



# Weekly News

12<sup>th</sup> December 2021

The Third Sunday of Advent

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St Peter's Church, Cambridge Road, Harrogate, HG1 1PB

## International Human Rights Day

The 10<sup>th</sup> December marks International Human Rights Day.

The abuse of one human being by another is an affront to us individually and undermines our collective integrity. There is a moral code, a truth and collective consciousness which binds the universe, the world and all humanity together. Sadly, we see this breakdown happening all around us, exploiting not only humanity, but the earth, animals and the natural world.

The atrocities of World War Two sparked a determination to protect the rights of all human beings everywhere. On 10<sup>th</sup> December 1948, the General Assembly of the United Nations adopted and proclaimed the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR). The preamble recognised the inherent dignity and inalienable rights of all members of the human family as the foundation of freedom, justice and peace in the world. It declared that 'All human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights. They are endowed with reason and conscience and should act towards one another in a spirit of brotherhood'.

Amnesty International's vision is of a world in which every person enjoys all the rights enshrined in the UDHR. We bring torturers to justice; change oppressive laws, and free people jailed just for voicing their opinions. Join hundreds of thousands of Amnesty supporters around the world this winter by taking part in our annual *Write for Rights* campaign and show your solidarity for people enduring human rights abuses - booklets are available at the back of Church.

Judith and David Simpson



## St Peter's Ladies who Lunch

The **Ladies who Lunch** are meeting again on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December at 12:15 pm at the Palm Court Café at the bottom of Montpellier Hill. If you would like to join us for food and fellowship, then please contact Sue Heapy (07540 355 305 or [brynsusie@hotmail.com](mailto:brynsusie@hotmail.com)) before **TOMORROW**, Monday 13<sup>th</sup> December, so she can book a table.



## Come and help to make Christingles

This year we have two Christingle Services both on Christmas Eve, one at 3:00 pm and one at 4:30 pm, in aid of the **Children's Society**. We will be making 300 Christingles on the morning of Friday 24<sup>th</sup> December from 10:00 am onwards in Church. If you would like to help please let one of the Clergy know or contact Kate Blake ([kateblakefamily@gmail.com](mailto:kateblakefamily@gmail.com)).

## Men's Breakfast at St Peter's: Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2021

Beginning with Morning Prayers at 8:00 am for those who wish to take part, and breakfast from 8:30 to 9:00 am, followed by an informal discussion session in The Gallery for perhaps 30 minutes or so. If you are planning to come please email Bryn Heapy at [brynsusie@hotmail.com](mailto:brynsusie@hotmail.com) or text him on 07561 889076.



## Sunday Club News

I have some sad news - our amazing Sarah Guthrie, is stepping down as Sunday Club leader. After so many years as leader Sarah is taking time to concentrate on her family and also to allow someone else to step up. I want to say on behalf of everyone, Sarah, you have done an amazing job leading the team and the young people of this Church. Your presence, calmness and passion for young people will be missed. Thank you, Sarah, for everything.

This means we are now looking and praying for a new Sunday Club leader. If you know of anyone, or want to take on the role yourself, please speak to me. Just to say we would not throw anyone in at the deep end and you will be given as much support as you need.

Chris Clayton, *Curate of St Peter's Church*

## The Church of England releases a Christmas single!

The Church of England have released their first ever Christmas single which can now be [streamed or downloaded online](#). The single, a new setting of *In the Bleak Midwinter* by Rebecca Dale, will form the soundtrack to this year's Church of England Christmas campaign [#AtTheHeartOfChristmas](#).

**At the heart  
of Christmas**





## Christmas Tree Festival winners announced today!

Well done to all the Christmas Tree Festival entrants – the Church looks amazing! Hannah Beck sent in this photo of Jarvis, a member of the Breakfast Club, topping out the Bell Ringers entry. Congratulations to all our winners and special thanks to the Festival Organisers - Annabel Hutchison and Ellie Smith - for all your hard work! We hope the trees will remain on display in Church over Christmas, but please remember to take your entries away before 30<sup>th</sup> December. Thank you!

## THE NET, our Parish newsletter is back!

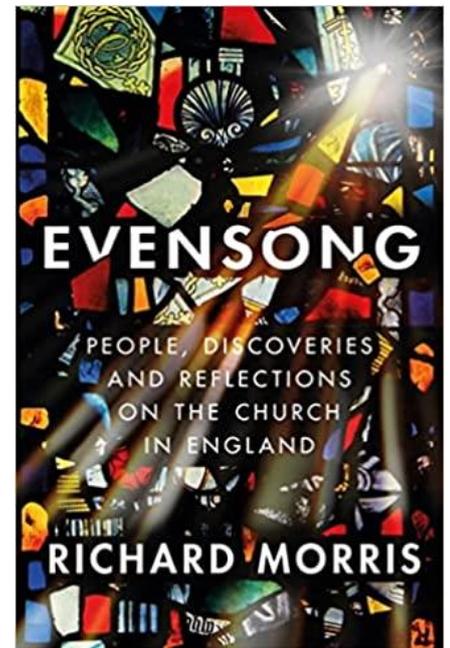
In this Advent edition there are details of our Christmas services and an invitation to join Alpha. Please take some and pass them on to your friends and neighbours. If you usually deliver copies to a street near you, please pick up as many copies as you need to do that. Thank you!

## Looking for a Christmas present?

*Evensong - People, Discoveries and Reflections on the Church in England (W & N)*, by Richard Morris, was published on 25<sup>th</sup> November 2021.

The *Church Times* says, 'this memoir pulls off a difficult task ... the story that it tells is a very human story of a father and son, a vicar and an archaeologist ... Richard Morris avoids nostalgia, and, as one would expect from an archaeologist sets out a layered story of the different people and places whose character is vividly drawn here ... On one level, it is a celebration of the parish; on another, it is a ringing affirmation of the importance of our church buildings.'

St Peter's Church is mentioned and Richard, who sings in the choir, would be happy to sign your copy.



## Yet More Trying Times: the perfect gift for Christmas 2021



Jim Godfrey drew seventy cartoons during the pandemic, and most of them appeared in the Weekly News week by week, giving us something to smile about during that challenging time (*one of the Advent 2020 ones is shown here*).

Now thirty of them have been published

in his second book *Yet More Trying Times*, sold once in aid of **Action for Children**.

If you would like to order a copy then visit the [Wesley Memorial Church Oxford website](https://www.wesleychurchoxford.org/) or call 07876 282721. A copy costs £5 and includes postage and packaging.

# Today's Services: 12<sup>th</sup> December 2021

The Third Sunday of Advent

Gaudete Sunday

**8:30 Holy Communion**

**9:30 Family Communion**

*There is Sunday Club for school age children today - please gather in the café area at the front of Church at the start of the service. Pre-schoolers and their parents are welcome to stay in this area, where there are Activity Bags to share.*

**Hymns** 821 Into the darkness; 491 See him lying on a bed of straw; 498 Silent night; 1419 Light of the world, you stepped down into darkness

**Readings** Zephaniah 3 v 14 to end  
Luke 3 v 7 - 18

**Preacher:** Sarah Martin

**Our Duty Wardens today are:**

**Rachel Fell and  
Yvonne Dawes**

**11:00 Choral Matins**

**Setting** Jackson in G (Benedicite)

**Hymns** 607, 595, 38 (omit \*verse)

**Psalm** 12

**Readings** Zephaniah 3 v 14 to end  
Luke 3 v 7 - 18

**Anthem** I sing of a maid (*Jack Longstaff*)

**Preacher:** David Simpson

**4:15 pm Stepping Stones Service Holy Communion**

**Preacher:** Sam Clayton

**6:30 Choral Evensong**

**Setting** Byrd (Second Service)

**Hymns** 25, 33, 15

**Psalm** 62

**Readings** Isaiah 35  
Luke 1 v 57 - 66

**Anthem** Ascribe unto the Lord (*S S Wesley*)

**Preacher:** Sue Pearce



## This week's worship online

We are continuing to live stream the following services on Facebook and Zoom: 9:30 am Family Communion on Sundays (also available on *St Peter's YouTube channel* to watch later); and Morning and Evening Prayer at 8:00 am and 5:00 pm from Monday to Saturday. To join in follow the [links](#) on our website.

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

Pat Anderson, Ruth Bowes, Kenneth Coggane, Graham Cornish, Geni Emrullahu, Louise Emrullahu, Pam Gardiner, Vicky Harrison, June Hemmings, Miriam Jones, Jackie Kelly, Charlie Martineau and Sheila Pantin.

**Also in our prayers this week:**

**Mon** St Peter's CE Primary School  
*St Andrew's Evangelical Mission,*  
in Chosica, Peru

**Tues** Those feeling lost, lonely and  
isolated  
Staff and residents of care homes

**Wed** All who are unemployed  
Those worrying about money

**Thurs** All the power workers working to  
restore power supplies  
The soldiers deployed to help  
those hit by Storm Arwen

**Fri** Those who are close to death  
St Michael's Hospice

**Sat** Catharine Davies, Licensed Lay  
Minister  
The Toddler Group at 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?*

**Mon** *Lucy, Martyr at Syracuse*  
Psalm 40  
Isaiah 38 v 1 – 8 and  
v 21 - 22  
Matthew 16 v 13 to end

**Tues** *John of the Cross, poet,  
teacher*  
Psalm 70  
Isaiah 38 v 9 - 20  
Matthew 17 v 1 - 13

**Wed** Psalm 75  
Isaiah 39  
Matthew 17 v 14 - 21

**Thurs** Psalm 76  
Zephaniah 1 v 1 – 2 v 3  
Matthew 17 v 22 to end

**Fri** Psalm 98  
Zephaniah 3 v 1 - 13  
Matthew 18 v 1 - 20

**Sat** Psalm 71  
Zephaniah 3 v 14 to end  
Matthew 18 v 21 to end

**The Collect for the Third Sunday of Advent**

(Common Worship)

God for whom we watch  
and wait, you sent John the  
Baptist to prepare the way  
of your Son:  
give us courage to speak the  
truth, to hunger for justice,  
and to suffer for the cause  
of right, with Jesus Christ  
our Lord.

**The Collect for the Third Sunday in Advent**

(Book of Common Prayer)

O Lord Jesus Christ, who at thy first coming didst  
send thy messenger to prepare thy way before  
thee: Grant that the ministers and stewards of thy  
mysteries may likewise so prepare and make ready  
thy way, by turning the hearts of the disobedient  
to the wisdom of the just, that at thy second  
coming to judge the world we may be found an  
acceptable people in thy sight, who livest and  
reignest with the Father and the Holy Spirit, ever  
one God, world without end.

# 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.*

<b>Mon 13<sup>th</sup></b>	2:00 pm The U3A Singing Folk group 6:00 pm AA meeting in the Music Room
<b>Tues 14<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>12:00 – 12:30 pm Healing Service</b>
<b>Wed 15<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10:30 – 11:00 am Café Reflexions</b> 7:30 pm Harrogate Harmony Men's Chorus
<b>Thurs 16<sup>th</sup></b>	9:30 – 11:00 am Toddler Group <b>11:00 am Holy Communion</b> 7:30 pm St Peter's Choir Practice
<b>Fri 17<sup>th</sup></b>	9:30 am AA meeting in the Music Room 12:15 pm St Peter's <i>Ladies who Lunch</i> are meeting at the Palm Court Café
<b>Sat 18<sup>th</sup></b>	8:00 am Men's Breakfast at St Peter's 10:00 am – 3:00 pm Refreshment Day to raise funds for St Peter's Church
<b>Sun 19<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>The Fourth Sunday of Advent</b> 1:00 – 1:30 pm Sunday Lunch

## The Service of Nine Lessons and Carols

Join us for our traditional Service of Nine Lessons and Carols at St Peter's next Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> December at 6:30 pm. The story of the fall of humanity, the promise of the Messiah and the birth of Jesus is told in nine short Bible readings. The readings are interspersed with Christmas carols and anthems sung by our wonderful choir. Do join us.



### Next Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> December The Fourth Sunday of Advent

8:30	Holy Communion
9:30	Family Communion
11:00	Choral Matins
4:15	Stepping Stones Service – <i>Christmas Crafts</i>
6:30	<b>Service of Nine Lessons and Carols</b>

**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** is served from 1:00 – 1:30 pm.

**Hot food** is available 4:30 – 4:50 pm on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

**Our mini Supermarket** is on Thursdays 4:30 – 4:50 pm.



**Christmas 2021  
at  
St Peter's Church**

**December 2021**

Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup>	<i>All our usual Sunday morning services</i>
	4:15 pm Stepping Stones – <i>Christmas Crafts</i>
	6:30 pm <b>Service of Nine Lessons and Carols</b>
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> <b>Christmas Eve</b>	10:00 am – 12:00 pm Christingle making
	10:00 am – 12:00 pm Shoppers' Coffee and Carols
	3:00 pm <b>Christingle Service</b>
	4:00 pm <b>Christingle Service</b>
	6:30 pm Carols for Christmas Eve
	11:30 pm <b>Midnight Mass</b>
Saturday 25 <sup>th</sup> <b>Christmas Day</b>	8:30 am <b>Holy Communion</b>
	9:30 am <b>Family Communion</b>
	11:00 am <b>Christmas Morning Service</b>
Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup> <b>St Stephen's Day</b>	9:30 am Holy Communion (BCP)
Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> <b>New Year's Eve</b>	4:00 – 6:00 pm Light a candle and pray for 2022
	11:30 pm <b>Watchnight Service</b>

**Do you receive care or are you a carer?**

The Archbishops of Canterbury and York have set up a Commission to 'Reimagine Care' for adults with disabilities and people with care and support needs in later life. They are particularly interested in hearing from people who draw on care services, unpaid carers, families and friends and churches. Sian Lockwood has been asked to be an adviser to the Commission, looking at



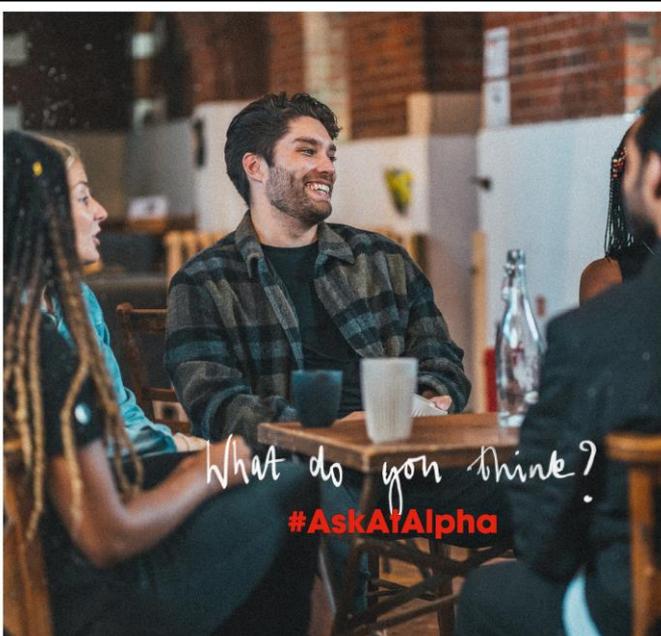
the role of churches, faith communities and the wider community in providing care. There is a form that you can complete online at [Archbishops' Commission on Reimagining Care - Listening and Engagement Exercise | The Church of England](#) but we will also have paper copies available at the Welcomer's Desk.

Refreshments are served after each of our Sunday morning services from the kitchen area at the front of Church. Please come and join us.



## Next Week's Deadline

The deadline for the next edition of the Weekly News (19<sup>th</sup> December) will be noon on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December. Please send any items (including photos) to Alan Garrow or to Marian Chambers (addresses below).



St Peter's Church  
Wednesdays 6:00 - 8:30 pm  
Starting 19th January 2022

Join us in 2022 #TryAlpha  
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Thank you to everyone who brought their **Feed a family this Christmas** bags and boxes to Church on Tuesday and Wednesday last week!

## Welcome to St Peter's Church

You can join us online or in person



**New to St Peter's?** Please fill in one of the welcome cards in the pews and hand it to one of the Clergy.