robert Jenrick confirmed that places of worship across England will be permitted to reopen for individual prayer from Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June. In his statement Mr Jenrick said, " Ensuring places of worship can open again, beginning with individual prayer has been my priority. Their contribution to the common good of our country is clear, as places of solace, comfort, stability and dignity. And the need for them is all the greater as we weather the uncertainties of the pandemic."

The Bishop of London, Sarah Mullally, leads *The House of Bishops Recovery Group*, which has been set up to support the Church of England as government guidance changes through the pandemic. New guidance has been published for parishes to ensure the limited re-opening of churches can be done safely and in line with social distancing guidelines. It covers such things as: displaying notices to remind visitors of hygiene and physical distancing measures; providing hand-washing facilities; marking places where people can sit and cleaning the church regularly.



At St Peter's Church preparations are well underway with the new carpet being fitted from 15<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> June and a deep clean booked for 19<sup>th</sup> June. It is hoped that everything should be ready for opening for private prayer on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> June. The opening times will be 12:00 – 2:00 pm Monday to Saturday.

Meanwhile, online worship will continue with [9:30 am Holy Communion](#) and [11:00 am Matins or Holy Communion \(BCP\)](#) each Sunday and [Morning and Evening Prayer](#) at 8:00 am and 5:00 pm from Monday to Saturday – please come and join us, just follow the links for all the options and instructions.

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

Nicky Aitken, Pat Anderson, Ruth Bowes, Mary Burcher, Louise Emrullahu, Cathy Fuller, Pam Gardiner, Vicky Harrison, David Hipkin, Caroline Kelly, Sian Lockwood, Charlie Martineau, Peggy Palmer, Sheila Pantin, Alan Richardson, Michele Roszak, Frances Roxby-Proud and Colin Sinclair.

**Also in our prayers this week:**

<b>Mon</b>	All healthcare workers The retired NHS staff who have returned to work
<b>Tues</b>	All who mourn Jo Cox MP on this the 4 <sup>th</sup> anniversary of her death Victims of domestic abuse
<b>Wed</b>	All who are affected by COVID-19 Those who have had operations or treatment postponed
<b>Thurs</b>	All our emergency services Those delivering essential public services
<b>Fri</b>	Those who are guiding our nation Chris Whitty, Chief Medical Officer
<b>Sat</b>	Hannah Beck, Lay Reader St Peter's Breakfast Club

**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?*

<b>Mon</b>	Psalm 30 Joshua 14 Luke 12 v 1 - 12
<b>Tues</b>	<i>Richard, Bishop of Chichester, 1253</i> Psalm 36 Joshua 21 v 43 – 22 v 8 Luke 12 v 13 - 21
<b>Wed</b>	Psalm 34 Joshua 22 v 9 to end Luke 12 v 22 - 31
<b>Thurs</b>	Psalm 37 Joshua 23 Luke 12 v 32 - 40
<b>Fri</b>	Psalm 31 Joshua 24 v 1 - 28 Luke 12 v 41 - 48
<b>Sat</b>	Psalm 42 Joshua 24 v 29 to end Luke 12 v 49 to end

**The Collect for the First Sunday after Trinity**

O God, the strength of all those who put their trust in you, mercifully accept our prayers and, because through the weakness of our mortal nature we can do no good thing without you,  
grant us the help of your grace, that in the keeping of your commandments we may please you both in will and deed;  
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 truth, help us to keep your law of love and to walk in ways of wisdom, that we may find true life in Jesus Christ your Son.

# How should Christians respond to the death of George Floyd?

Events in the United States and protests across the world following the brutal death of George Floyd have highlighted the need of all of us to respond in learning, prayer and action to the scourge of racial injustice in our societies. Our commitment to finding justice and enabling reconciliation is embedded in our identity as followers of Jesus Christ in whom we are all one - as St Paul writes, 'There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.' (Galatians 3 v 28).



Here are just a few resources to help start that process:

- [We Need To Talk About Race: Black Experience in White Majority Churches](#): A talk from St Paul's Cathedral Learning Department in 2019
- The Runnymede Trust (<https://www.runnymedetrust.org/>) or the Institute of Race Relations (<http://www.irr.org.uk/>), both of which

have extensive educational material.

- [Sunday Sermon by Michael Curry, Bishop and Primate of the Episcopal Church](#) given at Washington Cathedral on 31<sup>st</sup> May 2020

## **A statement from Archbishop Justin Welby and Archbishop John Sentamu:**

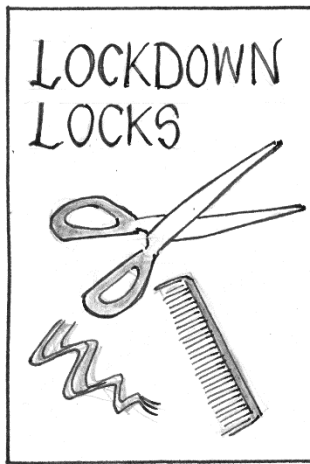
Recent events in the United States of America have once again drawn public attention to the ongoing evil of white supremacy. Systemic racism continues to cause incalculable harm across the world. Our hearts weep for the suffering caused – for those who have lost their lives, those who have experienced persecution, those who live in fear. God's justice and love for all creation demands that this evil is properly confronted and tackled. Let us be clear: racism is an affront to God. It is born out of ignorance and must be eradicated. We all bear the responsibility and must play our part to eliminate this scourge on humanity.

As Dr Martin Luther King Jr said, *'In a real sense, we are all caught in an inescapable network of mutuality, tied in a single garment of destiny. Therefore, injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere.'*

We pray that God's abounding wisdom, compassion and love will guide leaders across the world to forge a better society.

O God who created all people in your holy image, who loves the stranger, who cares for the downtrodden: walk with those who face discrimination, protect them from harm, help them see Christ in our community. Guide those who fan the fires of discrimination to open their eyes to the beauty of all your creation and respect the human dignity of all people. Open our hearts to those who face hatred and injustice because of their race, their background, their ethnicity, that we might better help them belong; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

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## A different kind of Parish Walk



For the past two years Helen Harrison has raised money for charity by walking the Isle of Man Parish Walk. She will not be able to enter this year as it has been cancelled due to COVID-19 restrictions. So, she has devised her own Parish Walk visiting thirteen parish churches in Harrogate and Knaresborough. This will take place on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> June – the date designated for the Isle of Man Parish Walk this year. Members of the Alpha Group 2020, including Jan Edwards and Gillian Thornton, are joining her for some, if not all, of the walk. This year Helen plans to raise money for groups who desperately need financial support like St Peter's Breakfast Club, Food Parcel Scheme, and the hot

takeaway evening meal service. Further details of how to donate coming soon...

## News from Richard Wallis of Mission Possible UK

Richard Wallis, founder of Mission Possible UK (MPUK), has taken up a 40 day challenge to walk from Lindisfarne to Land's End to raise funds for the charity. MPUK's mission is to advance the Christian faith by serving the poor, marginalised and forgotten in Africa and in Eastern Europe. Some of you will remember him visiting St Peter's with Bishop Nathan Amooti from Star School in Rwanda. If you would like to donate to this worthwhile cause please visit the [MPUK website](#).



St Peter's is continuing to give out food **every day** to those in need. If you would like to donate something - toiletries, tinned and dried food – please bring it to Church from 8:00 – 9:00 am on Mondays to Saturdays, 1:00 – 2:00 pm on Sundays or 4:00 – 5:00 pm daily.

**Today, 14<sup>th</sup> June, is the third anniversary of the Grenfell Tower Fire, when 72 people died after being trapped in the building.**

Please pray for all those who lost their loved ones, their homes and everything they had. The inquiry into what happened and who was to blame has been suspended. Many residential tower blocks have still not had dangerous cladding removed by the owners.

## Financial Giving

If you would like to support us financially at this difficult time, please use these bank details to contribute by BACS:

**St Peter's Church PCC Harrogate**  
account at Natwest Bank PLC

Sort Code: 53-50-21

Account No: 67137628

or **download a Planned Giving Form** from the website. **THANK YOU!**

## Next Week's Deadline

The deadline for the next edition of the Weekly News (21<sup>st</sup> June) will be noon on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> June. Please send any items (including photos) to Alan Garrow **or** to Marian Chambers (addresses below).

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