



# Weekly News

22<sup>nd</sup> January 2023

The Third Sunday of Epiphany

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## An Update on our Finances

The start of a new year is a good time to reflect on the past and plan for the future. This is especially true when considering our financial position at St Peter's. As we finalise our 2022 year end accounts and new budget for 2023, we are struck by how fortunate we are for the incredible generosity of so many people at St Peter's who provide for our needs through both financial giving and their personal time and energy.

We started 2022 extremely grateful that we had a fixed price contract for our energy and the promise of a very large legacy which would ensure financial stability and deliver a year end surplus of around £80,000. As it turns out, the legacy has still not arrived due to unexpected delays; we have incurred significant costs with the need to replace our heating system; and the value of our reserves have been depleted by a fall in our long-term investments. Despite all these challenges, we doubled the amount we give as a Church to external charities and the result for the year will hopefully not be too far below breakeven once the investment losses are calculated.

The year 2023 brings a fresh set of challenges with a £20,000 increase in our Parish Share to £209,000. Our electricity contract also renews in March, which means our annual bill will rise by approximately £25,000 unless we can find a better contract. The budget is still being reviewed but given our known regular giving and some very generous legacy and donation payments, we expect another year where finances will be very tight, but we trust income will be close to our planned expenditure.

As you review your own finances perhaps you could consider small changes that could make a big difference to us here at St Peter's:

- If you haven't yet signed up for the Parish Giving Scheme (PGS) please join the 70 people who already have, it really does make a difference as we collect the Gift Aid immediately. *(Full details on the back page of this Weekly News).*

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- If you would like to make a special one off donation for any reason please consider using the new online facility also provided by PGS at <https://www.parishgiving.org.uk/donors/find-your-parish/harrogate-st-peter-harrogate/>.
- Please also consider leaving a legacy to St Peter's. Ison Harrison Solicitors in Harrogate will be providing free and discounted will writing services to help you do that, so please watch out for more details later this year.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss any aspect of your financial giving please do let me know and I will do my best to help!

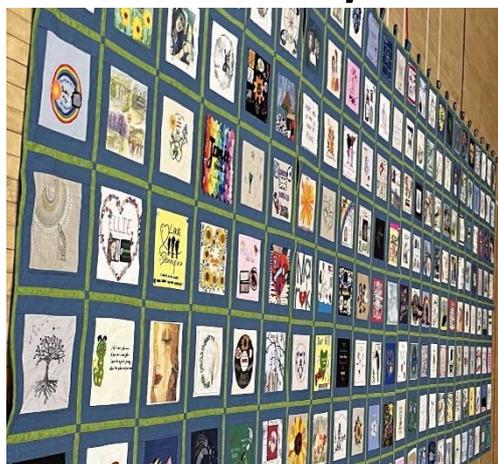
David Hipkin, Treasurer

## **St Peter's Ladies who Lunch – book TODAY!**

The Ladies who Lunch are meeting again on **Friday 27<sup>th</sup> January** 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](mailto:brynsusie@hotmail.com)) today, Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> January, so she can book a table.



## **The Yorkshire Speak Their Name Suicide Memorial Quilt**



Three mothers who lost their children to suicide started a memorial quilt project in Yorkshire to remember loved ones and support others. They asked anyone touched by suicide to make squares in memory of people who have taken their own lives. The finished quilt was unveiled in Leeds last year and is now on tour across Yorkshire - it is on display daily at Ripon Cathedral until 30<sup>th</sup> January. A film about how the quilt was made will also be shown. Admission is free.

## **St Peter's Handbell Ringers need two new members**

The handbell ringers meet on Thursday afternoons from 1:00 – 2:45 pm and play for pleasure rather than performance. They ring two chromatic octaves of handbells from music (not numbers) so an ability to read music is helpful but not essential.. Contact Hannah Beck (07503 186 455) if you are interested in joining them.



## **Rainbows return to St Peter's in February**

The youngest section of Girlguiding is Rainbows, geared for girls aged four to seven. By taking part in a range of different activities with girls of their own age, Rainbows develop self-confidence and make lots of new friends. The leader at St Peter's is Kate Blake ([kateblakefamily@gmail.com](mailto:kateblakefamily@gmail.com) or 07931 382 756), please contact her to register your daughter.



**Bakers needed for the next St Peter’s Fundraising Refreshment Day**

Please let Catherine Medforth (07876 653 765) or Sian Lockwood (07889 616 755) know if you are willing to bake a cake for our next fundraiser on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> February. Food supplied, sold or provided at charity or community events, such as fundraisers, must comply with food laws. So that those with food intolerances or allergies can make safe choices, we ask that cakes are brought in a clean container with a list of ingredients attached. Thank you.

**St Peter's Evening Fellowship**

At the next meeting of St Peter's Evening Fellowship on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> February at 7:30pm in the Brostoff Hall, there will be a QUIZ NIGHT hosted by Nigel McClea. Members are most welcome to bring along guests. Further details from Richard Bion (07966 073 867 or [richardbion9@gmail.com](mailto:richardbion9@gmail.com)).



**Be-Longing:**  
Praying for Unity amidst Injustice

**Week of Prayer  
for  
Christian Unity**

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Pobal a lorg: paidir na haontachta in aghaidh na heagora  
Caidreabh: Ag Urnaigh airson Aonadh am measg Ana cheartas

18-25 January 2023 [www.ctbi.org.uk/weekofprayer](http://www.ctbi.org.uk/weekofprayer)

**Take Time**  
Every Wednesday 10am to 11.30am Term-Time

**Community Cafe with Activities**

**WARM WELCOME SPACE • WELCOME**

**Join us for**

- Warm welcome
- Coffee and cake
- Space to 'just be'
- Adult crafts
- Adult puzzles
- Toddler play

**Information**  
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# Today's Services: 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2023

## The Third Sunday of Epiphany The Third Sunday after the Epiphany (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**            **646** All I once held dear; **875** Jesus, remember me; **991** Safe in the shadow of the Lord; **830** I, the Lord of sea and sky

**Readings**        1 Corinthians 1 v 10 - 18  
Matthew 4 v 12 - 23

**Preacher:**        Judith Clark

**Our Duty Wardens today are:**

Kate Blake  
and Richard Bion

### 11:00 Choral Matins

**Setting**            Moeran in Eflat (Jubilate)

**Hymns**            558, 431, 90

**Psalm**             113

**Readings**        Isaiah 9 v 1 - 4  
Matthew 4 v 12 - 23

**Anthem**            Almighty and everlasting God (*Gibbons*)

**Preacher:**        Judith Clark

### 4:15 pm Stepping Stones Service    *Service of the Word*

**Preacher:**        Helen Jones

### 6:30 Choral Communion

**Setting**            Darke in F

**Hymns**            305, 327, 89, 430

**Readings**        Ecclesiastes 3 v 1 - 11  
Luke 4 v 14 - 21

**Anthem**            How dear are thy counsels (*Crotch*)

**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, Margie Dickinson, Tony Edwards, Geni Emrullahu, Louise Emrullahu, David Fisher, 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** Support and teaching staff in our schools  
The Toddler Group at St Peter's
- Tues** Those feeling lost, lonely and isolated  
St Peter's Welcomers Team
- Wed** Local retail, hospitality and leisure businesses  
All the charity shops in our town
- Thurs** On *Holocaust Memorial Day* - all those who were murdered for who they were  
The strength to stand up against prejudice and hatred
- Fri** The Sunday Lunch Club  
St Peter's Evening Fellowship
- 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. 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 108  
Hosea 2 v 18 – 3 to end  
1 Corinthians 9 v 15 to end
- Tues** Psalm 36  
Hosea 4 v 1 - 16  
1 Corinthians 10 v 1 - 13
- Wed** ***The Conversion of Paul***  
Psalm 66  
Ezekiel 3 v 22 to end  
Philippians 3 v 1 - 14
- Thurs** *Timothy and Titus, Companions of Paul*  
Psalm 47  
Hosea 5 v 8 – 6 v 6  
1 Corinthians 11 v 2 - 16
- Fri** Psalm 65  
Hosea 6 v 7 – 7 v 2  
1 Corinthians 11 v 17 to end
- Sat** *Thomas Aquinas, Priest, Philosopher, Teacher, 1274*  
Psalm 68  
Hosea 8  
1 Corinthians 12 v 1 - 11

**The Collect for the Third Sunday of Epiphany** (Common Worship)

God of all mercy, your Son proclaimed good news to the poor, release to the captives, and freedom to the oppressed: anoint us with your Holy Spirit and set all your people free to praise you in Christ our Lord.

**The Collect for the Third Sunday after Epiphany** (Book of Common Prayer)

Almighty and everlasting God, mercifully look upon our infirmities, and in all our dangers and necessities stretch forth thy right hand to help and defend us; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

# 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 23<sup>rd</sup>** 1:30 – 3:00 pm The *Thinking about God* group meets in the Undercroft  
2:00 pm The U3A Singing Folk group
- Tues 24<sup>th</sup>** **12:00 – 12:30 pm Healing Service**
- Wed 25<sup>th</sup>** ***Week of Prayer for Christian Unity*** ends today  
**10:30 – 11:00 am Café RefleXions**  
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 26<sup>th</sup>** ***Holocaust Memorial Day***  
9:30 – 11:00 am The Toddler Group at St Peter's  
**11:00 am Holy Communion**  
7:30 pm St Peter's Choir Practice
- Fri 27<sup>th</sup>** 9:30 am AA meeting in the Music Room  
10:00 am – 12:00 pm St Peter's Cleaning Team  
12:15 pm *St Peter's Ladies who Lunch* are meeting at the Palm Court Café
- Sat 28<sup>th</sup>**
- Sun 29<sup>th</sup>** ***The Fourth Sunday of Epiphany***  
***Celebrating Candlemas***  
1:00 – 1:30 pm Sunday Lunch  
5:30 – 7:00 pm **Sanctuary**, our Youth group, are meeting in the Brostoff Hall for Indoor Olympics!

**Next Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> January**  
***The Fourth Sunday of Epiphany***  
***Celebrating Candlemas***

- 8:30 Holy Communion  
9:30 Family Communion  
11:00 **Holocaust Memorial Service**  
4:15 Stepping Stones Service – *Special Service*  
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.

## **Ordinary People is the theme for Holocaust Memorial Day 2023**

Genocide is facilitated by ordinary people. Ordinary people turn a blind eye, believe propaganda, join murderous regimes. And those who are persecuted, oppressed and murdered in genocide aren't persecuted because of crimes they've committed – they are persecuted simply because they are ordinary people who just happen to belong to a particular group.

Ordinary people were involved in all aspects of the Holocaust, the Nazi persecution of other groups, and in the genocides that took place in Cambodia, Rwanda, Bosnia and Darfur. Ordinary people were perpetrators, bystanders, rescuers, witnesses – and ordinary people were victims.

There are also extraordinary people in every genocide, remarkable and unusual people, who went to extreme lengths to help, to rescue, to save, and in every genocide there were extraordinary people, who went to extreme depths to cause harm, to persecute, to murder.

We are all ordinary people today who can be extraordinary in our actions. We can all make decisions to challenge prejudice, stand up to hatred, to speak out against identity-based persecution. To learn more visit [www.hmd.org.uk](http://www.hmd.org.uk).

### **Light the Darkness**

Each year people from across the UK take part in a national moment for Holocaust Memorial Day. **At 4:00 pm on 27<sup>th</sup> January people across the nation will light candles and put them safely in their windows to:**



- remember those who were murdered for who they were
- stand against prejudice and hatred today

Iconic buildings and landmarks will light up in purple during this powerful national moment of commemoration and solidarity. Please join in by placing a candle safely in your window at 4:00 pm this Thursday. Become part of the conversation about *Light the Darkness* online by sharing a photo of your candle and tagging the Holocaust Memorial Trust on [Twitter](https://twitter.com), [Facebook](https://facebook.com) or [Instagram](https://instagram.com). Use the hashtags *#HolocaustMemorialDay* and *#LightTheDarkness*.

*At St Peter's we will be marking Holocaust Memorial Day at a special memorial service next Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> January at 11:00 am. Please join us.*

### **Harrogate School of Theology & Mission**

***Is religion bad for you? (part 1) – a Bibletrack Seminar by Graham Tomlin***

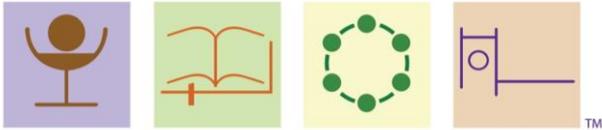


This is on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> February, starting at 10:00 am at Mowbray Community Church in Westmoreland Street, with a DVD presentation by Graham Tomlin followed by a facilitated discussion. Tickets cost £5, under 18s are free. Booking in advance via *Eventbrite*, visit [hstm.org.uk/events](http://hstm.org.uk/events) for further details.

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



## Join the Parish Giving Scheme



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If you would like to support St Peter's financially, the simplest and most tax efficient way to do so is via the Parish Giving Scheme (PGS). You can join using their website [www.parishgiving.org.uk](http://www.parishgiving.org.uk) or give them a call on 0333 002 1260. St Peter's PGS number is: **460646304**

## The Parish Giving Scheme Tokens

If you give to St Peter's using the Parish Giving Scheme (PGS), please feel encouraged to take a PGS token from the Welcome Desk - then place it in the collection plate at the offertory to make your offering part of worship.

**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.

## Next Week's Deadline

The deadline for the next edition of the Weekly News (29<sup>th</sup> January) will be noon on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> January. Please send any items (including photos) to Alan Garrow or to Marian Chambers (addresses below).

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