



Weekly News

4th February 2024

The Second Sunday before Lent

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Celebrate Chinese New Year with us at St Peter's

Did you miss all the fun of the Chinese New Year event at St. Peter's last year? Or would you like another taste of delicious Hong Kong snacks and dim sums? Maybe learn Chinese calligraphy using a writing brush? You may be pleased to hear that *St. Peter's Café Connect* is hosting a Chinese New Year event at Church this year.



Come and join our Hong Kong community as we celebrate the Year of the Dragon! In Chinese culture, dragons signify nobleness, good luck, vibrancy and prosperity. We've loved learning at *Café Connect* how British people celebrate Christmas and New Year. Now we'd love to share with you our traditions and delicacies as we celebrate one of the biggest Hong Kong festivals.

Please join us on Saturday 17th February at Church from 3:00 - 5:00 pm. To help us plan, please let us know if you're coming by emailing Michelle (michellechanoffice@gmail.com) or Charlie (notjustanycharlie@gmail.com). All are welcome!

Michelle Chan and Charlie Martineau, *St Peter's Café Connect Leaders*

Come to *The Market Day Café* on Thursday

The Market Day Café is on the second Thursday of each month. The next one is on Thursday 8th February from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm after the Holy Communion service. They will be serving hot drinks; delicious soups with bread; freshly made sandwiches; scones; and cakes.



The Bereavement Journey starts on Monday 12th February



The Bereavement Journey is a seven-week course for anyone who has been bereaved, at any time, to help them process their grief in a supportive environment. The course will be running on Mondays, 6:30 – 9:00 pm, from 12th February - 25th March in the Brostoff Hall. You can download [an application form](#) from our website; email Jan Edwards, our Lay Pastoral Minister, at stppastoralcareteam@gmail.com or phone the Parish Office (07425 161 425).

The new *Digital Drop-in* starts on Tuesday

Have you got a smartphone or tablet? Would you like to become more confident at using it? Come along and have a cup of tea or coffee at the new informal *Digital Drop-in* on Tuesday afternoons from 1:30 – 3:00 pm and we will try to help. Just bring your phone or tablet with you, and maybe a notebook. Beginners are welcome! Contact Alyson Davies (07779 958 707).



St Paul's Letters

a seminar by Dr Chris Tilling

Saturday 17th February

10:00 am – 12:00 pm

breakfast from 9:30 am

Woodlands Methodist Church,

Wetherby Road

Tickets £5, under 18s free

hstm.org.uk/events

The BIG UK Wedding Event Ripon Cathedral



Saturday 10th February 2024

11:00am – 3:00 pm

70 of Yorkshire's top wedding
suppliers

theukweddingevent.co.uk/tickets

Well done to everyone involved in the St Peter's Refreshment Day on Saturday 27th January - £710 was raised for Church funds. The book sale held on Friday 26th and Saturday 27th January raised a further £569. Many thanks to Catherine Medforth (along with her team) and Daniel Brewer for all your hard work!

Shrove Tuesday: preparing for the season of Lent

The season of Lent starts on Ash Wednesday and lasts for forty days (not including Sundays). It is a time when Christians reflect and prepare for the celebrations of Easter. Some people fast, eat frugally or give up treats following the example of Jesus, who fasted for forty days in the wilderness.

Shrove Tuesday, also known as Pancake Day, is the day before Ash Wednesday. It was customary to eat pancakes or other foods made with the butter, eggs and sugar that would be given up during the Lenten season. Ripon's annual pancake race takes place on Shrove Tuesday. Starting at 11:00 am with the ringing of the Lent Bell,

Many of the clergy from the Cathedral compete



contestants race from the West Front of the Cathedral up Kirkgate to the finish line.

At our Church, we are holding a **St Peter's American Pancake Party** on Tuesday 13th February from 6:00 – 7:30 pm, please sign-up at the Welcome Desk if you would like to come! Contact Karin Shaw (karinmshaw@googlemail.com) if you have any questions.



Credit: @ stefanoborghi.com

What is Lunar New Year?

For many cultures across Asia the most important festival of the year is the Lunar New Year. The Chinese calendar is a lunisolar calendar, which is based both on the Moon's phases and the Earth's orbit around the Sun. Their new year festival begins on the first day of the first lunar month in the calendar and

in 2024 that is Saturday 10th February. Unlike most other calendars, the Chinese one does not count years in an infinite sequence. Instead, years have names that are repeated every 60 years, corresponding to five repeats of the Chinese zodiac cycle of these twelve animals: rat, ox, tiger, hare or rabbit, **dragon**, snake, horse, goat or sheep, monkey, rooster, dog and pig. But there are also five Chinese zodiac elements at play: fire, earth, metal, water and **wood**. So, in Chinese culture, the Lunar New Year that starts on 10th February 2024 is the Year of the Wood Dragon!

Today's Services: 4th February 2024

The Second Sunday before Lent
The Sunday called Sexagesima (BCP)

8:30 Holy Communion

9:30 Family Communion

*As it is the first Sunday of the month, there is **no** Sunday Club for school age children today, but all children and their parents are welcome to gather in the café area, where there are toys and activities to share during our Family Communion Service.*

Hymns **1407** King of the ages; **1383** Jesus, God's righteousness revealed;
32 At the name of Jesus; **362** Shine, Jesus, shine

Reading John 1 v 1 - 14

Preacher: Steve Gibbin

Our Duty Wardens today are:

Eve Hawkins
and Rachel Fell

11:00 Choral Communion

Setting Leighton in D

Hymns 368, 244, 573, 609

Readings Colossians 1 v 15 - 20

John 1 v 1 - 14

Anthem Ave verum corpus (Elgar)

Preacher: Hannah Beck

4:15 pm Stepping Stones Service *Celtic Worship*

Preacher: Sarah Martin

6:30 Choral Evensong for Candlemas

Setting Stanford in G

Hymns 94, 360, 80 (omit *verse)

Psalm 132

Readings Malachi 3 v 1 - 5

Luke 2 v 22 - 40

Anthem When to the temple Mary went (Eccard)

Preacher: Alan Garrow



Prayer Ministry at the 9:30 am service

At the 9:30 Service we offer prayer with members of our Prayer Ministry Team. If you would appreciate prayer for any reason, please come to St Mary's Chapel after you have received Communion and wait in the pews there. The team members will introduce themselves, ask for your prayer request and pray with you.

Please pray for those who have asked for our prayers:

Pat Anderson, Beverley Cooper, Graham Cornish, Jane Crabtree, Peter Dickinson, Tony Edwards, Louise Emrullahu, June Hemmings, Trevor Hughes, Jackie Kelly, Jane Lishman, Rachel Looby, Derek Mansfield, Steve Martin, Kim Okell, Sheila Pantin, Matthew Pindell, Dora Ringrose, Richard Sadler and Michelle Simon.

RIP Pamela Lister

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 audio-visual team The Weekly News Editorial Team
Thurs	Our armed forces serving at home and overseas The Royal Airforce
Fri	North Yorkshire Council Stewart Davies, Lay Reader
Sat	All those celebrating the start of the Lunar New Year today all over the world The members of <i>Café Connect</i> at St Peter's

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	<i>Agatha, Martyr in Sicily, 251</i> Psalm 1 Genesis 29 v 31 – 30 v 24 2 Timothy 4 v 1 - 8
Tues	<i>Martyrs of Japan 1597</i> Psalm 5 Genesis 31 v 1 - 24 2 Timothy 4 v 9 to end
Wed	Psalm 119 v 1 - 32 Genesis 31 v 25 – 32 v 2 Titus 1
Thurs	Psalm 15 Genesis 32 v 3 - 30 Titus 2
Fri	Psalm 19 Genesis 33 v 1 - 17 Titus 3
Sat	<i>Scholastic, sister of Benedict, Abbess c.543</i> Psalm 23 Genesis 35 Philemon

**The Collect for the Second Sunday
before Lent (Common Worship)**

Almighty God, give us reverence for all creation and respect for every person, that we may mirror your likeness in Jesus Christ our Lord.

**The Collect for The Sunday called
Sexagesima (Book of Common Prayer)**

O Lord God, who seest that we put not our trust in any thing that we do: Mercifully grant that by thy power we may be defended against all adversity; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

What's on This Week

St Peter's Church is open to visitors from 9:30 am – 3:30 pm every day except Sundays.

- Mon 5th** 11:00 am – 1:00 pm *Sit-n-Knit* in Church
1:30 – 3:00 pm The *Thinking about God* group meets in the Undercroft
2:00 pm The U3A Singing Folk group
- Tues 6th** **12:00 – 12:30 pm Healing Service**
1:30 – 3:00 pm *Digital Drop-in* with Alyson in Church
- Wed 7th** **10:30 – 11:00 am Café Reflexions**
1:30 – 3:00 pm Harrogate Wellbeing Choir
7:30 pm Harrogate Harmony Men's Chorus
- Thurs 8th** 9:30 – 11:00 am The Toddler Group at St Peter's
11:00 am Holy Communion
11:30 am - 1:30 pm Market Day Café
1:30 – 2:45 pm St Peter's Handbell Ringers
7:30 pm St Peter's Choir Practice
- Fri 9th** 9:30 am AA meeting in the Music Room
10:00 am – 12:00 pm St Peter's Cleaning Team
10:30 am – 12:45 pm *Café Connect* meets in the Brostoff Hall
7:00 – 8:15 pm Bellringing Practice at St Peter's
- Sat 10th** ***Lunar New Year***, the beginning of the Chinese Year of the Wood Dragon
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- Sun 11th** ***The Sunday next before Lent***
1:00 – 1:30 pm Sunday Lunch
7:30 – 8:30 pm AA meeting in the Brostoff Hall

Next Sunday 11th February

The Sunday next before Lent

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

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.

The next meeting of the **Mothers Union in Harrogate** will be on Tuesday 6th February at 2:00pm at St Mark's Church. Members will be sharing their memories of members who have died recently and there will also be a quiz on the first lines of hymns.

Watch and Pray: Wisdom and hope for Lent and life



This Lent we are encouraged to wait expectantly for God to meet us and sustain us through the storms and trials we all face. The Church of England's Lent theme for 2024 is **Watch and Pray: Wisdom and hope for Lent and life.**

On the night he was betrayed, Jesus kneels in darkness in the Garden of Gethsemane. Though he pleads with his disciples, "Stay here with me ... Watch

and pray," they all fall asleep, leaving him alone in his hour of deepest suffering.

This Lent all of us are encouraged to draw on the wisdom of Black Spirituality, particularly the practice of *tarrying* (waiting) as a community to draw closer to Jesus and to each other.

This year's resources have been inspired and informed by the 2024 Archbishop of Canterbury's Lent book, [Tarry Awhile: Wisdom from Black Spirituality for people of faith by Selina Stone](#). The [daily reflections booklet for adults](#) exploring the same themes has been written by Carlton Turner, and there is also a daily challenge [booklet for children and families](#).

Watch and Pray invites us to seek God in both familiar and unfamiliar places this Lent: in darkness and in quiet; in movement and migration; in the healing and transforming work of the Spirit; in the weeping of Holy Week and in the joy of Easter morning.

Confirmation

If you're thinking about Confirmation in 2024 or want to explore what confirmation is all about, then contact The Revd Chris Clayton (07407 258 733 or chris.clayton@leeds.anglican.org) to register your interest.

Happiness Lab

A 6-week course exploring happiness and wellbeing.

The Undercroft at St Peter's Church
22nd February - 28th March 2024
Thursdays 9:30 – 11:00 am
Contact Sam Clayton
(sam_clayton@live.co.uk)

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



Banns of Marriage



*The banns of marriage are published between **Jordan Mark Simpson** and **Charley Jane Senior**.*

This is for the first time of asking. If any of you know any reason in law why they may not marry each other you are to declare it.

Next Week's Deadline

The deadline for the next edition of the Weekly News (11th February) will be noon on Wednesday 7th February. Please send any items (including photos) to **The Weekly News Editor**, Marian Chambers, or to the Vicar, Alan Garrow.



New to St Peter's? Please fill in one of the welcome cards in the pews and hand it to one of the Clergy.

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