



Weekly News

19th December 2021

The Fourth Sunday of Advent

www.stpetersharrogate.org.uk

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

The light still shines



*These windows are part of Harrogate Hub's **The Light Shines Trail** – seen at a house in Jennyfields ...*

Here we are again. As the circle of the year turns, we find ourselves at a point that seems very little distant from where we were last Christmas. We are all too conscious of the fragile state of our Health Service. We see businesses continue to struggle. The Government has diminished authority. The COP26 talks have not left us with much cause for optimism in relation to the climate. And, to top it all, the Omicron variant leaves us facing a rising wave of uncertainty as we head towards the New Year.

When we find ourselves surrounded by so many causes for gloom – whether in our personal or community life – we need to take care. Humans cannot function without hope! So where can we find hope deeper and more lasting than what our health, or the economy, or the Government can provide?

This year, as last, I have been drawn back to the cause for hope articulated in the opening lines of John's Gospel: **'The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it'**. Jesus did not enter a world that was *a bit imperfect* or *not quite right*, he entered a world fundamentally overshadowed by death. Death did not contain him then, it does not now, and it never will. No matter the dark that surrounds us in the past, present or future: **the light still shines**.



Alan Garrow, Vicar of St Peter's Church

The government has announced that England will move to Plan B in response to the risks of the Omicron variant. Face coverings are required by law in most indoor public places, including places of worship, and on public transport. Remember some people, including people with disabilities, are exempt from having to wear face coverings in any setting.

The Service of Nine Lessons and Carols

Join us for our traditional Service of Nine Lessons and Carols at St Peter's tonight, Sunday 19th 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. This service is also now available online.



Booking now required for our Christingle Services



In response to the changing Covid situation we have decided to limit numbers at our Christingle Services on Christmas Eve. By now our Parish Administrator, Carole Raw, will have emailed those who have successfully booked their own pew or seats at either the 3:00 pm or 4:30 pm service. Booked places will be held until **10 minutes before the service begins** - after that any empty places will be offered to those waiting outside on standby. Remember face coverings must be worn at all services, except by those who are exempt.



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

Join us in 2022 #TryAlpha
Alpha.org/uk



THE CHURCH
OF ENGLAND

At the heart of Christmas

Download the app for daily
At the Heart of Christmas
reflections
from Christmas Eve
to 6th January
www.churchofengland.org





**St Peter's
Christmas Tree Festival
2021 winners**

Congratulations to all our winners!
Clockwise from top left:
 Best Children's Tree – *We all fit together* by Western Primary School;
 Most Creative Tree – *Dive into Christmas* by Harrogate Diving Club;
 Best Individual Tree – *Dolly's Bling* by Hannah Beck
 Best Adult's Tree – St Peter's Breakfast Club.



Today's Services: 19th December 2021

The Fourth Sunday of Advent

8:30 Holy Communion

9:30 Family Communion

*There is **no** Sunday Club for school age children today, but all children and their parents are welcome to gather in the café area and share an Activity Bag.*

Hymns **314** Joy to the world; **243** In the bleak midwinter; **891** Like a candle flame; **420** O little town of Bethlehem

Readings Micah 5 v 2 – 5a
Luke 1 v 39 - 45

Preacher: The Ven Jonathan Gough, Archdeacon of Richmond and Craven

11:00 Choral Matins

Setting Dyson in F (Benedicite)

Hymns 58, 35, 601

Psalm 144

Readings Isaiah 32 v 1 - 8
Revelation 22 v 6 to end

Anthem This is the record of John (*Gibbons*)

Preacher: Alan Garrow

Our Duty Wardens today are:

Kate Blake and

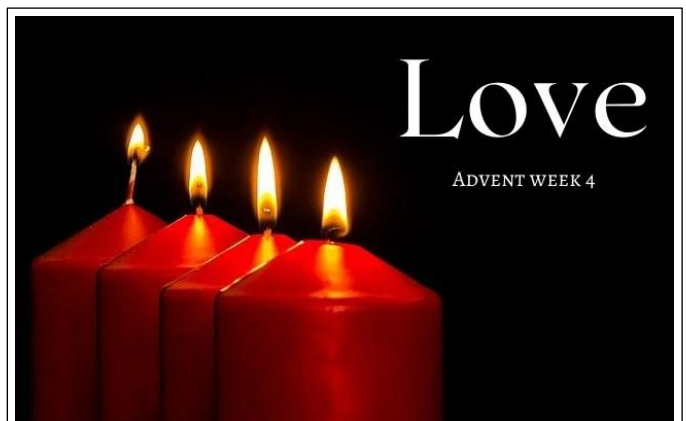
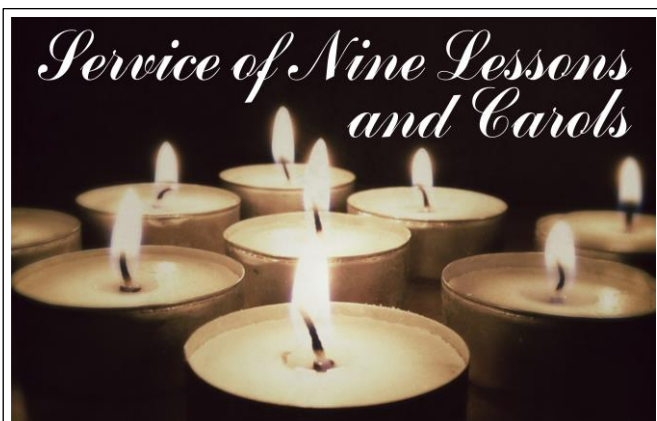
Richard Bion

4:15 pm Stepping Stones Service *Christmas Crafts*

Preacher: Ruth Thompson-Vear

6:30 Service of Nine Lessons and Carols

Please see the order of service



This week's worship online

We are continuing to live stream the following services on Facebook and Zoom: the 9:30 am **Family Communion** and the **Service of Nine Lessons and Carols today**; the 9:30 am **Family Communion on Christmas Day** (all three are also available on *St Peter's YouTube channel*); and Morning and Evening Prayer at 8:00 am and 5:00 pm from Monday to Saturday (except for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day). To join in follow the [links](#) on the website.

Please pray for those who have asked for our prayers:

Pat Anderson, Ruth Bowes, 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 Aidan's CE High School <i>Martin House</i> , hospice caring for children and young people
Tues	The elderly, isolated and vulnerable Those spending Christmas alone
Wed	All those affected by the devastating tornadoes in the USA Rough sleepers and the homeless
Thurs	All the staff at Harrogate Hospital working over Christmas Patients in hospital at Christmas
Fri	The newly elected MP for North Shropshire All who work in Parliament and are now in recess
Sat	Sarah Martin, Lay Reader and Churchwarden All those suffering from anxiety and depression

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 46 Malachi 1 v 1, v 6 to end Matthew 19 v 1 - 12
Tues	Psalm 121 Malachi 2 v 1 - 16 Matthew 19 v 13 - 15
Wed	Psalm 124 Malachi 2 v 17 – 3 v 12 Matthew 19 v 16 to end
Thurs	Psalm 130 Malachi 3 v 13 – 4 to end Matthew 23 v 1 - 12
Fri	<i>Christmas Eve</i> Psalm 45 Nahum 1 Matthew 23 v 13 - 28
Sat	<i>Christmas Day</i> Psalm 110 Isaiah 62 v 1 - 5 Matthew 1 v 18 to end

The Collect for the Fourth Sunday of Advent

(Common Worship)

Almighty God, as we prepare with joy to celebrate the gift of the Christ-child, embrace the earth with your glory and be for us a living hope in Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Collect for the Fourth Sunday in Advent

(Book of Common Prayer)

O Lord, raise up (we pray thee) thy power, and come among us, and with great might succour us; that whereas, through our sins and wickedness, we are sore let and hindered in running the race that is set before us, thy bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us; through the satisfaction of thy Son our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost be honour and glory, world without end.

What's on This Week

Mon 20th

2:00 pm The U3A Singing Folk group

Tues 21st

12:00 – 12:30 pm Healing Service

Wed 22nd

10:30 – 11:00 am Café RefleXions

Thurs 23rd

11:00 am Holy Communion

Fri 24th

Christmas Eve

10:00 am – 12:00 pm Shoppers' Coffee and Carols

10:00 am – 12:00 pm Christingle Making

3:00 pm **Christingle Service** (*booking required*)

4:30 pm **Christingle Service** (*booking required*)

6:30 pm **Carols for Christmas Eve**

11:30 pm Midnight Mass

Setting: Darke in E

Readings: Isaiah 52 v 7 – 10

Hebrews 1 v 1 - 4

John 1 v 1 - 14

Anthems: Infant Holy (*arr Willcocks*)

O Holy Night (*Adam*)

Preacher: Richard Morris

Sat 25th

Christmas Day



8:30 am Holy Communion

9:30 am Family Communion (*also available online*)

Hymns: 438, 36, 155, 408

Reading: Isaiah 9 v 2 – 7

Luke 2 v 1 - 20

Preacher: Chris Clayton

11:00 am Christmas Morning Service

Anthems: Ding, dong merrily on high (*arr Charles Wood*)

Sans Day Carol (*John Rutter*)

Readings: Isaiah 52 v 7 - 10

John 1 v 1 - 14

Preacher: Alan Garrow

1:00 – 1:30 pm Christmas Lunch

Sun 26th

Boxing Day

1:00 – 1:30 pm Christmas Lunch

Come and help to make Christingles

We will be making 150 Christingles on the morning of Friday 24th 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).

The Boxing Day Pilgrimage to Fountains Abbey is back

The traditional Boxing Day Pilgrimage from Ripon Cathedral to Fountains Abbey, which was cancelled last year, is back again. The celebration of Eucharist at the Cathedral begins at 9:30 am and then the pilgrims will walk the 4 miles to the Abbey where there'll be a service of carols and prayers from approximately 12:00 noon in the Cellarium. Entrance to Fountains Abbey is free if you are joining the pilgrimage.



Join us to bring in the New Year!

On 31st December, New Year's Eve, we are holding two special services. **Pray for 2022** - come and light a candle and pray for our nation and for the world, from 4:00 – 6:00 pm. Then later our atmospheric, candlelit **Watchnight Service** starts at 11:30 pm.

Christmas Stamp appeal

R N I B

See differently



This Christmas, collect your used stamps and help us create a world without barriers for blind and partially sighted people.

Order your pre-paid envelopes and boxes today!



rnib.org.uk/stamps



0303 123 9999



rnibstamps@rnib.org.uk



Registered with
FUNDRAISING
REGULATOR



The **Breakfast Club** provides a free, hot breakfast from Monday to Friday from 8:20 – 8:45 am for all those who are hungry or in need.

A free hot **Christmas Lunch** is served from 1:00 pm on both Christmas Day and Boxing Day.

Hot food is available as usual from 4:30 – 4:50 pm on Monday and Wednesday and on Christmas Eve there's takeaway from the back door.

Our mini Supermarket is on Thursday from 4:30 – 4:50 pm.

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 full edition** of the Weekly News (2nd January 2022) will be noon on Wednesday 29th December. Please send any items (including photos) to Alan Garrow or to Marian Chambers (addresses below).

Next Sunday 26th December

Stephen, First Martyr

9:30 Holy Communion (said)

Thank you!

your donations will

Help to feed a family this Christmas



Just a few of the bags and boxes full of Christmas gifts donated to the new appeal.

Thanks to the wonderful members of

St Peter's Congregation, the Residents of Southlands Nursing Home, Pinewood Allotments, Morrison's and Tesco supermarkets.

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.

Key Contacts

Vicar:

The Revd Dr Alan Garrow,
St Peter's Vicarage, 13, Beech Grove,
Harrogate, HG2 0ET.

tel: 0776 1017658

alan.garrow@gmail.com

Curate:

The Revd Chris Clayton,

tel: 07407 258733

chris.clayton@leeds.anglican.org

Parish Administrator:

Carole Raw,

tel: 07425 161425 or 568218

stpeterschurchhgtoffice@gmail.com

Churchwardens:

Sian Lockwood OBE

tel: 07889 616755

sian.lockwood54@gmail.com

Sarah Martin

tel: 07913 259490

sarah@makeadifference.co.uk

Churchwarden Emeritus:

Patricia Stableford

tel: 01423 526767

jpst39@gmail.com

St Peter's Safeguarding Officer:

Kate Blake

tel: 07931 382756

kateblakefamily@gmail.com

Weekly News and Newsletter Editor

Marian Chambers

marian.chambers41@gmail.com