



Weekly News

21st February 2021

The First Sunday of Lent

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Rhythm of Life: Lent & Easter – supporting our schools in prayer

Like so many other sectors of our society, schools are currently facing extraordinary challenges. To enable us to support them in prayer, the Diocese of Leeds Education Team offers the following rhythm. The full resource, including prayers on various topics, is [downloadable here](#).

Mondays: *you might want to pray for:*

- The safety of all children
- Headteachers as they make decisions in challenging circumstances
- Governors and all those who give their time as volunteers
- Those learning at home and missing school

Fridays: *you might want to pray for:*

- School administrators and support staff
- The mental health and well being of all in school
- Support agencies who work with schools
- Your local schools by name

Tuesdays: *you might want to pray for:*

- Teachers juggling work in school and remote learning
- Vulnerable and key worker pupils
- The school curriculum and the wide range of opportunities schools offer
- The families who make each school unique

Saturdays: *you might want to pray for:*

- Collective worship and times shared together as a school community
- Our own stories of life and faith
- The school vision that inspires the day to day life of the school
- All who need encouraging today

Wednesdays: *you might want to pray for:*

- Teaching assistants and learning mentors with their many skills in supporting learning
- Each pupil with their many joys and challenges
- School buildings

Sundays: *you might want to pray for:*

- The relationship between schools and churches
- Clergy and all those who support schools in their spiritual life
- All those who are exhausted and in need of rest

Thursdays: *you might want to pray for:*

- Lunchtime supervisors and catering staff
- Those training to teach and those who train them
- The power of friendship

'It is my passionate belief that Church Schools are a gift to our society – serving the common good and equipping every person to flourish in a challenging, uncertain world.'

Archbishop of Canterbury

Today's Services: 21st February 2021

The First Sunday of Lent

9:30 Family Communion

Readings 1 Peter 3 v 18 - 22

Mark 1 v 9 - 15

Preacher: Catharine Davies

11:00 Choral Matins

Hymns 95, 97, 496

Psalm 51

Readings Genesis 9 v 8 - 17

Mark 1 v 9 - 15

Anthem Wash me thoroughly (S S Wesley)

Preacher: Catharine Davies



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.

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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.

RIP Margaret Potter, aged 100, a regular at St Peter's before she moved into a care home

Also in our prayers this week:

- Mon** Schools and colleges
Parents home-schooling their children
- Tues** The elderly, isolated and vulnerable
All those providing care or help to a vulnerable person
- Wed** Those enabling our online worship
Carole Raw, Parish Administrator
- Thurs** The NHS and other key workers
Our armed forces providing support where needed
- Fri** National and local government
The Prime Minister, Boris Johnson
- Sat** Those who are close to death
St Michael's Hospice

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 11
Jeremiah 4 v 19 to end
John 5 v 1 - 18
- Tues** *Polycarp, Bishop of Smyrna, Martyr, c 155*
Psalm 44
Jeremiah 5 v 1 - 19
John 5 v 19 - 29
- Wed** Psalm 6
Jeremiah 5 v 20 to end
John 5 v 30 to end
- Thurs** Psalm 42
Jeremiah 6 v 9 - 21
John 6 v 1 - 15
- Fri** Psalm 22
Jeremiah 6 v 22 to end
John 6 v 16 - 27
- Sat** *George Herbert, Priest, Poet, 1633*
Psalm 63
Jeremiah 7 v 1 - 20
John 6 v 27 - 40

The Collect for the First Sunday of Lent

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are, yet without sin:

give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit; and, as you know our weakness, so may we know your power to save;
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

Heavenly Father, your Son battled with the powers of darkness, and grew closer to you in the desert:

help us to use these days to grow in wisdom and prayer that we may witness to your saving love 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 (except Wednesdays) at 11:00 am.

Mon 22nd	4:30 - 4:50 pm hot food to eat in or take-away
Tues 23rd	4:30 - 4:50 pm food parcels available
Wed 24th	11:00 am – 12:30 pm <i>Rhythm of Life</i> Lent Course begins on <u>Zoom</u> - Session 1: <i>Celebrating</i> 4:30 - 4:50 pm hot food to eat in or take-away 7:00 pm Alpha Online – Session 6: <i>Why and how should I read the Bible?</i> Contact Sarah Martin 07913 259490.
Thurs 25th	4:30 - 4:50 pm food parcels available
Fri 26th	4:30 - 4:50 pm hot food to eat in or take-away
Sat 27th	4:30 - 4:50 pm food parcels available
Sun 28th	The Second Sunday of Lent 9:30 am Family Communion 11:00 am Choral Matins 1:00 – 1:30 pm Sunday Lunch 6:00 – 7:00 pm Sanctuary's Drop-in Zoom Session Meeting ID: 960 6015 0061 Passcode: 766049

FEBRUARY 2021

A call to prayer for the nation



We remember before God those who have died and we pray that God's love will surround all who mourn them, now and always

Lord Jesus Christ, in these dark and difficult days, we turn our hearts to you. In ages past, you have delivered our nation from disaster.

Do it again, we pray.

Give wisdom beyond human wisdom to our leaders,

Give strength beyond human strength to the NHS and all our frontline workers.

Give comfort beyond human comfort to the elderly and all who grieve.

Lord Jesus Christ, in these dark and difficult days, turn your face towards us, have mercy upon us, and heal our land, we pray. **Amen**



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16th February 2021

Dear friends at St Peter's

It has been an extraordinary year for all of us and it is wonderful that you decided to replace your annual Christmas Fair with a Just Giving campaign. We are so thankful for the wonderful gift of £500.



In past years, we have used your gifts from the Christmas Fair for our ministry in Rwanda. This year we are suggesting that we use your Christmas gift for our work in Burundi which is located immediately south of Rwanda. The western border of Burundi is the magnificent Lake Tanganyika. Over the years we have supported various projects through our partner REMA Burundi including peace making initiatives, the distribution of Bibles and

commentaries, leadership training and more. Recently we have launched a couple of new income generating projects and we are proposing to use your gift towards one of these projects coordinated by an Anglican parish near the capital Bujumbura. I have happy memories of my visits to St Peter's with Bishop Nathan Amooti in 2013 and 2016. At that time, he was Bishop of a remote diocese in the Southwest of Rwanda, but he is now Bishop of Kigali which is the capital of Rwanda. During lockdown, he has appeared regularly on Rwandan TV and is now known as the TV Bishop! My hope is that we will be able to visit you again once the current COVID-19 related restrictions permit.

Many thanks again for choosing Mission Possible UK as one of the beneficiaries of this campaign.

This comes with much gratitude and delight,

Richard Wallis

Executive Director of Mission Possible UK



*Bishop Nathan Amooti
and his wife Esther*

Serving the poor in Jesus' name through leadership training, literature distribution and social action

Trustees: Jane Brooks, Alison Craven, Penny Foster, Matt Pluke, Jon Randall, Rebecca Thomson.

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Vocations Online Webinars

Wednesday 3rd March, 2:30 – 4:30 pm

Thursday 4th March, 7:00 – 9:00 pm

Want to explore further a vocation to the Lay or Ordained Ministry? These online webinars are a great opportunity to explore different vocational pathways and to talk to people who have persued them. Visit Leeds Diocese Learning to find out more.

Songs of Praise: Love and Lent

On Valentine's Day Songs of Praise came from Ripon Cathedral. Presenter Sean Fletcher (*right*) reflected on the themes of love and Lent in the current times with the Bishop of Ripon, Helen-Ann Hartley. Also featured were Ben and Kristen, who proved that love is stronger than lockdown, when their wedding finally went ahead on the fourth attempt! Katie Piper visited Leeds and met the founder of *Faith in Operation*, Joe Walsh First broadcast on BBC1 and now available on BBC iPlayer.



SHARE YOUR VISION OF THE WORLD YOU WANT



Create your vision for the world you want, for the planet and everything on it, to celebrate **Fairtrade Fortnight 2021**.

Are you a young person between 5 and 25 years old? Share your artwork, poem, prose or film for a chance to be exhibited in the online Youth Exhibition at the **Choose the World you Want Festival** between 22nd February – 7th March 2021.

For more information visit the Fairtrade website. Closing date 1st March 2021.




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St Peter's Church PCC Harrogate

account at Natwest Bank PLC

Sort Code: 53-50-21

Account No: 67137628

or **download a Planned Giving Form** from the website.

THANK YOU!

Traditional, home-made marmalade for sale

Pam Brush has been making Seville orange marmalade to sell (£2.50 a jar) in aid of St Peter's Choir funds and concerts with soloists and orchestra, which we hope to resume soon. Please phone Pam on 01423 568183 to place an order which can be reserved for as long as necessary.

Welcome to St Peter's Church



You can still join us online

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 (28th February) will be noon on Wednesday 24th February. Please send any items (including photos) to Alan Garrow or to Marian Chambers (addresses below).

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