



Weekly News

14th March 2021

The Fourth Sunday of Lent

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We are not out of the woods just yet

It is a real delight to be able to welcome people back into St Peter's church building for private prayer (Monday to Saturday 11:00 am – 1:00 pm) and for 'in person' worship on Thursdays (11:00 am Holy Communion) and on Sundays (9:30 am and 11:00 am weekly, 4:00 pm monthly). We are, nonetheless, still in the very earliest stages of the easing of lockdown. This means that continued vigilance is required:



First, we need to keep distance between one another. This still feels horribly unnatural – especially when we've not seen one another for months – but this requirement remains very much in place. Please take particular care before and after services, and when queuing to receive Holy Communion on Sundays.

Second, face-coverings still need to be worn – unless you have an exemption. I'm sure we all look forward to the day when we can actually see one another's faces, but that day is not with us just yet.

Third, please remember to book for Sunday worship. Let Carole Raw stpeterschurchhgtooffice@gmail.com have your written request in good time. If your application is successful, Carole will email to confirm this (or will email your 'email buddy' if you don't use email yourself – if you are unsure who this is, please phone the Parish Office so we can make sure this line of communication is still working).

And, of course, we need to continue to be kind to one another. Even though we've been living with so many restrictions for nearly a year it is still all too easy to make a mistake. When this happens, let's assume we're all doing our best to get it right.

I can't wait to see you!

Alan Garrow, Vicar of St Peter's Church

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.



Harrogate School of Theology & Mission

Professor Keith Elliott, now retired after 40 years of teaching at Leeds University, speaks on 'What makes a book holy scripture?'

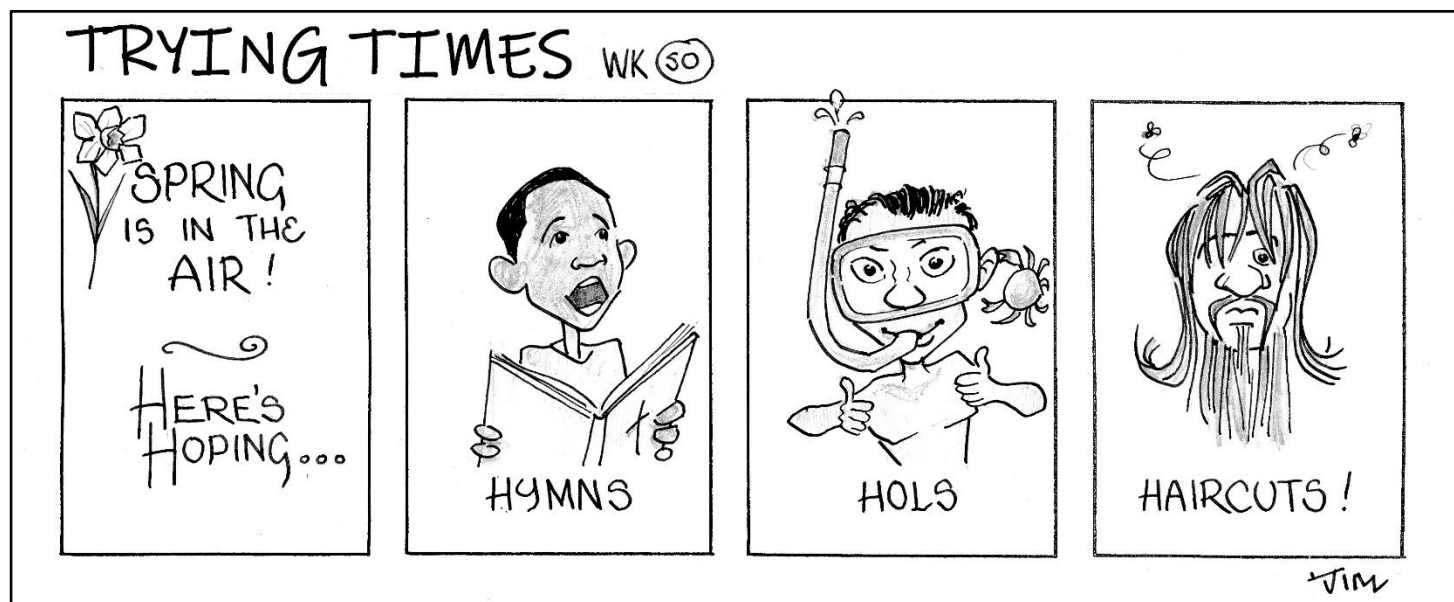


Professor Elliott is an emeritus professor of New Testament Textual Criticism but also has a great interest in early non-canonical Christian writings. He will concentrate on the New Testament but will discuss why, for instance, the Gospel of Thomas or the so-called gnostic gospels are not holy scripture. This online live lecture via Zoom is on Saturday 27th March from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm. For this event there is a charge of £5 and places must be booked in advance. Visit hstm.org.uk for full details.

Spring Harvest Home 2021

Spring Harvest Home is back for 2021, taking place from Sunday 4th April to Thursday 8th April. This year, they're taking the event online, through their brand new streaming platform both live and on demand. The 2021 theme is **Unrivalled: why we worship**. Find out more at:

<https://springharvest.org/springharvesthome21>.





HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

Please join us for both our in-person and online services:

Sunday 28th March
Palm Sunday

During our services today palm crosses are blessed and given out to commemorate Christ's entry into Jerusalem

9:30 am Family Communion

11:00 am Choral Matins

Monday 29th March

9:00 pm Compline – *an online service of quietness and reflection before rest at the end of the day*

Tuesday 30th March

9:00 pm Compline

Wednesday 31st March

7:15 pm A recording of the performance of Bach's *St Matthew Passion* at St Peter's Church in 2019 will be streamed online

Thursday 1st April

Maundy Thursday

11:00 am Holy Communion (no booking required)

7:30 pm Choral Communion commemorating the Last Supper with St Peter's Choir

9:00 pm Compline

Friday 2nd April

Good Friday

10:00 am Good Friday Family Service with craft activities and St Peter's Music Group

2:00 pm An Hour before the Cross – meditations and music on the crucifixion of Christ with St Peter's Choir

9:00 pm Compline

Saturday 3rd April

Easter Eve

Sunday 4th April

Easter Day

Celebrating with great joy Christ's resurrection

9:30 am Family Communion

11:00 am Choral Communion

All services in **bold** are in-person and booking for them is required, except for Holy Communion on Maundy Thursday morning. Please book with Carole Raw, via email: stpeterschurchhgtooffice@gmail.com or phone: 07425 161425 (10:00 am - 6:00 pm) Monday to Thursday.

Today's Services: 14th March 2021

The Fourth Sunday of Lent

Mothing Sunday

Please arrive no later than 5 minutes before the start of the service, so everyone can be safely seated at a distance

9:30 Family Communion
Readings Ephesians 2 v 1 - 10
John 3 v 14 - 21
Preacher: Stewart Davies

11:00 Choral Matins
Hymns 238, 517, 469
Psalm 27
Readings Numbers 21 v 4 - 9
John 3 v 14 - 21

Anthem Lord, for thy tender mercies' sake (*Farrant*)
Preacher: Stewart Davies

4:15 Afternoon Church - all-age worship, relaxed and family friendly
Preacher: Ruth Thompson-Vear



Our Duty Warden today is:
Ian Birt

As we return to in-person worship, 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!**

Please pray for those who have asked for our prayers:

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

Also in our prayers this week:

- Mon** Children and young people
All those killed or injured in the Christchurch Mosque attacks on this day in 2019
- Tues** The team preparing and serving Sunday Lunch
Hannah Beck, Lay Reader
- Wed** Those who have lost their jobs
Delivery drivers and postal workers
- Thurs** The NHS and other key workers
The 999 and NHS 111 call centre staff
- Fri** National and local government
SAGE, advising the Government on its response to the pandemic
- Sat** All those suffering from anxiety and depression
Stewart Davies, Lay Reader

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 77
Jeremiah 17 v 5 - 18
John 9 v 18 to end
- Tues** Psalm 79
Jeremiah 18 v 1 - 12
John 10 v 1 - 10
- Wed** *Patrick, Bishop, Patron of Ireland*
Psalm 90
Jeremiah 18 v 13 to end
John 10 v 11 - 21
- Thurs** Psalm 86
Jeremiah 19 v 1 - 13
John 10 v 22 to end
- Fri** *Joseph of Nazareth*
Psalm 25
Isaiah 11 v 1 - 10
Matthew 13 v 54 to end
- Sat** *Cuthbert, Bishop of Lindisfarne, Missionary*
Psalm 32
Jeremiah 20 v 7 to end
John 11 v 17 - 27

The Collect for Mothering Sunday

God of compassion, whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary, shared the life of a home in Nazareth, and on the cross drew the whole human family to himself: strengthen us in our daily living that in joy and in sorrow we may know the power of your presence to bind together and to heal; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

or

God of love, passionate and strong, tender and careful: watch over us and hold us all the days of our life; through Jesus Christ our Lord

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.

- Mon 15th** 4:30 - 4:50 pm hot food to eat in or take-away
- Tues 16th** 4:30 - 4:50 pm food parcels available
- Wed 17th** ***St Patrick's Day***
11:00 am – 12:30 pm *Rhythm of Life Lent Course* continues on [Zoom](#) - Session 4: *Encouraging*
4:30 - 4:50 pm hot food to eat in or take-away
7:00 pm Alpha Online – Session 13: *How can I resist evil?*
Contact Sarah Martin 07913 259490.
- Thurs 18th** **11:00 am Holy Communion** (*no booking required*)
4:30 - 4:50 pm food parcels available
- Fri 19th** 4:30 - 4:50 pm hot food to eat in or take-away
- Sat 20th** ***Vernal Equinox***
4:30 - 4:50 pm food parcels available
- Sun 21st** 1:00 – 1:30 pm Sunday Lunch
6:00 – 7:00 pm [Sanctuary's Drop-in Zoom Session](#)
Meeting ID: 989 8960 6338 Passcode: 917623

Next Sunday 21st March **The Fifth Sunday of Lent** ***(Passiontide begins)***

9:30 Family Communion
11:00 Choral Matins

To check availability and to book a pew at our morning services contact our Parish Administrator, Carole Raw, by noon on Thursdays on 07425 161425 or at stpeterschurchhqtooffice@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.

Congratulations to **Ella Peat**, winner of the St Peter's Easter Card Competition!

Rhythm of Life: Get Started Session

Ripon Area, Monday 15th March

7:30 – 9:00 pm Online

A chance to find out more about the Rhythm of Life initiative and have your questions answered. Hosted by Bishop Helen-Ann Hartley and the Rhythm of Life Steering Group. To register your interest and to receive the Zoom meeting link, please email RoL@leeds.anglican.org.



Try Praying campaign: covering our region in prayer

trypraying.

A small charity in Scotland is running an advertising campaign in the UK, the United States, and Australia to encourage people to 'try praying', using the strapline *It's easier than you think*.

The **trypraying** initiative was set up nine years ago by David Hill, founder of the charity *There is Hope*, and has been running ever since, in churches and through bus advertising, to prompt people to pray. Last year, analysis for the charity by a market-research agency, suggested that 32% of those who saw the adverts began to pray afterwards.

The charity also produces short seven-day prayer guides, which are aimed at non-churchgoers, and are available as a booklet or through an app. Day one suggests that people pray: *'God if you are really there — and I'm not sure you are — but if you are, I want to know you.'*

The Harrogate Hub is launching **trypraying** across our region this Spring. It's for friends, family and neighbours who are asking questions about God and faith, or struggling and searching for answers, but who would avoid stepping into church.

Those who would like to support this initiative in prayer are invited to a regional prayer evening tonight. Find out more at:

<https://www.trypraying.org/>

You're invited to an evening of prayer

SUNDAY 14TH MARCH
7PM ON ZOOM

trypraying.

IT'S EASIER THAN YOU THINK.

MEETING ID: 975 6221 5787
PASSCODE: 434976

COVERING OUR REGION IN PRAYER

MASHAM SKIPTON HARROGATE RIPON BEDALE
PATELEY BRIDGE WHARFEDALE KNARESBOROUGH HELLIFIELD

TRYPRAYING.ORG

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.

CARERS TRUST

YOUNG CARERS ACTION DAY

16 MARCH 2021

Protect Young Carers' Futures



Join us to recognise and celebrate young carers' skills.

Everyday across the UK thousands of young people help look after someone in their family or a friend, who is ill, frail, disabled, or has a mental health condition or addiction.

Get involved with Carers Trust's Young Carers Action Day Campaign.

Support young and young adult carers to realise their education, ambitions and future career dreams.

Find out more and get free resources to help you at:

Carers.org/YCAD

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Welcome to St Peter's Church
*You can join us online
or in person*



New to St Peter's? Please give your contact details to one of the Clergy after the service.

Details of this week's services online and how to book a pew at our in-person services are all inside!

Next Week's Deadline

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

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