



Weekly News

5th February 2023

The Third Sunday before Lent

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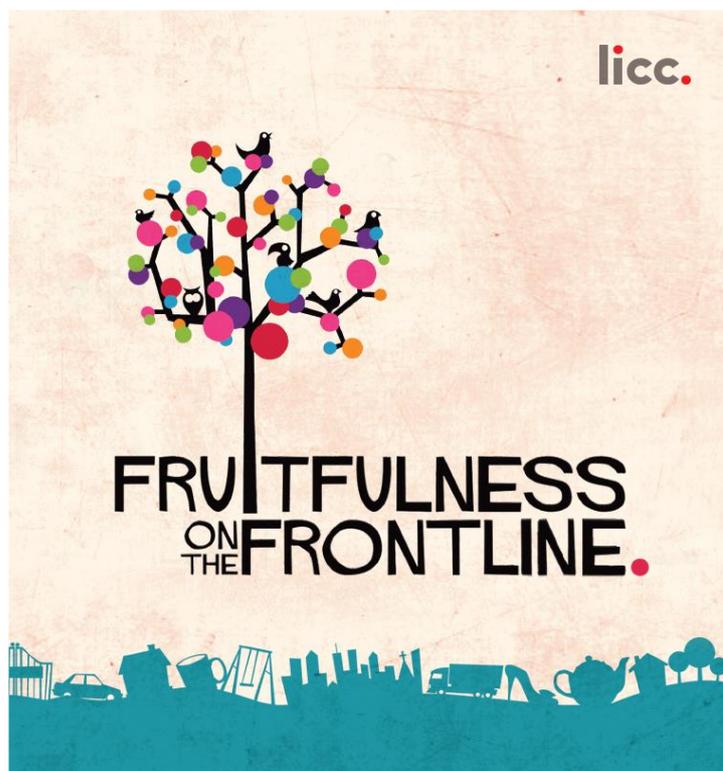
An update on St Peter's Home Groups

Last August I wrote a front page article setting out our Church's desire to start more Home Groups. I wanted to inspire people to come together, discussing and exploring scripture while also supporting and walking alongside one another pastorally. We have moved forward from one or two groups to five groups which is an amazing start, and I am encouraged by that growth, but it is only a start.



Home Groups are fundamental to the growing life of the Church and to our Christian lives. We are inspired by scripture to meet, study, share and pray together, which is why joining a Home Group is so important to our personal development.

My desire is to see more people involved in Home Groups, so that more of us are known, encouraged, and enabled - helping everyone to engage with a whole life commitment to Jesus, not just on Sundays.



To this end, with Lent fast approaching, we are promoting the 'Fruitfulness on the Frontline' study series to our homegroups. This course helps us explore our everyday context, realising that it's significant to God and full of people who matter to God. The course lets us see how God might have been working in and through us on our frontlines. And helps us imagine what more God might want us to do there.

We have a brand new Home Group starting this coming Thursday 9th February, full details are overleaf.

Chris Clayton, Associate Vicar at St Peter's

A new Home Group starting at St Peter's

A new group, meeting on the second and fourth Thursday of the month, will be starting next month. The first meeting is here at St Peter's Church at 7:00 pm on Thursday 9th February. If you are interested in coming and would like to know more, please speak to Sue Heapy (07540 355 305 or brynsusie@hotmail.com) or Chris Clayton (07407 258 733 or chris.clayton@leeds.anglican.org).



Youth Worship Night – TONIGHT!

On Sunday 5th February our youth group, **Sanctuary**, will be attending the *Youth Worship Night* for all the youth groups in Harrogate. The venue is the Starling Independent Bar Café Kitchen, 47 Oxford Street, HG1 1PW (safeguarding measures are in place, so NO alcohol will be served). Speak to Chris Clayton (07407 258 733) if you would like to come.

Reimagining Mother's Union, in Harrogate and beyond

The next meeting of Mother's Union is at 2:00 pm on Tuesday 7th February at St Mark's Church. The speaker is Ripon Episcopal Area President, Margaret Crawford.

Follow Me 2023



Former Archbishop of Canterbury, the Rt Revd Rowan Williams will begin **Follow Me 2023**, a series of inspiring talks and events organised by the Rt Revd Tony Robinson, Bishop of Wakefield. Wakefield Cathedral will welcome the noted theologian and writer for his talk entitled *Agents of the new creation: bring the world to life*, on Thursday 9th February. The session begins with Evensong at 6:30 pm, followed by a simple supper and then teaching from 7:45 pm. Please email Caroline Asquith (caroline.asquith@leeds.anglican.org) to book your place.



Join us in our World Day of Prayer Service

World Day of Prayer is an international inter-church organisation which enables us to hear the thoughts of women from all parts of the world, their hopes, concerns and prayers.

The preparation for the day is vast. An international committee is based in New York and there are national committees from each participating country. Regional conferences meet to consider the service and then local groups make their plans.

Our sisters in Taiwan are sending us blessings with the service they have prepared for World Day of Prayer 2023. Taiwan is an island rich in natural resources and culturally diverse. The women of Taiwan share the issues faced geographically, politically and socially and also their hopes for the future.



Let us join with them at West Park URC at 2:00 pm on Friday 3rd March, as we give thanks for the beautiful island and people of Taiwan and encourage one another in our faith just as Apostle Paul did in his letters.



St Peter's Afternoon Fellowship

St Peter's Afternoon Fellowship meets on the first Monday of the month at Gillian Taylor's home. There is usually a speaker, or sometimes an outing, and always a delicious afternoon tea. Harry Satloka, from *Free Walking Tour Harrogate*, is the speaker tomorrow Monday 6th February, from 2:00 – 4:00 pm. Please call Gillian on 01423 500482 if you would like to come.

Say it with Flowers

Why not mark a special occasion, such as an anniversary or a birthday, by making a donation towards the flowers in Church? St Peter's Flower Team will make an arrangement on the pedestal to the right of the altar, and you will also receive a mention in the Weekly News. Please speak to Sue Heapy for further details (07540 355 305).



A change of name for *The Cake Matters Café*



The Market Day Café is the new name for *The Cake Matters Café*! The next one is this week on Thursday 9th 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 rolls with a variety of fillings; scones; and of course, cake!

Today's Services: 5th February 2023

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Septuagesima

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 92 Father God I wonder; 80 Do something new, Lord; 79 Dear Lord and Father of mankind; 147 Great is Thy faithfulness

Readings 1 Corinthians 2 v 1 - 12, [v 13 to end]
Matthew 5 v 13 - 20

Preacher: Chris Clayton

Our Duty Wardens today are:

Kate Blake and
Carrie Brown

11:00 Choral Communion

Setting Whitlock

Hymns 368, 281, 573, 609

Readings Isaiah 58 v 1 - 9a [9b - 12]
Matthew 5 v 13 - 20

Anthem Panis Angelicus (*Franck*)

Preacher: Hannah Beck

4:15 pm Stepping Stones Service *Celtic Worship*

Preacher: Sarah Martin

6:30 Choral Evensong

Setting Harwood in Aflat

Hymns 268, 489, 250 (omit verses 5 and 6)

Psalm 4

Readings Amos 4 v 17 to end
Mark 1 v 29 - 39

Anthem The Heavens are telling (Haydn)

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, 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** St Peter's CE Primary School
The Children's Society, supporting vulnerable children
- Tues** Our retired Clergy: Sue Pearce, Michael Hunter, Graham Cornish
St Peter's Afternoon Fellowship
- Wed** Those facing financial hardship
David Hipkin, our Treasurer
- Thurs** Ambulance drivers and paramedics
All who work in the medical and healing professions
- Fri** National and local government
His Majesty, King Charles III
- Sat** *Wellspring Therapy & Training*, supporting people in distress and promoting good mental health
All those suffering from anxiety and depression

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** *The Martyrs of Japan 1597*
Psalm 30
2 Chronicles 2 v 1 - 16
John 17 v 1 - 5
- Tues** Psalm 36
2 Chronicles 3
John 17 v 6 - 19
- Wed** Psalm 34
2 Chronicles 5
John 17 v 20 to end
- Thurs** Psalm 37
2 Chronicles 6 v 1 - 21
John 18 v 1 - 11
- Fri** *Scholastica, sister of Benedict, Abbess of Plombariola, c 543*
Psalm 31
2 Chronicles 6 v 22 to end
John 18 v 12 - 27
- Sat** Psalm 42
2 Chronicles 7
John 18 v 28 to end

The Collect for the Third Sunday before Lent (Common Worship)

Eternal God, whose Son went among the crowds and brought healing with his touch: help us to show his love, in your Church as we gather together, and by our lives as they are transformed into the image of Christ our Lord.

The Collect for Septuagesima (Book of Common Prayer)

O Lord, we beseech thee favourably to hear the prayers of thy people; that we, who are justly punished for our offences, may be mercifully delivered by thy goodness, for the glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Saviour, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

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 6th 1:30 – 3:00 pm The *Thinking about God* group meets in the Undercroft
2:00 pm The U3A Singing Folk group
2:00 – 4:00 pm *St Peter's Afternoon Fellowship* are meeting at Gillian Taylor's home

Tues 7th **12:00 – 12:30 pm Healing Service**

Wed 8th **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 9th 9:30 – 11:00 am The Toddler Group at St Peter's
11:00 am Holy Communion
11:30 am – 1:30 pm *The Market Day Café*
7:00 pm new Home Group in Church
7:30 pm St Peter's Choir Practice

Fri 10th 9:30 am AA meeting in the Music Room
10:00 am – 12:00 pm St Peter's Cleaning Team

Sat 11th 10:00 am – 3:00 pm *Ripon Operatic Society* are holding a Refreshment Day

Sun 12th ***The Second Sunday before Lent***
1:00 – 1:30 pm Sunday Lunch
7:30 – 8:30 pm AA meeting in the Brostoff Hall

Next Sunday 12th February

The Second Sunday 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

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.

'My life stopped' – why bereavement ministry is vital

The Revd Canon Yvonne Richmond Tulloch was Canon for Mission at Coventry Cathedral when she was widowed suddenly in 2008, causing her 'life to go into freefall'. Her experience of grief led to her passion for helping other bereaved people find support. She established the charity [AtaLoss](#), which offers a bereavement signposting website, and went on to help run **The Bereavement Journey** – a course which helps equip those grieving to come terms with loss.

According to the Revd Tulloch, we don't get over grief, we learn how to live with it – but people need to be helped in this.

"Grief can affect every aspect of a person's life – not just emotional well-being, but physical and mental health," she explained, "Bereavement is one of the most stressful times in life, but for many people, it's devastating. Those grieving are so often left feeling isolated, floundering, and confused. People don't know what to say to bereaved people, so they steer clear of them – or they assume when they see them that they're coping well, when they've just managed to pull themselves together or are still feeling numb in the early stages."

For anyone bereaved during Covid restrictions, all the usual problems were exacerbated.

This was the case for Ounissa Benali, whose mother died during the pandemic.

"When my mum went into hospital, it was a nightmare: I couldn't see her or visit her – I went from being with her 24/7 during lockdown to not being able to see her at all and having to isolate," she explained. "When my mum passed away, I really

struggled. I was crying all the time; it was so difficult. I didn't know where to turn or what to do. My life stopped. I felt like an alien everywhere, and like nothing mattered. I was praying to find something that could help me. I did not know then that **The Bereavement Journey** course was something that was even available."

She first heard about the course - a series of films and facilitated discussion groups - after hearing about it through a friend at church. "**The Bereavement Journey** was one of the best things I have done in my life, it brought me so much peace – although the pain was still there, I now had something I could fall back on. I was reminded that even Jesus wept. During such a horrible time in my life, it brought me closer to God."



Event : The Bereavement Journey

Dates : Monday 20th February 2023 (for 6 weeks)

Time : 7:30 – 9:45 pm @ St Marks Church, Leeds Road

Cost : FREE (optional donation:£10)

please book by 8th Feb.

pastoralcare@smch.org.uk / 01423 544528).

The Bereavement Journey is for anyone who has been bereaved at any time.

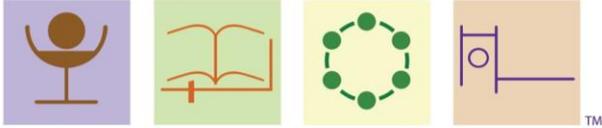
The course is a tried and tested way to help anyone who has been bereaved. Each week comprises two films which help guide people through the most common aspects of grief, each followed by an opportunity for discussion in a small group, and includes refreshments. Session 6 is optional and offers a Christian perspective to commonly asked faith questions in bereavement.

For more info please visit : www.thebereavementjourney.org

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 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 (12th February) will be noon on Wednesday 8th February. Please send any items (including photos) to Alan Garrow **or** to Marian Chambers (addresses below).

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