



Weekly News

19th July 2020

The Sixth Sunday after Trinity

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Preparing to come together to worship ...

This Sunday, 19th July, is the second Sunday when we attempt to broadcast live services at 9:30 am and 11:00 am. This gives us an opportunity to learn more about what does and doesn't work in terms of the technology and choreography. Your feedback on these matters continues to be appreciated. As we head towards 26th July, however, we enter another phase of uncharted territory. Here are our plans as they currently stand:

Booking

We estimate that there is room for 23 households to be seated at distance from one another. Demand for the 9:30 am service means that, sadly, we won't be able to find a place for everyone who would like to join us every week. As things currently stand, 26th July and 2nd August at 9:30 am are both fully booked. This suggests that, at best, we may be able to accommodate everyone fortnightly, but not weekly. In the case of the 11:00 am service there is a good chance that those who wish to attend weekly will be able to do so. A booking system will, nevertheless, be used for both services.

Booking for 9th, 16th, 23rd and 30th August will open on 20th July. Please let Carole Raw stpeterschurchhgoffice@gmail.com have your written request indicating:

1. the names of everyone in your household who wishes to attend;
2. which dates out of 9th, 16th, 23rd and 30th August you would like to attend;
3. the time of the service you would like to attend.

To state the obvious, it is painful to have to operate a system that turns people away from gathered worship. We will do our best to apportion places fairly – and apologise in advance that not everyone will be get everything for which they ask.

If your application is successful, Carole will email to confirm this (or will email your 'email buddy' if you don't use email yourself – if you are unsure who this is, please phone the office so we can make sure this line of communication has been established).

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Arrival

Entrance will be through the Glass Foyer doors adjoining Primark – unless you have a particular reason for needing to use the West Doors. Please queue at distanced intervals outside this door. The doors will open fifteen minutes before the service is due to start. **Bookings will only be honoured until 5 minutes before the service – so please be sure to get to Church early (or tell us if you are going to be late).**

Entry and Masks

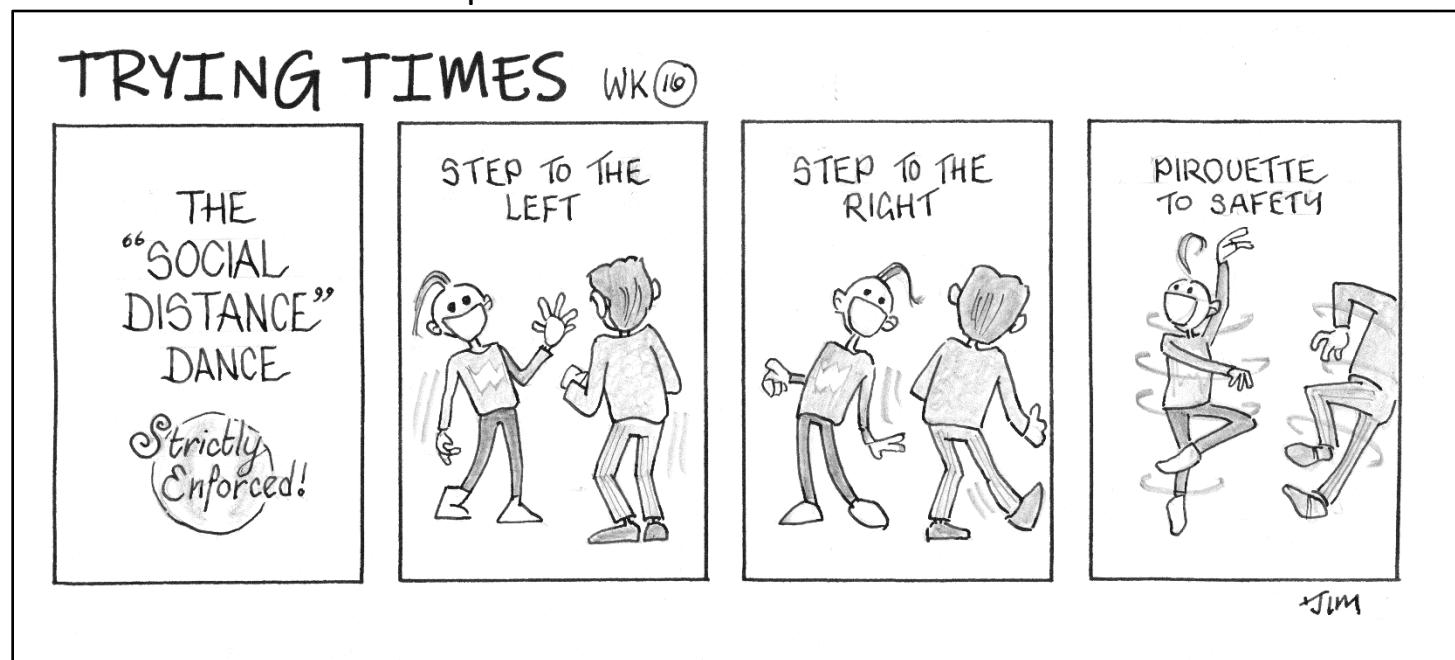
On entry please sanitise your hands using the automatic sanitiser stations. We await guidance on whether the use of masks is mandatory. It is certainly recommended.

The Collection

The collection plate will not be circulated during the service. If you don't give by standing order, please place your collection on the plate as you enter. We should soon have a device to enable contactless giving.

The One-Way System

Broadly speaking, except where it is obviously safe to do otherwise, please travel down the side aisles and up the centre aisle.



Seating

For the first few services, at least, we will only be using every other pew, with one household per pew (a single person, a couple, a family), in the North, South and Centre Aisles. Please choose an unoccupied, available pew and sit at a distance from those walking past to find their seat.

The Liturgy and Music

The liturgy will be projected on two screens. Both 9:30 and 11:00 services will be led from the dais. Music at the 9:30 service will be led from the piano with a solo singer. Music at 11:00 will be led from the organ with a solo singer on the chancel step. Readings, intercessions, preaching, etc., will all be led from a point accessible to a central camera. Congregational singing will not feature. Recorded music may be used at some points.

The Online Experience

We are currently experimenting with the best way to enable those joining us online to engage with the liturgy. This may be by including the text of the liturgy in the video stream; it may be by enabling those worshipping remotely to access hard copy of the liturgy. Your feedback will be useful in thinking about what does and doesn't work in this respect.

Sharing the Peace

The peace, if part of the service at all, will be shared at a distance.

Holy Communion

The prayer of consecration will be prayed over covered elements. The president will sanitise their hands immediately beforehand.

Communicants are encouraged to form a distanced queue to a single standing station in front of the dais. The president will distribute a wafer, but not wine, without words of distribution. The president will wear a visor. Please indicate in advance if a gluten-free wafer is needed.

Leaving the building after the 9:30am service

If you are able, please leave via the West Doors so as not to interfere with anyone waiting to come in for the 11:00 am service. In the case of both services, please leave in a way that keeps distance between households.

Cleaning before and after

Volunteer cleaners will help prepare the worship space, clean previously occupied pews between services, and clean afterwards.

Toilets

While use of toilets is not encouraged, the disabled toilet and those next to the Glass Foyer will be accessible for those who need them. They will also be cleaned after each service.

Refreshments

For the time being we will not be serving refreshments after the services, however bottled water is available for those who find they need it. Zoom coffee will take place for those at home.

An opportunity and a challenge

Worship during lockdown has in many respects been a challenge, but it has also brought benefits. We have been forced to discover a way of including those who, even under normal circumstances, could not or would not have participated or joined us at all. Similarly, we have learned how images and recorded items can enhance various elements of our worship. As we progress into this new era it will be important to take with us the best of what we have learned, even as we reflect on those experiences that we will be truly grateful to leave behind.

Readings for Sunday 19th July

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Old Testament Isaiah 44 v 6 - 8

Gospel Matthew 13 v 24 - 30

and v 36-43

Epistle Romans 8 v 12 - 25



This week's online worship

On Sunday 19th July we will be broadcasting live services from St Peter's Church on Zoom and Facebook again, with those reading, interceding, leading music, preaching and so on physically present, but with the rest of the congregation online. To join in follow these links: [9:30 am Holy Communion](#) and [11:00 am Matins or Holy Communion \(BCP\)](#) – Chris Clayton, our Curate, is our preacher today. You can also join in with [Zoom Coffee](#) after each service for 10 minute chats with three or four others.

[Morning and Evening Prayer](#) are at 8:00 am and 5:00 pm from Monday to Saturday and will be live-streamed on Facebook and Zoom.

You can also watch any of these services at a later time on the [St Peter's Church YouTube Channel](#).



Once more you can *Say it with Flowers*

As from Sunday 26th July you can once again mark a special occasion, such as an anniversary or birthday, by making a donation towards the flowers in Church. The St Peter's Flower Team are ready and willing to make an arrangement on the pedestal by the lectern just for you. You will also receive a mention in the Weekly News. Please speak to Sue Heapy for further details (07540 355305)

Sanctuary's Talent Show raises over £600 for two charities

Our youth group, **Sanctuary**, held a [Talent Show](#) on Sunday 12th July online. They hoped to raise £400 for *Open Arms Malawi* and *Stand by Me* – two charities working with vulnerable children in the world's poorest countries.

So far, an amazing £605 has been raised! Lots of people took part (*more pictures overleaf*) and many more watched. If you would like to know more about the charities or to donate please visit these Just Giving pages: for [Open Arms Malawi](#) or for [Stand by Me](#) or pop an envelope marked '**Talent Show**' into the donations box in Church.

Well done to Chris Clayton, who had agreed to have custard poured over his head – the more money raised the greater the amount of custard – I think this might have been the full 15 litres!



**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:

Mon	All healthcare workers Staff at screening centres testing for Coronavirus COVID-19
Tues	All who are affected by Coronavirus COVID-19 Those who are being treated in hospital
Wed	The team preparing hot take- away meals every afternoon Harrogate Borough Council
Thurs	All our emergency services The staff who maintain our oil, gas, electricity and water supplies
Fri	Those who are leading our nation The Prime Minister, Boris Johnson
Sat	Patricia Stableford, Churchwarden Victims of domestic abuse

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	<i>Margaret of Antioch, martyr</i> Psalm 126 1 Samuel 5 Luke 20 v 41 – 21 v 4
Tues	Psalm 132 1 Samuel 6 v 1 - 16 Luke 21 v 5 - 19
Wed	<i>Mary Magdalene</i> Psalm 30 1 Samuel 16 v 14 to end Luke 8 v 1 - 3
Thurs	Psalm 143 1 Samuel 8 Luke 21 v 29 to end
Fri	Psalm 144 1 Samuel 9 v 1 - 14 Luke 22 v 1 - 13
Sat	<i>James the Apostle</i> Psalm 7 2 Kings 1 v 9 - 15 Luke 9 v 46 - 56

The Collect for the Sixth Sunday after Trinity

Merciful God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as pass our understanding:

pour into our hearts such love toward you that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; 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

Creator God, you made us all in your image: may we discern you in all that we see, and serve you in all that we do; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

A letter to all parishes in the Diocese of Leeds from the Rt Revd Nick Baines, Bishop of Leeds

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We are living through challenging and extraordinary times. The church, committed to the real world and the communities in which we are set, has continued to worship and serve despite the restrictions. Given the nature of the virus, it will be some time before we emerge into something resembling 'normality'. We have to be clear and honest about that.

Thank you for both the remarkable ways you have continued to be the church ... in the world ... even if the buildings had to be closed for a long time. I want to say one or two things to encourage you, building on material you might have seen on the diocesan website or had passed to you from letters I have written to the clergy.

Inhabiting the Scriptures

Lockdown and our attempts to innovate ways of worshipping together have been experienced by many as a sort of 'exile'. In the Old Testament prophets (such as Isaiah) we see people exiled to a strange land where nothing is familiar. All that shaped their life and worship had been stripped away. They lamented the loss of their familiar life (and what this said about God and them); they tried to come to terms with the present realities; and they then began to look forward to shaping a different future.

This time in our life enables us to re-read the biblical experience afresh – so much of the Bible was written by and for people whose normality was uncertainty and fragility. This also accords with the daily experience of most Christians around the world, including those in our link dioceses in Sri Lanka, Sudan, Tanzania and Pakistan. Let's not waste the opportunity to learn anew how to live with uncertainty, aware of our own limitations and fragility.

Being the church

The Church of England has a unique vocation in and for England: we are committed to particular places. We are called to pray for those in our parishes, to be the answer to our prayers when appropriate, to love and serve those in need, to care for the sick and to support those who mourn, and reach out with the good news of God's grace. We have been doing all this – and will continue to do so into the future. We know we are not always strong, but God is and we trust in him ... whatever comes our way.

Emergence

We don't know what the future church might look like in every place, but we do have a role in shaping it. There will be things we need to let go of and new ways of being that are being discovered or yet to be discovered. We will emerge at different paces over the coming months and care needs to be taken over how and when we open our buildings and hold onto the new forms we have learned recently. Church House is providing detailed and digested guidance at every step, but your archdeacon and area bishop are there to be consulted for any support as we move forward.

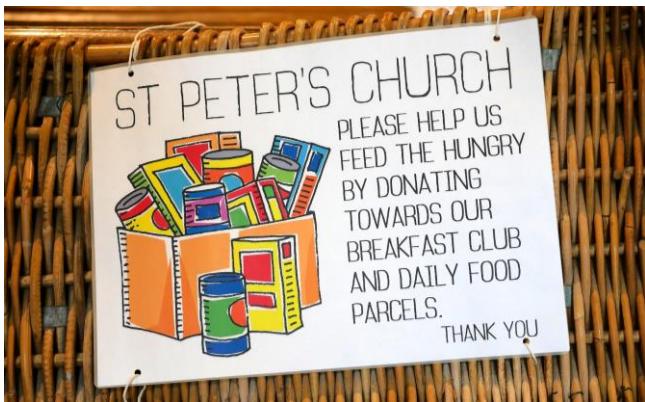
Encouragement and challenge

I mainly want to thank and encourage you. We will face big questions – nationally as well as in our diocese – about finance and buildings, threats and opportunities. But, as a diocese we are confident and well set up to face these. Indeed, we have been doing just this since our creation in April 2014; so, this isn't a new challenge. You can be confident that we will deal with the challenges of the months ahead with confidence in God, confidence in the Gospel, confidence in our clergy and lay leaders, confidence in our unique vocation as a church to worship and serve God together. So, be encouraged. Use the resources available to you in the diocese and parish. Pray simply and hopefully, knowing that God is never surprised.

And please be assured of the prayers of your bishops and archdeacons, the deans and area deans, our lay staff at Church House and all who are committed to you. May God bless you in all you are and do. I look forward to the time when we can be together again, physically and in person.

Talent Show contributors - what a talented bunch you are!





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.

Next Week's Deadline

The deadline for the next edition of the Weekly News (26th July) will be noon on Wednesday 22nd July. Please send any items (including photos) to Alan Garrow **or** to Marian Chambers (addresses below)

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St Peter's Church is open for:

Private prayer from 11:00 am – 1:00 pm every day except Sundays.

The Breakfast Club providing a free, takeaway breakfast from Monday to Saturday (8:20 – 8:45 am) for all those who are hungry or in need.

A hot takeaway **Sunday Lunch** each week from 1:00 – 1:30 pm.

Hot takeaway food, tins and whatever else we have to give away from 4:00 – 5:00 pm every day.

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!**