



# Weekly News

14<sup>th</sup> February 2021

The Sunday next before Lent

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## Looking ahead to Lent, looking forward to Easter

It feels a bit like we've been living through a kind of Lent - a season of self-examination, self-denial and reflection - since the end of March 2020. We might well wonder, 'Will Easter ever come?' We've had to learn to live with a great deal of uncertainty in these last months, and that has taught us not to take normal patterns for granted. Easter, nevertheless, is unstoppably coming! Exactly how we will be able to celebrate that great feast is not yet clear – perhaps the vaccination programme will allow a loosening of restrictions before Easter Day?

In the meantime, Lent lies ahead. Do join me in marking the start of Lent on **Ash Wednesday** (17<sup>th</sup> February) at 11.00am on [Zoom](#) ID: 878 8995 1741 Passcode: 821929 or [Facebook](#). Then, on the subsequent Wednesdays in Lent feel welcome to join our online Lent Course. This video-and-discussion course engages with six 'Rhythm of Life' areas: praying, reflecting, encouraging, resting, celebrating and creating. It will take place via [Zoom](#) Meeting ID: 824 6177 5096 Passcode:



165473 from 11:00 am – 12:30 pm starting on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> February. If you are not able to join us on a Wednesday morning, there is a diocesan-wide course offered on Wednesdays at 7:30 pm from 24<sup>th</sup> February [click here to book on to the diocesan course](#).

Alan Garrow, Vicar of St Peter's Church

# Today's Services: 14<sup>th</sup> February 2021

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Quinquagesima (BCP)

## 9:30 Family Communion

Readings 2 Corinthians 4 v 3 - 6

Mark 9 v 2 - 9

Preacher: Stewart Davies

## 11:00 Choral Matins

Setting Ireland in F (Jubilate)

Hymns 577, 494, 398

Psalm 27 v 1 - 12

Readings 2 Corinthians 4 v 3 - 6

Mark 9 v 2 - 9

Anthem All things bright and beautiful (*Rutter*)

Preacher: Stewart Davies

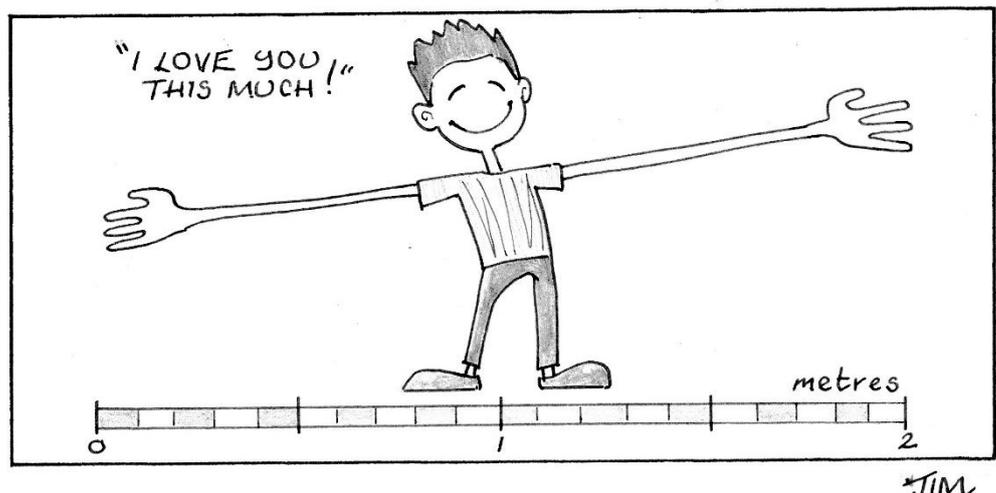
## All this week's services are online

As in-person worship is suspended at St Peter's Church, 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 \(BCP\)](#). Or you can watch the services on [St Peter's YouTube channel](#) later in the day. [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.

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

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

**RIP** Martin Mackintosh and Ron Woolley

**Also in our prayers this week:**

<b>Mon</b>	Children and young people <i>Martin House</i> , children's hospice
<b>Tues</b>	The elderly, isolated and vulnerable St Peter's Food Parcel Scheme
<b>Wed</b>	Businesses and the workplace Local businesses who are now closed and may not re-open
<b>Thurs</b>	The NHS and other key workers Ambulance drivers and paramedics
<b>Fri</b>	National and local government All our Members of Parliament
<b>Sat</b>	Our families, friends and loved ones Alan Garrow, Vicar of St Peter's

**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>	<i>Sigfrid, Bishop, Apostle of Sweden, 1045; Thomas Bray, Priest, founder of the SPCK and SPG, 1730</i> Psalm 44 Jeremiah 1 John 3 v 1 - 21
<b>Tues</b>	Psalm 48 Jeremiah 2 v 1 - 13 John 3 v 22 to end
<b>Wed</b>	<b><i>Ash Wednesday</i></b> Psalm 38 Daniel 9 v 3 – 6, v17 - 19 1 Timothy 6 v 6 - 19
<b>Thurs</b>	Psalm 57 Jeremiah 2 v 14 - 32 John 4 v 1 - 26
<b>Fri</b>	Psalm 3 Jeremiah 3 v 6 - 22 John 4 v 27 - 42
<b>Sat</b>	Psalm 71 Jeremiah 4 v 1 - 18 John 4 v 43 to end

**The Collect for the Sunday next before Lent**

Almighty Father, whose Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross:

give us grace to perceive his glory, that we may be strengthened to suffer with him and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory;

who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**or**

Holy God, you know the disorder of our sinful lives: set straight our crooked hearts, and bend our wills to love your goodness and your glory in Jesus Christ our Lord.

# 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.*

[Coffee and Chat Zoom Drop-in](#) – weekdays at 11:00 am (11:30 am on Wednesday).

<b>Mon 15<sup>th</sup></b>	4:30 - 4:50 pm hot food to eat in or take-away
<b>Tues 16<sup>th</sup></b>	<b><i>Shrove Tuesday</i></b> 4:30 - 4:50 pm food parcels available
<b>Wed 17<sup>th</sup></b>	<b><i>Ash Wednesday</i></b> <b>11:00 am Holy Communion</b> to mark the beginning of Lent, followed by <i>Coffee and Chat Zoom Drop-in</i> 4:30 - 4:50 pm hot food to eat in or take-away <b>7:00 pm Alpha Online</b> – Session 5: <i>Why and how do I pray?</i> Contact Sarah Martin 07913 259490.
<b>Thurs 18<sup>th</sup></b>	4:30 - 4:50 pm food parcels available
<b>Fri 19<sup>th</sup></b>	4:30 - 4:50 pm hot food to eat in or take-away
<b>Sat 20<sup>th</sup></b>	4:30 - 4:50 pm food parcels available
<b>Sun 21<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>The First Sunday of Lent</b> 9:30 am Family Communion 11:00 am Choral Matins 1:00 – 1:30 pm Sunday Lunch

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## A call to prayer for the nation



**We remember before God those who have died and we pray that God's love will surround all who mourn them, now and always**

Loving Father God, be with us in our distress;  
be with our families, friends, and neighbours,  
our country and our world.

Give health to the sick, hope to the fearful,  
and comfort to mourners.

Give wisdom to our frontline and key workers, insight to our Government,  
and patience to us all.

Overcome disease with the power of your new life,  
through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**



## Fairtrade Fortnight: 22<sup>nd</sup> February – 7<sup>th</sup> March 2021



For two weeks each year at the end of February and start of March, thousands of individuals, companies, schools and groups across the UK come together to share the stories of the people who grow our food and drinks, mine our gold and who grow the cotton in our clothes, people who are often exploited and underpaid.

In 2021, Fairtrade Fortnight will feel very different. The COVID-19 pandemic has shown us more than ever how interconnected we are globally. This interconnection is at the very heart of the Fairtrade message and is where your role begins. You have the

power to drive long-term change, not only with your shopping choices, but with your support in spreading the message.

### How can I get involved?

- [Join our online festival](#) with your friends and family. Sign up today and we'll send you all the latest news as more exciting events are confirmed!
- Are you a young person between the ages of 5 - 25? Get involved in the '**Choose the World You Want**' youth exhibition in Fairtrade Fortnight 2021. [Click here for more information.](#)
- [Sign the Climate Coalition's Climate Declaration](#) and tell your local MP or Council about your commitment to putting the voices of farmers and workers at the heart of the climate crisis fight.

### Join in with **#LiveLent** - the Church of England's Lent campaign

From Ash Wednesday (17<sup>th</sup> February) to Easter Sunday (4<sup>th</sup> April), there are six reflections for each week, written by Stephen Hance, the Church of England's National Lead for Evangelism and Witness. Each reflection includes a short passage from the Bible, a brief exploration of the reading, and a prayer. Additionally, each week has a unifying theme and an action to be taken during the week. It's not too late to [sign up for the daily emails](#), download the free app or [send for the booklet](#).

**Pam Brush has been making Seville orange marmalade to sell (£2.50 a jar) in aid of St Peter's Choir funds and concerts with soloists and orchestra, which we hope to resume soon. Please phone Pam on 01423 568183 to place an order which can be reserved for as long as necessary.**

## Dignity Through Education

**Dignity Through Education** is an association set up by a group of people in Bilton. It aims to give financial assistance to the children of some of the poorest people in Sri Lanka. These people are tea plantation workers. They live and work in some of the harshest conditions imaginable. Their standard of living is the lowest of any community in Sri Lanka and well below the minimum that we ourselves would find acceptable.



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Tea pickers, mostly women, start work at the crack of dawn, sometimes in heavy rain and bitterly cold weather, and work until till late afternoon. All that they earn is the equivalent of £3 - £5 per day. They have been fighting for a few years now for a minimum daily wage of Rupees 1000, about £4.50 at today's exchange rate. These labourers contribute nearly 70% of the foreign exchange earnings of Sri Lanka but have been denied the basics in terms of standard education, housing, medical and

sanitary amenities for nearly 150 years. For example, many workers still live in the line-rooms built by the British planters who brought workers from the Tamil Nadu area of India in the 1860s and which have hardly changed since that time.

Poverty is the way of life for these people, but education offers a route out of poverty. Education for the children of tea estate workers is limited, but occasionally dedicated students are able to achieve the grade requirements for entry to university. Although education in Sri Lanka is free, there are still things that students must pay for and the cost is often beyond the means of self-sacrificing parents. For this reason our association, **Dignity through Education**, aims to offer small bursaries to the children of poor tea plantation workers who have achieved a place at university. The bursary amounts to £144 per student per year of study. New sponsors are always welcome. They can make a single annual payment or pay monthly by direct debit. Cheques should be made payable to **Dignity through Education** and sent to 14 St Hilda's Road, Harrogate, HG2 8JY.

Further information about our association and about sponsorship is available from our website, <https://www.dignitythrougheducation.co.uk>. Thank you!

Theva Thevarokiam, *founder of **Dignity Through Education***  
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THANK YOU

St Peter's gives out food every day to those in need. Thank you so much if you remembered to bring some groceries or toiletries to put in the hamper recently.

## Confirmation

A confirmation course is starting at St Peter's in May 2021. If you are thinking of being confirmed and want to know more, please contact Chris Clayton (07407 258733).

♥ HAPPY  
Valentine's  
DAY ♥

## Welcome to St Peter's Church



*You can still  
join us online*

The building may be closed, and we may not be able to gather as we normally do, but we're still here if you need prayerful or practical support. The Weekly News is available on the website and our Sunday and daily services are all available online.

## Next Week's Deadline

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

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