



Weekly News

6th December 2020

The Second Sunday of Advent

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WRITE FOR RIGHTS

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When we all act together, we are more powerful. That is the driving force behind **Write for Rights**, Amnesty's global campaign and the world's biggest human rights event.

The people we are helping today want to make the world a better place. They are demanding justice, and human rights for all. Many have been imprisoned, disappeared and attacked.

Every year, millions of individuals write letters, sign petitions and organise events. And it works! People are freed, justice is served, and the world becomes a better place. Every action counts – and these people need our

help. We need to act now! Last year, hundreds of thousands of people around the world took part in **Write for Rights 2019**, sending more than 6.5 million messages of support and appeals to authorities.

How Write for Rights can change a life:

Magai Matiop Ngong (*pictured here*) was just 15 when he was sentenced to death in South Sudan. Supporters sent more than 765,000 messages to President Salva Kiir urging him to commute the sentence and expressing their solidarity with Magai. On 14th July 2020, Magai's death sentence was commuted and on 29th July he was removed from death row.



Amnesty International is a global movement of more than 7 million people in over 150 countries and territories who campaign to end abuses of human rights. We campaign for a world where human rights are enjoyed by all.

To find out more and to add your voice to **Write for Rights 2020** visit <https://www.amnesty.org.uk/write-for-rights> or pick up a leaflet in Church.



Hannah Beck has been nominated

Hannah, one of our Lay Readers, has been nominated for the BIG Thank You Awards in Yorkshire for her work with the food ministry at St Peter's Church, providing hot meals and food parcels throughout the pandemic. The virtual awards ceremony will take place on 11th December, when the winners will be announced. Good luck, Hannah!

St Peter's Ladies who Lunch

The Ladies who Lunch had planned to meet on 16th December, but as Harrogate is now in Tier 2 and no mixing of households is allowed in restaurants or cafés, we have had to reluctantly cancel our December meeting. Sue Heapy and Marian Chambers wish all our members a Happy Christmas and hopefully we will all be able to meet up again in 2021.

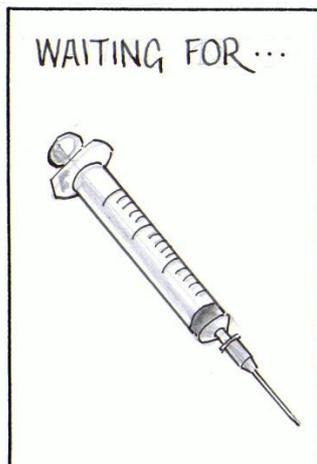
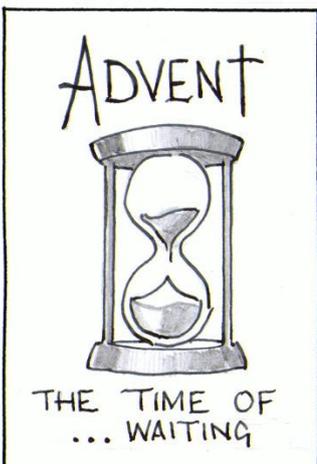


The Light Shines

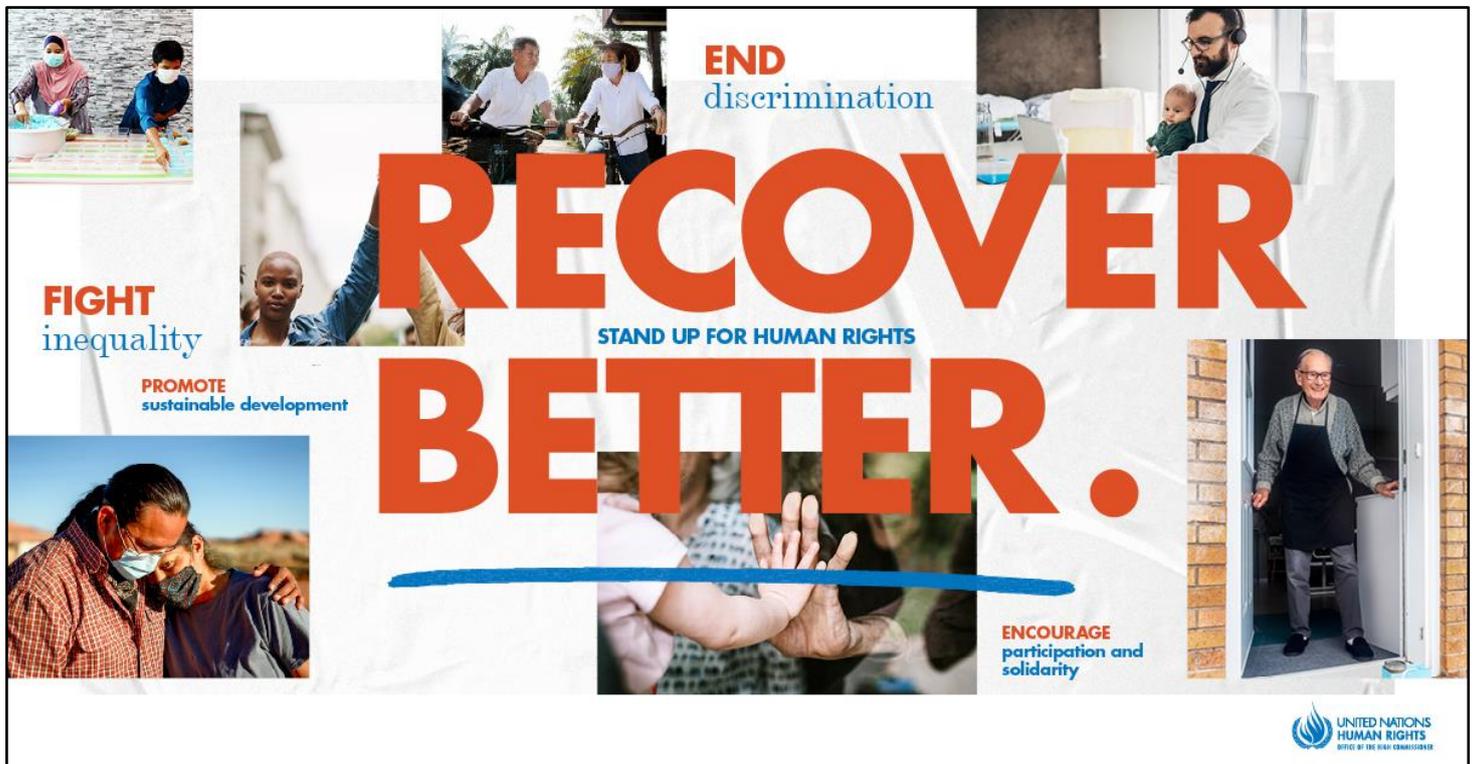
Just a reminder that if you are joining in with *#thelightshines* organized by the Harrogate Hub, you need to register your entry by **Friday 11th December** if you want to be included in 'the light trail map'. From 18th December all the houses or buildings taking part will be plotted onto a map which will be posted on the Harrogate Hub website and Facebook page, so people can find your fabulous window displays. As you can see St John's & St Luke's in Bilton are ready. To get

involved visit <https://theharrogatehub.org/thelightshines>.

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International Human Rights Day – 10th December 2020

2020 theme: Recover Better – Stand up for Human Rights

This year's Human Rights Day theme relates to the COVID-19 pandemic and focuses on the need to build back better by ensuring Human Rights are central to recovery efforts. We will reach our common global goals only if we are able to create equal opportunities for all, address the failures exposed and exploited by COVID-19, and apply human rights standards to tackle entrenched, systematic, and intergenerational inequalities, exclusion and discrimination. 10th December 2020 is an opportunity to reaffirm the importance of human rights in re-building the world we want, the need for global solidarity as well as our interconnectedness and shared humanity. To fully recover and build back a world that is better, more resilient, just, and sustainable we need to:

- **End discrimination of any kind:** Structural discrimination and racism have fuelled the COVID-19 crisis. Equality and non-discrimination are core requirements for a post-COVID world.
- **Address inequalities:** To recover from the crisis, we must also address the inequality pandemic. For that, we need to promote and protect economic, social, and cultural rights. We need a new social contract for a new era.
- **Encourage participation and solidarity:** We are all in this together. From individuals to governments, everyone has a role in building a post-COVID world that is better for present and future generations. We need to ensure the voices of the most affected and vulnerable inform the recovery efforts.
- **Promote sustainable development:** We need sustainable development for people and planet. Human rights, the 2030 Agenda and the Paris Agreement are the cornerstone of a recovery that leaves no one behind.

Find out more about this year's theme at the [United Nations website](http://www.un.org) www.un.org.

Today's Services: 6th December 2020

The Second Sunday of Advent

Today's theme: *What happens in the wilderness*

Please arrive no later than 5 minutes before the start of the service

9:30 Family Communion

Hymns 739 *Good news, good news to you we bring*, 742 *Great is the darkness*, 36 *Away in a manger*, 347 *Lo He comes with clouds descending*

Readings Isaiah 40 v 1 - 11
Mark 1 v 1 - 8

Preacher: Alan Garrow

11:00 Choral Communion

Setting Day in B flat

Hymns 9, 40, 93, 362

Readings Isaiah 40 v 1 - 11
Mark 1 v 1 - 8

Anthem The Truth from above (*Vaughan Williams*)

Preacher: Alan Garrow

4:15 Afternoon Church

Preacher: Chris Clayton



Our Duty Warden today is:
Rachel Fell

To keep everyone safe, please:



- **wear a face covering** and **use the hand sanitiser**;
- **follow the one way system** – down the side aisles and up the centre aisle;
- **keep your distance** at all times, even when you share the peace;
- **form a single, distanced queue** in front of the dais to receive Communion – a wafer, but not wine, will be distributed (please indicate in advance if you need a gluten-free wafer);

- **remember no refreshments** will be served after the service, but bottled water is available if you need it;
- **leave via the West Door** after the 9:30 am service, if you are able. **Thank you!**

This week's worship online

As not everyone can come to Church and take part in the services every week, we are continuing to live-stream services. To join in follow these links: [9:30 am Holy Communion](#) and [11:00 am Matins or Holy Communion \(BCP\)](#). [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.

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** All healthcare workers
The COVID-19 vaccination programme starting soon
- Tues** Support and teaching staff in our schools
Those involved in food production processing and distribution
- Wed** St Peter's Food Parcel Scheme
Rough sleepers and the homeless
- Thurs** Those who live in danger of violence, persecution and oppression
Amnesty International, standing up for human rights
- Fri** Those who are leading our nation
Nadhim Zahawi MP, responsible for the COVID-19 vaccine rollout
- Sat** Sarah Martin, Lay Reader and Churchwarden
St Peter's Welcomer's Team

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 44
Isaiah 45 v 14 to end
1 Thessalonians 1
- Tues** ***The Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary***
Psalm 56
Isaiah 46
1 Thessalonians 2 v 1 - 12
- Wed** Psalm 62
Isaiah 47
1 Thessalonians 2 v 13 to end
- Thurs** Psalm 54
Isaiah 48 v 1 - 11
1 Thessalonians 3
- Fri** Psalm 86
Isaiah 48 v 12 to end
1 Thessalonians 4 v 1 - 12
- Sat** Psalm 42
Isaiah 49 v 1 - 13
1 Thessalonians 4 v 13 to end

The Collect for the Second Sunday of Advent

O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power and come among us, and with great might succour us; that whereas, through our sins and wickedness we are grievously hindered in running the race that is set before us, your bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be honour and glory, now and for ever.

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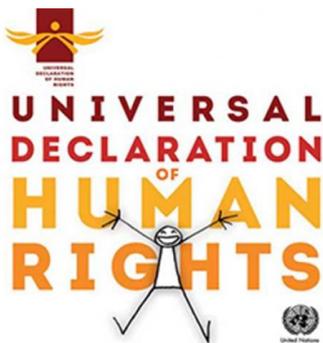
Almighty God, purify our hearts and minds, that when your Son Jesus Christ comes again as judge and saviour we may be ready to receive him, who is our Lord and our God.

What's on This Week

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

Fairtrade Christmas Shop – open Monday to Saturday from 9:30 am – 4:30 pm in the Old Baptistery

Mon 7th	4:30 - 4:50 pm hot food to eat in or take-away
Tues 8th	4:30 - 4:50 pm food parcels available
Wed 9th	4:30 - 4:50 pm hot food to eat in or take-away
Thurs 10th	<i>International Human Rights Day</i> 11:00 am Holy Communion 4:30 - 4:50 pm food parcels available
Fri 11th	4:30 - 4:50 pm hot food to eat in or take-away
Sat 12th	4:30 - 4:50 pm food parcels available
Sun 13th	1:00 – 1:30 pm Sunday Lunch 6:00 – 7:00 pm Sanctuary's Drop-in Zoom Session Meeting ID: 960 6015 0061 Passcode: 766049



International Human Rights Day 10th December 2020

Human Rights Day is observed every year on 10th December — the day the United Nations General Assembly adopted, in 1948, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. It proclaims the inalienable rights which everyone is entitled to as a human being - regardless of nationality, place of residence, gender, national or ethnic origin, religion, language, or any other status.

Next Sunday 13th December

The Third Sunday of Advent

9:30 Family Communion

11:00 Choral Matins

To check availability and to book a pew at these morning services contact our Parish Administrator, Carole Raw, by 5:00 pm on Thursday 10th December at: stpeterschurchhqoffice@gmail.com

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. A hot **Sunday Lunch** (with distanced seating) is served from 1:00 – 1:30 pm.

Hot food to eat in (with distanced seating) or take away, available 4:30 – 4:50 pm on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

Food parcels are available 4:30 – 4:50 pm on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays.

Amnesty International – who we are

Amnesty International is an international organization founded in London in 1961. They promote human rights in accordance with the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and international human rights law. The organization

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was the recipient of the Nobel Peace Prize in 1977 and is one of the most widely-known human rights groups in the world. The six key areas that Amnesty International focuses on are: refugee rights; the rights of women, children, and of minorities; ending torture, stopping the death penalty; the rights of people imprisoned because of what they believe; and protection of human dignity. To find out more or to join Amnesty International UK visit <https://www.amnesty.org.uk>.

The return of our services in Church

From today, Sunday 6th December, we return to our pre-lockdown pattern of worship. On Sundays, the 9:30 am Family Communion and the 11:00 am Choral Matins/ Choral Communion services return, but you will have to book a place. On Thursdays, including Christmas Eve, the said Holy Communion service returns but no booking is required. For details of our Christmas services visit the [Advent and Christmas page](#) of our website or see below. Please make all Christmas bookings by 5:00 pm on 17th December with Carole Raw, our Parish Administrator, on 07425 161425 or at stpeterschurchhqtooffice@gmail.com. **Thank you!**

Advent and Christmas 2020 at St Peter's

Sunday 29th November	First Sunday in Advent with our usual 9:30 and 11:00 am services (online only) 6:30 pm Advent Candle Service with music by St Peter's Choir (online only)
Sunday 6th December	Second Sunday in Advent with our usual 9:30 and 11:00 am services in (booking required) 4:15 pm Afternoon Church (booking required)
Sunday 13th December	Third Sunday in Advent with our usual 9:30 and 11:00 am services (booking required)
Sunday 20th December	Fourth Sunday in Advent with our usual 9:30 and 11:00 am services (booking required) 6:30 pm Service of Nine Lessons and Carols – the traditional readings with carols and anthems sung by St Peter's Choir (online only)
Thursday 24th December	Christmas Eve 11:00 am Holy Communion (no booking required) 4:00 pm Christingle Service (online only) 6:30 pm Carols for Christmas Eve (online only) 11:30 pm Midnight Mass (booking required)
Friday 25th December	Christmas Day 9:30 am Family Communion (booking required) 11:00 am Choral Communion (booking required) 1:00 pm Christmas Day Lunch
Sunday 27th December	First Sunday of Christmas with our usual 9:30 and 11:00 am services (booking required)
Thursday 31st December	New Year's Eve 11:00 am Holy Communion (no booking required) 4:00 – 6:00 pm Pray for 2021 : light a candle and pray for the coming year (no booking required) 11:30 pm Watchnight Service : bring in the New Year by candlelight (no booking required)



Wishing you a Happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year from everyone at St Peter's Church!

Giving to St Peter's Church

No collection is taken during our services, but a plate is left by the door for your offering in support of the mission and ministry of this Church. If you would prefer to give by card, there is a contactless card machine in the South Transept. If you prefer to set up a bank transfer, please use these account details:

St Peter's Church PCC Harrogate

Sort Code: 53-50-21

Account No: 67137628

THANK YOU!

Here is a prayer to say as the second candle on your Advent wreath is lit:

*We lit the first candle to pray for hope. We light this second candle to pray for **peace**; peace for ourselves and for the whole world.*

We ask for the peace of mind that comes from seeing things clearly.

We pray for everyone who lives in the midst of conflict or war. May they find some sign of peace that shines like this candle flame.

All: Lord Jesus Christ, Prince of peace, reign in our hearts and in all the world. Come close to us this Advent. Amen

Next Week's Deadline

The deadline for the next edition of the Weekly News (13th December) will be noon on Wednesday 9th December. Please send any items (including photos) to Alan Garrow **or** to Marian Chambers (addresses below).

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