



Weekly News

9th April 2023

Easter Day

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God's preferred option



When we find ourselves in a seemingly impossible position, we generally spend time searching for options. When totally desperate we might say 'I've tried everything!' or 'I'll try anything!'. So, if God is anything like us, we might expect that Jesus' death and resurrection was God's preferred option. It is hard for us to imagine what could be worse than the suffering of the Cross, and the accompanying agony of Jesus' separation from God. Apparently, however, there was something worse from God's perspective – the prospect of abandoning humanity to live, and to die, with the consequences of our own actions.

So, faced with a choice between giving up on humanity or sacrificing what was most precious in the universe, God chose the latter. And, if that is not remarkable enough, that sacrifice was made without any guarantees. The offer of new life in Christ is only that: an offer. The risk always remains that we, the beneficiaries of that sacrifice, will blindly carry on as if nothing has happened.

The events of the Easter story are a vivid reminder of God's utter, self-giving determination to give us the opportunity for forgiveness and a new start with him. Because of these events, we have, astonishingly, our own choice to make - business-as-usual or new life in Christ. Reflecting on what it looks like when I try to do things my own way, I know my preferred option.

Alan Garrow, Vicar of St Peter's Church



Come for lunch next Sunday

The Sunday Lunch Club meets again next Sunday 16th April. It is open to everyone and there's no need to book or bring anything – although any donations towards the cost will be gratefully received! Lunch will be served at 1:00 pm. Please speak to Hannah Beck (07503 186 455) or Yvonne Dawes (07960 779 381) if you would like to know more.

Harrogate School of Theology & Mission

Is religion bad for you? (part 2) – a Bibletrack Seminar by Graham Tomlin

This is on Saturday 22nd April, starting at 9:00 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 for further details.



Come to *The Market Day Café* on Thursday

The Market Day Café is on the second Thursday of each month. The next one is this Thursday 13th April at 11:30 am after the Holy Communion service. They will be serving hot drinks, homemade soups, fresh sandwiches, scones and delicious cakes!

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Men's Breakfast at St Peter's: Saturday 15th April 2023



Beginning with Morning Prayers at 8:00 am for those who wish to take part, and breakfast from 8:30 to 9:00 am, followed by an informal discussion session in The Gallery for perhaps 30 minutes or so. Please text Bryn Heapy on 07561 889 076 if you are planning to come or email him at brynsusie@hotmail.com.

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 22nd April. 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.



Revision of the Electoral Roll 2023

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) of the Parish of St Peter's High Harrogate will be held on Tuesday 23rd May 2023. Before this meeting, we need to bring the Electoral Roll of the Parish up to date. This is the list of names and addresses of all who think of themselves as regular worshippers or attenders of the congregations of St Peter's Church. The Roll will be revised from 12th April 2023.



If you are not already on the Electoral Roll but have worshipped regularly at this Church over the past six months, or live in the Parish, you are entitled to enrol – as long as you are over 16 and

have been baptised. Please be assured that the Electoral Roll is confidential, and the information held on it cannot be shared with other organisations.

Registration forms for the Electoral Roll are available from the Welcomer's Desk in Church and on St Peter's website <https://stpetersharrogate.org.uk/about-stpeters/electoral-roll-application>. Please return completed forms to the Parish Office by 28th April 2023. If you have any questions about these forms or about the Electoral Roll, the Electoral Roll Officer, Carole Raw (07425 161 425 or 568218) will be happy to help you.

Breakfast Club Funeral Expenses

Following the tragic death of a member of Breakfast Club, the deceased man's mother needs help with the cost of his funeral. If you would like to contribute, please put your donation in an envelope marked '**Breakfast Club Funeral Expenses**' in the collection box by the candle stand. Thank you.

Today's Services: 9th April 2023

Easter Day

During our services today flowers will be added to a Flowering Cross – if you have not brought a flower, there are spare flowers in a vase at the foot of the Cross.



8:30 Holy Communion

9:30 Family Communion – with the Bigger Band!

*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 See what a morning; **61** Christ the Lord is risen today; **1346** In Christ alone; **551** Thine be the glory

Readings Acts 10 v 34 - 43
John 20 v 1 -18

Preacher: Judith Clark

11:00 Choral Communion

Setting Jackson in G

Hymns *Please see order of service*

Readings Exodus 14 v 10 to end
Matthew 28 v 1 - 10

Anthem Blessed be the God and Father (*S S Wesley*)

Preacher: Stewart Davies

6:30 Choral Evensong

Setting Friedell in F

Hymns 143, 157, 145

Psalm 66

Readings Song of Solomon 3 v 2 - 5; 8; 6 - 7
John 20 v 11 - 18

Anthem Ye choirs of new Jerusalem (*Stanford*)

Preacher: Alan Garrow

Our Duty Wardens today are:

Sarah Martin and
Paul Medforth

Please pray for those who have asked for our prayers:

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

Also in our prayers this week:

Mon St Aidan's CE High School
Sanctuary, St Peter's Youth Group

Tues All those providing care or help to a vulnerable person
St Peter's Pastoral Support Team

Wed Delivery drivers and postal workers
Carole Raw, Parish Administrator

Thurs All emergency service workers
Those whose time is spent caring for others

Fri National and local government
North Yorkshire County Council

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 Psalm 111
Song of Solomon 1 v 9 – 2 v 7
Mark 16 v 1 - 8

Tues Psalm 112
Song of Solomon 2 v 8 to end
Luke 24 v 1 - 12

Wed Psalm 113
Song of Solomon 3
Matthew 28 v 16 to end

Thurs Psalm 114
Song of Solomon 5 v 2 – 6 v 3
Luke 7 v 11 - 17

Fri Psalm 115
Song of Solomon 7 v 10 – 8 v 4
Luke 8 v 41 to end

Sat Psalm 116
Song of Solomon 8 v 5 - 7
John 11 v 17 - 44

The Collect for the Easter Day (Common Worship)

God of glory, by the raising of your Son you have broken the chains of death and hell: fill your Church with faith and hope; for a new day has dawned and the way to life stands open in our Saviour Jesus Christ.

The Collect for Easter Day (BCP)

Almighty God, who through thine only-begotten Son Jesus Christ hast overcome death, and opened unto us the gate of everlasting life: We humbly beseech thee, that as by thy special grace preventing us thou dost put into our minds good desires, so by thy continual help we may bring the same to good effect; through Jesus Christ our Lord, 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 10th** ***Easter Monday Bank Holiday***
- Tues 11th** **12:00 – 12:30 pm Healing Service**
- Wed 12th** **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 13th** 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 Home Group in Church
7:30 pm St Peter's Choir Practice
- Fri 14th** 9:30 am AA meeting in the Music Room
10:00 am – 12:00 pm St Peter's Cleaning Team
- Sat 15th** 8:00 am Men's Breakfast at St Peter's
10:00 am – 3:00 pm Harrogate Rotary Brigantes are holding a Refreshment Day
- Sun 16th** ***The Second Sunday of Easter***
1:00 pm The Sunday Lunch Club
7:30 – 8:30 pm AA meeting in the Brostoff Hall

Next Sunday 16th April

The Second Sunday of Easter

- 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.

TEND

For all those involved in ministry with children and young people in churches

This event is about:

Thanking you for your ministry to children, young people and their families.

Encouraging and equipping you and those you serve to grow in faith.

Networking with others and sharing experiences.

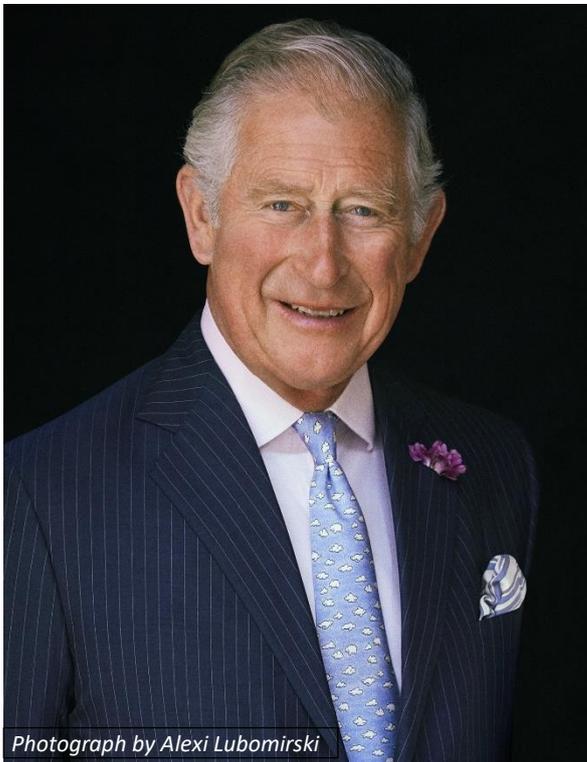
Doing – making time and space to set you up for what you will do next.

All happening at Ripon Cathedral on Saturday 13th May from 12:00 pm – 4:30 pm, lunch included. The keynote speaker is Lucy Moore from the Church of England's Growing Faith Foundation. Please book your free place before 28th April at: <https://learning.leeds.anglican.org/event/tend-ripon/>

The Church of England's book of *Daily Prayers for the Coronation*

The Church of England is calling for a period of prayer leading up to the Coronation and has released a book of *Daily Prayers for the Coronation of King Charles III*.

Running from today, Easter Day (9th April) for 28 days, up to the day of the Coronation on 6th May, the book provides daily themes, reflections and prayers.



Photograph by Alexi Lubomirski

Commending the book of Daily Prayers, the Archbishop of Canterbury and Archbishop of York said, "We are delighted to offer this book to everyone who wishes to join us in praying for The King, The Queen Consort and the Royal Family as they prepare for the Coronation. Looking ahead to this historic moment in the life of our nation, we give thanks for His Majesty The King's example of lifelong public service to others. The Coronation will be a time to celebrate community, faith and service – values that are reflected in these prayers. Please set aside some time each day between Easter and the Coronation to pray with us for Their Majesties, the Royal family and our nation."

The book of prayers combines themed daily readings and shares features of the Coronation Ceremony, exploring the Christian symbolism behind it. The readings also reflect the value that King Charles III places on charitable work, environmentalism, volunteering and community life.

The Daily Prayers are available to order as a booklet from [Church House Publishing](https://www.churchhousepublishing.com/) or copies will be available soon in Church for a donation of £1. They will also be available free via email and audio from the [Church of England website](https://www.churchofengland.org/) and social media.



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 (16th April) will be noon on Wednesday 12th April. Please send any items (including photos) to Alan Garrow or to Marian Chambers.

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St Peter's is continuing to give out food **every day** to those in need. Please, when you do your shopping this week, remember to pick up a few tins or some toiletries to bring to Church next week to put in the hamper. **Thank you!**



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.