



# Weekly News

7<sup>th</sup> February 2021

The Second Sunday before Lent

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## News from St Peter's CE Primary School

The first, and most important, piece of news is that Mrs Julia Collins, the long-serving Headteacher is due to retire at the start of the Easter holidays! It has been a real and consistent pleasure to work with Julia over the past five years. Under her leadership the school has developed a consistent and inspiring Christian ethos – recognised in the achievement of an 'Excellent' rating at the last Church School inspection – with a highly able and energetic staff team.

The appointment process for Mrs Collins' successor is already underway, led by Chair of Governors, Linda McPhee. Do please pray for everyone involved with the school at the moment. The challenges involved in enabling learning for children at home, as well as for those who are in school, are considerable – and the



*Julia Collins, Headteacher at St Peter's CE School for 15 years*

exceptionally important process of appointing a new headteacher is, of course, made all the more demanding by the current restrictions.

Chris Clayton and I have not been able to visit school for many months, so we have had to flex our imaginations when it comes to leading Collective Worship. This term our theme is Art – with online presentations reflecting on works by Piero della Francesca, Antony Gormley, Holman Hunt, Georgia O'Keefe, Vincent Van Gogh and Rembrandt van Rijn. I have found engaging with great art particularly refreshing and enlivening while living with all the restrictions of Lockdown. I hope the children have too!



*Linda McPhee,  
Chair of Governors*

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

# Today's Services: 7<sup>th</sup> February 2021

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Sexagesima (BCP)

## 9:30 Family Communion

**Readings** 1 Corinthians 9 v 16 - 23

Mark 1 v 29 - 39

**Preacher:** Chris Clayton

## 11:00 Choral Communion

**Setting** Oldroyd (Mass of the Quiet Hour)

**Hymns** 334, 254, 573 (*omit \* verse*), 368

**Readings** 1 Corinthians 9 v 16 - 23

Mark 1 v 29 - 39

**Anthem** Panis Angelicus (*Franck*)

**Preacher:** Chris Clayton



## 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.

## TRYING TIMES WK 45

CHURCHES  
CLOSE  
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GOD'S  
WORK  
CONTINUES



**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.

**Also in our prayers this week:**

<b>Mon</b>	Schools and colleges Western Primary School
<b>Tues</b>	The elderly, isolated and vulnerable Our retired Clergy: Graham Cornish, Michael Hunter and Sue Pearce
<b>Wed</b>	Businesses, the workplace and economic wellbeing All those working from home
<b>Thurs</b>	The NHS and other key workers GPs surgeries and health centres
<b>Fri</b>	National and local government The first ministers of the devolved administrations
<b>Sat</b>	All who are suffering with physical and mental ill-health Catharine Davies, Licensed Lay Minister

**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 Ecclesiastes 7 v 1 - 14 John 19 v 1 - 16
<b>Tues</b>	Psalm 36 Ecclesiastes 7 v 15 to end John 19 v 17 - 30
<b>Wed</b>	<i>Scholastica, sister of Benedict, Abbess of Plombariola, c 543</i> Psalm 34 Ecclesiastes 8 John 19 v 31 to end
<b>Thurs</b>	Psalm 37 Ecclesiastes 9 John 20 v 1 - 10
<b>Fri</b>	Psalm 31 Ecclesiastes 11 v 1 - 8 John 20 v 11 - 18
<b>Sat</b>	Psalm 42 Ecclesiastes 11 v 9 to end of chapter 12 John 20 v 19 to end

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

Almighty God, you have created the heavens and the earth and made us in your own image:

teach us to discern your hand in all your works and your likeness in all your children;

through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns supreme over all things, now and for ever.

**or**

Almighty God, give us reverence for all creation and respect for every person, that we may mirror your likeness 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.

<b>Mon 8<sup>th</sup></b>	4:30 - 4:50 pm hot food to eat in or take-away
<b>Tues 9<sup>th</sup></b>	4:30 - 4:50 pm food parcels available
<b>Wed 10<sup>th</sup></b>	4:30 - 4:50 pm hot food to eat in or take-away <b>7:00 pm Alpha Online</b> – Session 4: <i>How can I have faith?</i> Contact Sarah Martin 07913 259490.
<b>Thurs 11<sup>th</sup></b>	4:30 - 4:50 pm food parcels available
<b>Fri 12<sup>th</sup></b>	<b><i>Chinese New Year starts</i></b> 4:30 - 4:50 pm hot food to eat in or take-away
<b>Sat 13<sup>th</sup></b>	4:30 - 4:50 pm food parcels available
<b>Sun 14<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>The Sunday next before Lent</b> 9:30 am Family Communion 11:00 am Choral Matins 1:00 – 1:30 pm Sunday Lunch

♥ **HAPPY**  
*Valentine's*  
**DAY** ♥

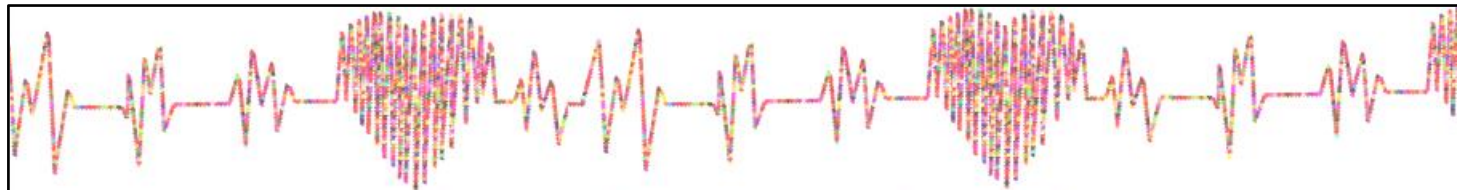
## The *Letters to Loved Ones* service at Harrogate District Hospital



We have a '*Letters to Loved Ones*' service for inpatients and their families at Harrogate District Hospital.

Relatives and friends of patients currently in hospital can now send letters and photographs to [hdft.LovedOnes@nhs.net](mailto:hdft.LovedOnes@nhs.net), and these will be delivered to patients. Please include the patient's full name, date of birth and the ward they are on. We will do the rest. Alternatively, if you are unable to email, please call us Monday – Friday, 9:30 am – 4:30 pm on 01423 557985 and we can take down a message. We hope this will raise spirits whilst visiting is reduced, and help people stay connected to their loved ones at this time. All messages will be treated in the strictest confidence and will be laminated for infection control reasons. Deliveries will take place Monday - Friday and will be entirely free. However, if you would like to make a small donation to our Harrogate Hospital and Community Charity that would be very gratefully received: [hhcc.co.uk/donate](http://hhcc.co.uk/donate).

Darren McClintock, *Chaplaincy Team Leader at Harrogate District Hospital*



# Rhythm of Life

## Lent Course

This online course from the Diocese of Leeds consists of six weekly sessions during Lent. The sessions will take place via Zoom with online materials and discussion/reflection questions, providing an opportunity to engage with the seven **Rhythm of Life** areas: praying, reflecting, encouraging, sharing, resting, celebrating and creating. We will be following this course at St Peter's on Wednesdays from 11:00 am – 12:30 pm starting on 24<sup>th</sup> February. To book a place and receive the Zoom link, please email: [alan.garrow@gmail.com](mailto:alan.garrow@gmail.com).

### #LiveLent the Church of England's Lent resource for 2021

The Church of England's Lent resources theme for 2021 is **#LiveLent: God's Story, Our Story**. 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. 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. There is a booklet available to buy from [Church House Publishing](https://www.churchhousepublishing.co.uk/), as well as a free app, emails and audio – visit the [Church of England website](https://www.churchofengland.org/) for more details.



### Harrogate School of Theology & Mission

#### New Creation part 2 - a Bibletrack seminar by Dr Tom Wright

This online seminar via Zoom is on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> February starting at 10:00 am with a DVD presentation by Tom Wright, followed by a facilitated discussion. For this seminar there is a charge of £2 per computer and places must be booked in advance. Visit [hstm.org.uk](https://hstm.org.uk) for full details.

### Online Pastoral Conversations Course

Lockdown has made us aware of those around us struggling. We can sometimes feel powerless to help when others share their difficulties with us. This level 1, introductory, online course offers an opportunity to receive some training and support around how to best ensure that your conversation nurtures and empowers people to cope with the difficulties they face. There are two options depending on your learning style: a [Zoom Course](#) starting on 25<sup>th</sup> February 7:00 – 9:00 pm or a [Self-paced Course](#), if you prefer to study at your own pace on your own.



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# A call to prayer for the nation



In response to passing the terrible milestone of 100,000 deaths from COVID-19, the Archbishops of Canterbury and York have invited us to set aside time every evening at around 6:00 pm to pray:

**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 God, at this time of crisis when so many are suffering,  
we pray for our nation and our world.

Give our leaders wisdom, our Health Service strength, our people hope.

Lead us through these parched and difficult days to the fresh springs of joy and comfort that we find in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

## Thinking about Confirmation?

A Confirmation Course will be starting at St Peter's in May 2021 – how we deliver the course will depend on the COVID restrictions at that time. However, we have made a provisional booking for a Confirmation Service on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> June at 6:30 pm. If you are thinking about committing your life to Christ and want to chat or know more about what is involved, please contact Chris Clayton (07407 258733).

## Another 'glory moment' (see last Sunday's sermon)

Michael Bell took this photo of some Winter Aconites on Park Parade this week.





## A Lenten activity for children: **PRAY, FAST, GIVE** printable



Another idea from Katherine Bogner's website to use during Lent that encourages children to pray, fast (sacrifice something) and give. It is simple to make using thin card or paper, some colouring pencils or felt tips and a stapler. First make a list of ideas under the three headings with your children. Here are some suggestions: **Pray** for Mummy and Daddy, Pray for Granny and Grandad, Pray for people who are sick. **Fast** from sweets, Fast from complaining (*my personal favourite*), Drink only water

today. **Give** a helping hand, Give others their turn first, Send a card to your friend. Then print out the base, decorate, fold and assemble it – [full instructions here](#). Write your ideas on strips of paper and put them in the pockets ready to start on Ash Wednesday (the first day of Lent). Each morning the children pull out one suggestion from each pocket and try to fulfil their three challenges by the end of the day. We put the strips back as each challenge was achieved for someone else to try. Then the next morning they choose three new things. Try to keep going for the full 40 days!

### **Will you be buying flowers for Valentine's Day next Sunday?**

Thousands of roses will be flown into the UK and sold this Valentine's Day with many of them coming from many miles away – but should we feel bad about this?

Fairtrade flowers are grown to the highest ethical and environmental standards. Fairtrade flower workers in countries such as Kenya, Tanzania, Sri Lanka and Ecuador receive an extra 10% for each stem sold. This is called the Fairtrade Premium and is spent on education, families, healthcare and communities. To find out more read [6 reasons why you should buy Fairtrade flowers](#).



If you are buying in a supermarket, the CO-OP sources 100% of its roses through Fairtrade; Aldi, ASDA, Lidl and M&S all stock Fairtrade flowers (but check for the logo). If you shop online, [Arena Flowers](#) are ranked as the UK's most ethical florist and [M&S](#) also sell a selection of Fairtrade bouquets for delivery.



St Peter's is continuing to give out food **every day** to those in need. If you would like to donate something 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. Thank you!

### **Here to Help Volunteer Drivers**

*Could you offer to drive people without any other means of transport to their COVID-19 vaccination appointments? Visit the [Harrogate and District Community Action website](#) or call 01765 645092 for further details.*

## **Welcome to St Peter's Church**



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 (14<sup>th</sup> February) will be noon on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> February. Please send any items (including photos) to Alan Garrow **or** to Marian Chambers (addresses below).

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