



Weekly News

22nd November 2020

Christ the King

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Helping others: our partner charities

Traditionally, all the money raised at St Peter's Christmas Fair would be shared between our six partner charities. This year more than ever, supporting these small charities is really important, as Coronavirus has severely restricted their activities as well as their fundraising. But sadly our Christmas Fair cannot take place this year, so we are asking for your help.

Our three overseas charities are: **St Andrew's Children's Home** in Peru looking after abandoned and orphaned babies and children; **Mission Possible UK**, working with the poor, marginalised and forgotten in Africa and Eastern Europe; and **Artizan International**, working in Peru and Ecuador training and equipping disabled people in arts and crafts so they can support themselves and their families (pre-COVID they also ran workshops for disabled people in Harrogate and Leeds).

The three local ones are: **Time Together, Harrogate**, supporting individuals with additional needs to live life well; **Martin House Children's Hospice**, providing care and support to families across Yorkshire where a baby, child or young person has a life-limiting condition; and **Youth at Wellspring**, providing confidential, affordable counselling, tailored specifically for young people aged 8 – 18 years old.

COVID-19 has had such an impact on all these charities' incomes, but we hope that you can still help us support their valuable work! Our target is to raise at least £3,000 to share between the six charities. Please visit our [JustGiving page](#) and give as much as you can. **Thank you!**



*Three projects funded by **Mission Possible UK** (from left to right): learning new sewing skills to generate an income in Burundi; receiving a Christmas present at a shelter home in Russia; and educating children at The Star School, Rwanda.*

On every street across our town

#the light
shines

John 1:5

[theharrogatehub/thelightshines](https://theharrogatehub.org/thelightshines)

Create a window, walk the trail, get involved.



The Harrogate Hub have released some resources and ideas to help you decorate a window of your house, flat or workspace for their *#the light shines initiative*. Your design can be anything you like, but please include the words '**#The Light Shines, John 1:15**' somewhere in it. Register before 11th December and you will be included in the light trail map. The big switch on is from 18th – 31st December from 4:00 to 9:00 pm each evening. More details at theharrogatehub.org/thelightshines.

Happy 5th Birthday, St Peter's Ladies who Lunch

St Peter's Ladies who Lunch were looking forward to celebrating their 5th birthday at their meeting this month. It is five years since Sue Heapy and Marian Chambers started this lunch club, with the emphasis very much on enjoying good fellowship while sharing a meal together. However, due to the current restrictions this meeting has been cancelled. Hopefully, we will be able to get together before Christmas – watch this space for details!



Harrogate School of Theology & Mission

The Revd Dr Malcolm Guite speaks on: *Christ and the Poetic Imagination*

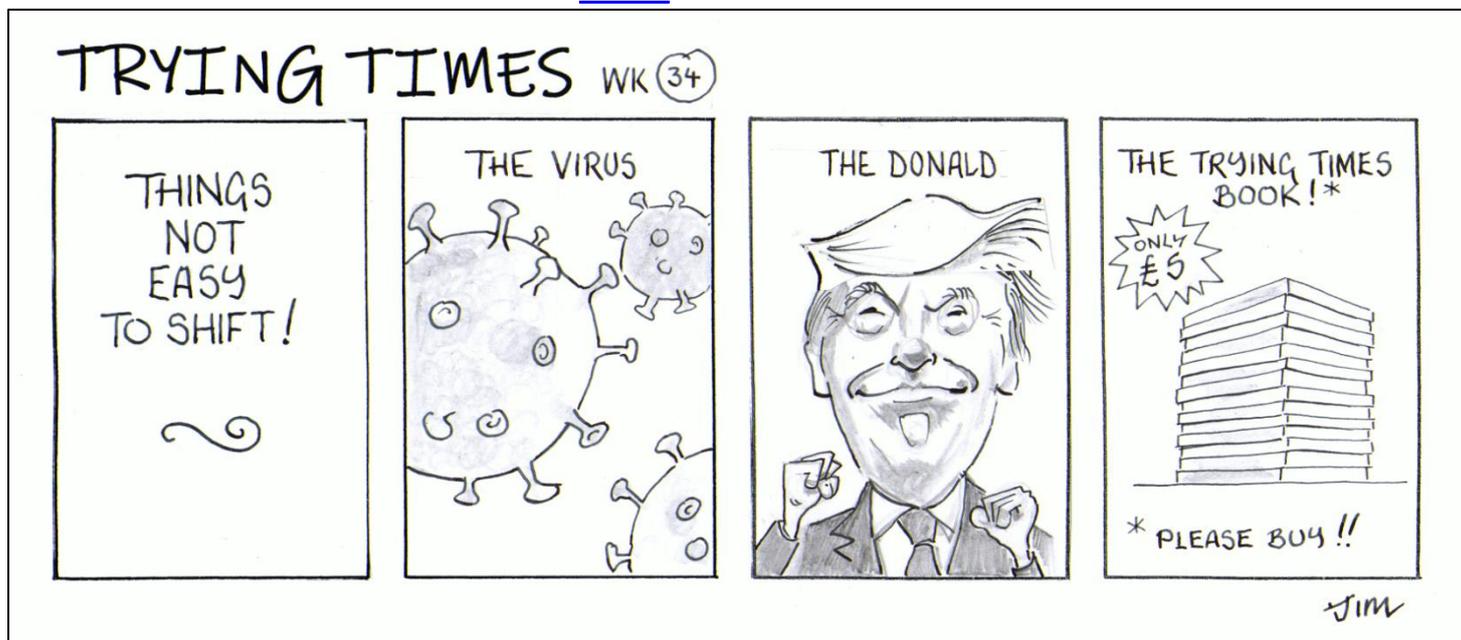


Malcolm Guite is an English poet, singer-songwriter, Anglican priest and academic. He is the author of five books of poetry, as well as several books on Christian faith and theology. His research interests include the intersection of religion and the arts, and the works of JRR Tolkien, CS Lewis, Owen Barfield and Samuel Taylor Coleridge. This lecture will be live-streamed on Zoom on Saturday 5th December from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm. Full details at hstm.org.uk.

Trying Times cartoons are now available as a book

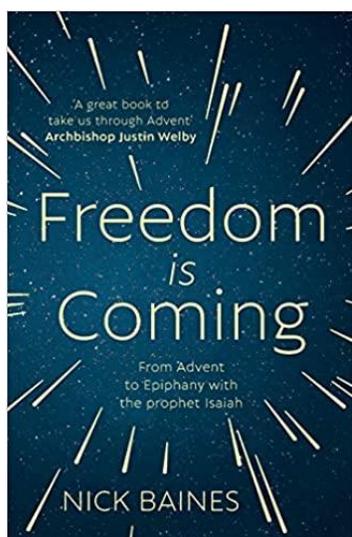
Jim Godfrey, a Verger at Christ Church Oxford, has been drawing these cartoons ever since the first lockdown began in March for the congregation at his church. When his work was featured in the Church Times, I wrote to ask him if he would send me his cartoons to put in our Weekly News and he kindly agreed.

Now over 30 of his cartoons have been published in a book which is being sold with all profits going to [Action for Children](#) - this Methodist charity protects and supports children and young people, providing them with practical and emotional support. A copy costs £5 (including P&P) and can be delivered to you or an address of your choice with a message from you and marked 'Do not open until Christmas Day' – order forms can be downloaded [here](#) at our website.



St Peter's Players present 'Gertrude is Lost!'

To help raise funds for St Peter's Church, our drama group have produced a short film packed with comedy, dance, drama, singing and much more to replace their postponed production of 'Oliver'. A [JustGiving](#) page has been set up for donations and the total so far is an impressive £773. If you missed the première last Sunday, you can still watch it on St Peter's [YouTube channel](#)! And, hopefully, we will all be able to enjoy their production of 'Oliver' in 2021.



Advent Course – Freedom is Coming

This book study course will focus on *Freedom is Coming: From Advent to Epiphany with the prophet Isaiah* by Nick Baines and can be attended online via Zoom over the four weeks of Advent. The course starts this week on Wednesday 25th November from 7:00 – 9:00 pm and is led by the Revd Dr Hayley Matthews. Ideally you will need a copy of the book, so you can follow along with the daily readings in between the sessions on Wednesdays. Register at the [Leeds Diocese Learning](#) site to receive a link to access the course.

Today's Services: 22nd November 2020

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The Sunday next before Advent (BCP)

9:30 Family Communion

Readings Ephesians 1 v 15 to end
Matthew 25 v 31 to end

Preacher: Sam Clayton

11:00 Choral Matins

Setting Britten in C (Te Deum)

Hymns Hail Redeemer, King Divine; 165; 398

Psalm 29

Readings Ezekiel 34 v 11 – 16 and v 20 – 24
Matthew 25 v 31 to end

Anthem Lift up your heart (*John Longstaff*)

Preacher: Sam Clayton

All this week's services are online

As churches in England are closed for public worship, we are continuing to live-stream all our services. To join in follow the links here or on the website: [9:30 am Holy Communion](#) and [11:00 am Matins or Holy Communion \(BCP\)](#). [Zoom Coffee](#) is available after these services when you can join us for 10 minute chats with two or three 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.

Prayer for the Nation

The prayer for week 3 of this lockdown (23rd – 29th November):

Lord Jesus Christ, in these dark and difficult days, we turn our hearts to you.

In ages past, you have delivered our nation from disaster.

Do it again, we pray.

Give wisdom beyond human wisdom to our leaders,
Give strength beyond human strength to the NHS and
all our frontline workers.

Give comfort beyond human comfort to the elderly
and all who grieve.

Lord Jesus Christ, in these dark and difficult days,
turn your face towards us, have mercy upon us,
and heal our land, we pray.

Amen.



PRAYER FOR THE NATION

Please pray for those who have asked for our prayers:

Pat Anderson, Ruth Bowes, Diana Braithwaite, Mary Burcher, Louise Emrullahu, Pam Gardiner, Vicky Harrison, Keith Helsby, Caroline Kelly, Charlie Martineau, Sheila Pantin, Michele Roszak, Frances Roxby-Proud and Colin Sinclair.

Also in our prayers this week:

- Mon** Schools and colleges, children and young people
St Aidan's CE High School
- Tues** The elderly, isolated and vulnerable
Staff and residents of care homes
- Wed** Businesses, the workplace and economic well being
Delivery drivers and postal workers
- Thurs** The NHS and other key workers
All patients and staff in intensive care units
- Fri** National and Local Government
Chris Whitty, Chief Medical Officer
- Sat** Those grieving, or suffering with physical and mental ill-health
Those who are recently bereaved

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** *Clement, Bishop, Martyr*
Psalm 96
Isaiah 40 v 1 - 11
Revelation 14 v 1 - 13
- Tues** Psalm 97
Isaiah 40 v 12 - 26
Revelation 14 v 14 – end of 15
- Wed** *Catherine of Alexandria*
Psalm 112
Isaiah 40 v 27 – 41 v 7
Revelation 16 v 1 - 11
- Thurs** Psalm 125
Isaiah 41 v 8 - 20
Revelation 16 v 12 to end
- Fri** Psalm 139
Isaiah 41 v 21 – 42 v 9
Revelation 17
- Sat** Psalm 76
Isaiah 42 v 10 - 17
Revelation 18

The Collect for Christ the King

Eternal Father, whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven that he might rule over all things as Lord and King:
keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of peace, and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet;
who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

or

God the Father, help us to hear the call of Christ the King and to follow in his service, whose kingdom has no end; for he reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, one glory.

What's on This Week

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

St Peter's Church is open for private prayer from 11:00 am – 1:00 pm every day except Sundays.

Mon 23rd	4:30 - 4:50 pm hot food to take-away
Tues 24th	4:30 - 4:50 pm food parcels available
Wed 25th	4:30 - 4:50 pm hot food to take-away
Thurs 26th	4:30 - 4:50 pm food parcels available
Fri 27th	4:30 - 4:50 pm hot food to take-away
Sat 28th	4:30 - 4:50 pm food parcels available
Sun 29th	The First Sunday of Advent 9:30 am Family Communion 11:00 am Choral Matins 1:00 – 1:30 pm Sunday Lunch 6:00 – 7:00 pm Sanctuary's Drop-in Zoom Session Meeting ID: 961 0203 4812 Passcode: 706435 6:30 pm Advent Candle Service

New Sanctuary newsletter and drop-in sessions launched



Lockdown 2.0 has hit, and it certainly has been more disturbing and challenging than the first one. Since the lockdown we have been reduced to online meetings only, which are quite draining, there are only so many quizzes that you can do. People are struggling and attending Sanctuary is becoming more of a burden than the relaxed fun atmosphere that it should be.

With that in mind the leaders and I have decided to change things. For the present there will be no more

formal Sunday Social or Wednesday Bible Study meetings; instead, there will be a [Drop-in Zoom Session](#) on Sundays from 6:00 – 7:00 pm for anyone who just wants a chat, a catch-up or a prayer. You will also be sent a fun-filled, fortnightly Sanctuary newsletter and some short inspirational spiritual videos. We are also planning a Christmas special and some other secret surprises ... you will just have to see!

Chris Clayton, *Curate and Sanctuary Leader*

Why not make your own Advent wreath to use at home?



Next Sunday, 29th November, is the first Sunday of Advent when the first candle on the Advent wreath in our Church is lit. Advent candles shine brightly in the midst of darkness, symbolizing and reminding us that Jesus came to be a light in our dark world. Most commonly there are four candles set in a circular wreath and a new candle is lit on each of the four Sundays before Christmas – even to a child with no sense of time, it is obvious that Christmas is coming closer and closer. At St Peter's three candles are purple and one is pink, with a fifth white candle in the middle of the wreath.

Here are some simple ideas for you to make your own Advent wreath at home. Using a large serving plate or round metal tray as a base, make the wreath from twigs and leaves from the garden, paper and tinsel, flowers and fabric – whatever you have to hand. If you are worried about having real flames and hot, melting wax near young children, then use flickering, battery tealights (*right*) or make cardboard 'flames' (*below*).



This paper one is a free printable from Katie Bogner's blog, and is easy to make with children - the pages to print and full instructions are available [here](#). Each 'candle' is labelled – **hope** comes first; then **peace**; the pink one, **joy**, is third; **love** comes fourth; and finally the white one called the **Christ Candle** is 'lit' on Christmas Day. The paper leaf wreath (*below*) would be suitable for older children to make and the instructions are available [here](#).

Here is a prayer to say as the first candle is lit:

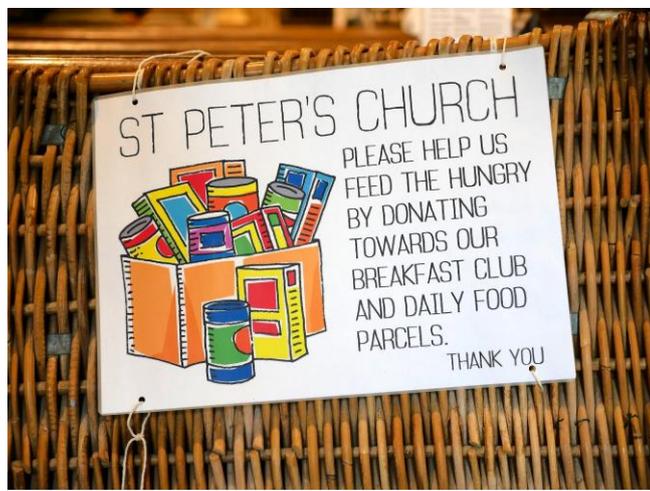
*We light this first candle to pray for **hope**.*

We pray for ourselves and for everyone. We ask that our hope will be fixed on God and that God will inspire us to hope for good things.

We pray for everyone who feels that their hope has gone. May they find a new hope that shines like this candle flame.

All: Lord Jesus Christ, hope of our hearts and hope for the world, come close to us this Advent. Amen





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 1:00 – 2:00 pm on Sundays or 4:00 – 5:00 pm daily.

Today is Stir Up Sunday – so called because it's the traditional day for making Christmas puddings, said to be inspired by the collect for the day in the Book of Common Prayer that begins: *Stir up, we beseech thee, O Lord, the wills of your faithful people.* So if you are making your pudding today – happy stirring!

Welcome to St Peter's Church



*You can still
join us
online*

The building may be closed for public worship, but the Church is still here! We are open for private prayer and our daily food ministry continues. The Weekly News is available on the website and our daily services are all available online.

Next Week's Deadline

The deadline for the next edition of the Weekly News (29th November) will be noon on Wednesday 25th November. Please send any items (including photos) to Alan Garrow or to Marian Chambers (addresses below).

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