



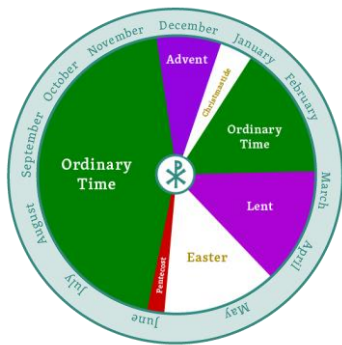
Weekly News

19th February 2023

The Sunday next before Lent

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The Start of Lent

Lent is one of the five main seasons of the Anglican liturgical calendar: Advent, Christmas, Lent, Easter and two periods of Ordinary Time. Ash Wednesday is the first day of Lent and falls 46 days before Easter (forty fasting days and six Sundays in the Anglican tradition), beginning the Lenten season of preparation for Christ's resurrection on Easter Sunday.

As the last day before the Lent, Shrove Tuesday was a day of self-examination when Christians would consider what sins they needed to repent of and what changes to their life or spiritual growth they would focus on. In preparation for Lent, those observing the fast would use this day to also purify and remove from their house any of the items that they were giving up for the next forty days. Traditionally this included eggs, fats, milk and sugar – so Shrove Tuesday became synonymous with the making, tossing and racing with pancakes!

Ripon's annual pancake race takes place on Shrove Tuesday. Its start at 11:00 am is signalled by the ringing of Ripon Cathedral's ancient Lent Bell, traditionally used to summon penitents to church to be 'shriven' by making confessions before the start of Lent. Contestants race from the West Front of the Cathedral up Kirkgate to the finish line. Many of the clergy from the Cathedral compete – this is the Dean, the Very Revd John Dobson.



Ashes are an ancient sign of penitence; from the middle ages it became the custom to begin Lent by being marked in ash with the sign of the cross – hence the name Ash Wednesday. The ash used for this is made from the burnt Palm Sunday crosses of the previous year. Churches are kept bare of flowers and decoration. *Gloria in excelsis* is not used during services. All making our minds and hearts ready for remembering Jesus' life, death and resurrection.

Sunday Lunch Club Meets Today!

It is open to everyone and there's no need to book or bring anything – although donations towards the cost will, of course, be very welcome! Lunch today will be served at 1:00 pm. Please speak to Hannah Beck (07503 186 455) or Yvonne Dawes (07960 779 381) if you need to know more.



Book *St Peter's Ladies who Lunch* today

The **Ladies who Lunch** are meeting again on **Wednesday 22nd February** at 12:15 pm at the Palm Court Café at the bottom of Montpellier Hill. If you would like to join them for food and fellowship, then please contact Sue Heapy (07540 355 305 or brynsusie@hotmail.com) today - 19th February - so she can book a table.

St Peter's Evening Fellowship are holding their AGM

On Thursday 2nd March St Peter's Evening Fellowship will be holding their AGM in the Brostoff Hall starting at 7:30 pm. This will be followed by a talk entitled 'Parish Church Treasures in North Yorkshire' by Tony Wilson. Further details from Richard Bion (07966 073 867 or richardbion9@gmail.com).

Dust and Glory - the Church of England's Lent campaign 2023

Dust and Glory: A Lent journey of faith, failure and forgiveness is the Church of England's Lent theme for 2023. This year's resources are informed and inspired by the Archbishop of Canterbury's 2023 Lent Book (*see page 7*) by Bishop Emma Ineson, who has also co-written the daily reflections booklet for adults.



Sign up for free daily Lent reflection emails straight to your inbox from Ash Wednesday (22nd February) to Easter Day (9th April) – all available on the [Church of England website](https://www.churchofengland.org).

A prayer for peace in Ukraine

This Friday 24th February marks the first anniversary of Russia's invasion of Ukraine.



God of peace and justice, we pray for the people of Ukraine today.

We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons.

We pray for all those who fear for tomorrow, that your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them.

We pray for those with power over war or peace, for wisdom, discernment and compassion to guide their decisions.

Above all, we pray for all your precious children, at risk and in fear, that you would hold and protect them.

We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace. Amen.

The Imposition of the Ashes

On Ash Wednesday, Roman Catholic, Anglican and some other churches hold special services at which worshippers are marked on the forehead with a cross of ashes. This service draws on the ancient Biblical traditions of covering one's head with ashes, wearing sackcloth and fasting as signs of repentance. As the minister makes the sign of the cross on each person's forehead these words are said:



Remember you are dust and unto dust you shall return.

Turn away from sin and be faithful to Christ

Please come to the Communion Service with the Imposition of the Ashes at 11:00 am on Ash Wednesday here at St Peter's as this season of Lent begins.

Café Connect starts on Friday

This first session is for practising the conversational English needed for sorting out problems in the home, learning the story behind the British flag and getting to know people over crafts and games. Refreshments will be available. *Café Connect* starts on 24th February from 10:30 am – 12:30 pm in the Brostoff Hall; no need to book – just drop in! Please speak to Michelle Chan or Charlie Martineau, the course leaders, if you need to know more.



London Concertante present a
Night at the Opera by Candlelight
at Ripon Cathedral

Saturday 11th March at 7:30 pm
with some of the finest opera arias
and overtures

Book your tickets here:

<https://londonconcertante.com/11th-mar/>

PREGNANCY LOSS TRAINING

Are you a good listener? Is God calling you to help those in need?
Would you like to be equipped to walk alongside people in their grief?



1 in 5 pregnancies ends in miscarriage
7 babies are stillborn everyday in the UK
573 abortions take place daily in Eng/Wales

We are looking for Christian volunteers to undergo
our training and join Reflect to help meet this need.



Saturdays (in person): 4th March,
22nd April, 20th May and 15th June
Tuesdays (6 sessions online) at 7:15 pm
For more information email
info@reflectsupport.co.uk

Today's Services: 19th February 2023

The Sunday next before Lent

Quinquagesima (BCP)

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 **859** I will worship with all of my heart; **935** My Jesus, my Saviour; **762** Here is bread; **879** Let all the world

Readings 2 Peter 1 v 16 to end
Matthew 17 v 1 - 9

Preacher: Catharine Davies

Our Duty Wardens today are:

Sian Lockwood
and Ian Burt

11:00 Choral Matins

Setting Ireland in F (Jubilate)

Hymns 6, 494, 398

Psalm 72

Readings Exodus 24 v 12 to end
Matthew 17 v 1 - 9

Anthem Turn back O man (*Holst*)

Preacher: Catharine Davies

4:15 pm Stepping Stones Service *Crafternoon Church*

Preacher: Ruth Thompson-Vear

6:30 Choral Communion

Setting Stanford in Bflat

Hymns 248, 271, 278, 427

Readings 2 Kings 2 v 1 - 12
Matthew 17 v [1 - 8] v 9 - 23

Anthem Tantum ergo (*de Séverac*)

Preacher: Alan Garrow

This week's worship online

We are continuing to live stream Morning and Evening Prayer on Facebook and Zoom at 8:00 am and 5:00 pm from Monday to Saturday. To join in follow the [links](#) on our website. Whenever we are unable to stream these services, it is possible to follow the day's liturgy via the national [Daily Prayer website](#)..

Please pray for those who have asked for our prayers:

Pat Anderson, Robert Bickford, Georgia Gabrielle Bradley, Michael Bradley, Judith Clark, Richard Couzens, Margie Dickinson, Tony Edwards, Geni Emrullahu, Louise Emrullahu, David Fisher, Pete Hallam, Vicky Harrison, June Hemmings, Trevor Hughes, Jackie Kelly, Steve Martin, Sheila Pantin, Frances Roxby-Proud and Michelle Simon.

Also in our prayers this week:

Mon	Western Primary School St Peter's Sunday Club
Tues	Rough sleepers and the homeless St Peter's Breakfast Club
Wed	The survivors of the earthquakes in Turkey and Syria now needing clean water, food and shelter That Syria and all parties involved continue to grant humanitarian access to all those in need
Thurs	Harrogate Borough Council U3A group <i>The Singing Folk</i>
Fri	The Ukrainian people, on the first anniversary of the invasion of their country, showing such determination and courage All whose lives are devastated by war and civil strife
Sat	St Peter's Music Group Stewart Davies, Lay Reader

Daily Readings

Morning Prayer is at 8:00 am and Evening Prayer at 5:00 pm daily. Both services are livestreamed on Facebook and Zoom – join in by following the links on our website. These are the Bible readings we will be using each morning this week.

Mon	Psalm 71 Jeremiah 1 John 3 v 1 - 21
Tues	Psalm 73 Jeremiah 2 v 1 - 13 John 3 v 22 to end
Wed	<i>Ash Wednesday</i> Psalm 38 Daniel 9 v 3 – 6, v 17 - 19 1 Timothy 6 v 6 - 19
Thurs	<i>Polycarp, Bishop of Smyrna, Martyr, c 155</i> Psalm 77 Jeremiah 2 v 14 - 32 John 4 v 1 - 26
Fri	<i>Matthias the Apostle</i> Psalm 3 Jeremiah 3 v 6 - 22 John 4 v 27 - 42
Sat	Psalm 76 Jeremiah 4 v 1 - 18 John 4 v 43 to end

The Collect for The Sunday next before Lent (Common Worship)

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.

The Collect for The Sunday called

Quinquagesima (Book of Common Prayer)
O Lord, who hast taught us that all our doings without charity are nothing worth: Send thy Holy Ghost, and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of charity, the very bond of peace and of all virtues, without which whosoever liveth is counted dead before thee. Grant this for thine only Son Jesus Christ's sake.

What's on This Week

*St Peter's Church is open as a **Warm Welcome Space** from 9:30 am – 3:30 pm every day except Sundays.*

- Mon 20th** 1:30 – 3:00 pm The *Thinking about God* group in the Undercroft
2:00 pm The U3A Singing Folk group
- Tues 21st** ***Shrove Tuesday***
12:00 – 12:30 pm Healing Service
6:00 – 8:00 pm The **Start!** Course – session 3: *Why is the world in such a mess?*
- Wed 22nd** ***Ash Wednesday***
10:30 – 11:00 am Café Reflexions
11:00 am Holy Communion with Imposition of Ashes
12:15 pm *St Peter's Ladies who Lunch* are at the Palm Court Café
2:00 – 4:00 pm *Spectrum*, a social group for widows and widowers, meet in the Brostoff Hall
7:30 pm Harrogate Harmony Men's Chorus
- Thurs 23rd** 9:30 – 11:00 am The Toddler Group at St Peter's
11:00 am Holy Communion
7:00 pm new Home Group in Church
7:30 pm St Peter's Choir Practice
- Fri 24th** 9:30 am AA meeting in the Music Room
10:00 am – 12:00 pm St Peter's Cleaning Team
10:30 am – 12:30 pm *Café Connect* in the Brostoff Hall, helping Hong Kong Chinese to integrate into British life
- Sat 25th** 10:00 am – 3:00 pm *The Gilbert & Sullivan Society* are holding a Refreshment Day
- Sun 26th** ***The First Sunday of Lent***
1:00 – 1:30 pm Sunday Lunch
5:30 – 7:00 pm **Sanctuary** are meeting in the Brostoff Hall
7:30 – 8:30 pm AA meeting in the Brostoff Hall

Next Sunday 26th February

The First Sunday of Lent

- 8:30 Holy Communion
9:30 Family Communion
11:00 Choral Matins
4:15 Stepping Stones Service
– *Service of the Word*
6:30 Choral Evensong

The Breakfast Club provides a free, hot breakfast from Monday to Saturday (8:15 – 8:45 am) for all those who are hungry or in need. A hot **Sunday lunch** is also served each week at 1:00 pm, except for the third Sunday of the month when it is *Sunday Lunch Club*.

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.

FAILURE: What Jesus Said About Sin, Mistakes and Messing Stuff Up

The Archbishop of Canterbury's Lent Book 2023

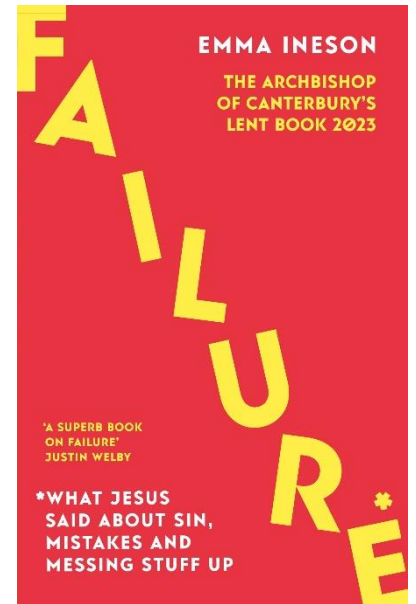
'A superb book on failure . . . humorous, realistic and absolutely, not judgemental.'

Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury

In 2019, Emma Ineson wrote about ambition and what it means for Christians to be successful. And then there was a global pandemic . . . Suddenly failure began to feel very much more familiar than success. But what is failure? What did Jesus think of it? What did he say about sin, mistakes and generally mucking things up?

At the start of this wonderfully humorous and encouraging book - which will end at the cross - it's suggested that our tendency to lump all kinds of failure together could be a bit unhelpful. A more nuanced understanding of what sort of failure we're dealing with might just allow us to make friends with it and respond more appropriately.

This idea leads us 'Towards an (Imperfect) Theology of Failure', based on key Christian thinking, and Emma poses the question of whether sin is an individual or corporate thing. Looking at the church, we consider, what is God's purpose for it? And in the light of key concerns such as safeguarding and racial justice, how might we re-examine concepts of success and recognize and measure failure? As the book draws to an end, we are reminded of our calling to live life to the full, to take risks despite our fears. We are bound sometimes to fail! Yet gazing at Jesus - who looked like the greatest failure of all - we may discern in the heartache, vulnerability and humility of failure, the glory of the cross.



About the author

The Revd Dr Emma Ineson is Bishop to the Archbishops of Canterbury and York, and Chair of the Lambeth Conference Working Group. She was Bishop of Penrith from 2019 - 2021. Prior to that, Emma was Principal of Trinity College, Bristol, where she taught practical theology and spirituality, and Chaplain at the Lee Abbey Community. In 2016, Emma was appointed as an Honorary Chaplain to the Queen.

These roles have helped her understand and appreciate the breadth and depth of the Church and, being married to a vicar, she has seen first-hand both the joys and challenges of parish ministry on the ground.

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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 (19th February) will be noon on Wednesday 15th February. Please send any items to Alan Garrow or to Marian Chambers.

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The flowers in Church today are in memory of **Keith Helsby**, whose birthday fell on Sunday 12th February.

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.

**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.