



Weekly News

9th December 2018

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St Peter's Church, Cambridge Road, Harrogate, HG1 1PB

Make a step on your journey of faith

Our lives are often described as being a journey, a journey through time, with its joys and sorrows, excitement and mundanity. This idea of a journey is even more poignant for a Christian, as we read our Bibles, pray and attempt to work through God's purpose for our lives.



If you, or someone you know, are looking to make a step on that journey - whether you are new (or old) to faith, looking for greater meaning, or looking to make a greater commitment to church - **Alpha** can help and guide you along the way. In January we are offering **Alpha** to all adults who want to explore the Christian faith in a very

friendly and non-judgemental environment. It is designed especially for those who are seeking and beginning their faith journey, and we, the **Alpha** team, would love share that journey with you, if we may, through the next few weeks.

Alpha starts on Wednesday 9th January and is from 6:00 – 8:00pm in Church, for eleven sessions until 20th March. Each evening begins with a delicious meal, followed by a talk and small group discussions. There is also an awayday on Saturday 16th February to the lovely church at Hampsthwaite. Please do encourage others to explore the Christian faith by coming to **Alpha**. It is a fantastic way to make new friends, and to ask those big questions about faith, that you've always wanted to ask. **Alpha** is doubling up as preparation for confirmation, so if you are considering making a commitment to church by being confirmed, **Alpha** is the way! Chris Clayton is also running **Alpha Youth** on Sunday evenings for young people (Year 7 upwards) starting on 13th January 2019.

Why not check out www.alphaharrogate.org, read our window displays, fill in an invitation or contact me (0791 325 9490), but please do come and bring friends.

Sarah Martin, *Lay Reader and Alpha Team leader*

Come for lunch next Sunday



The Sunday Lunch Club meets again next Sunday 16th December. 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 186455) or Yvonne Dawes (07960 779381) if you would like to know more.

Wishing David and Olna a happy retirement!

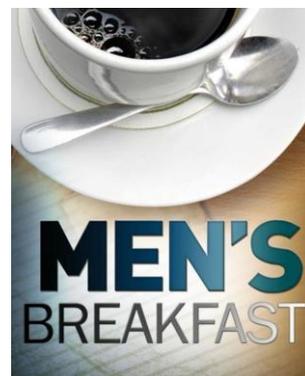
This Sunday we say goodbye to David Neild, who has sung with our church choir for many years, and is now leaving the district to retire to Saltburn-by-the-Sea. Our thanks are due to David for his considerable support and for taking many tenor solos; and we should also mention his substantial contributions to St Peter's Players over the years as both a performer and also as a builder and painter of effective scenery. We wish him and his wife Olna a happy relocation and trust that they will often return to visit us!

John Longstaff, *Director of Music at St Peter's*

Men's Breakfast at St Peter's

Saturday 15th December 2018

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 email Bryn Heapy if you are planning to come: brynsusie@hotmail.com or text him on 07561 889076.



The Brexit Debate

'Like it or not, Brexit is the most serious and challenging question facing the country since the end of World War Two'. This is a statement made last month by the Bishop of Leeds, Nick Baines, and the Brexit deal is due to be voted upon in Parliament on Tuesday 11th December. Our MPs deserve our prayerful support in the decisions they are being asked to make on behalf of the nation in the coming week.

Crafternoon Church next Sunday at 4:30pm

On Sunday 16th December we'll be making Nativity figures (including sheep out of pinecones) to help us recreate the story of Jesus' birth day. You can also make a special star to take home! Refreshments served from 4:15 pm. Come and join in this family-friendly service - everyone will be very welcome!



Sanctuary @ The Escape Room – the second chance!

If you missed the last visit to Clue HQ Escape Room in Harrogate or are just plotting your revenge, then you can have that chance on Sunday 16th December. The cost this time has been discounted to £10 per person. We will meet in the Glass Foyer at 5:30 pm prompt and you will need to be collected by 8:00 pm. **TODAY is your last chance to book a place** – speak to Chris Clayton (07407 258733) **now**.



Please come and help to make Christingles

This year we have two Christingle Services both on Christmas Eve, one at 3:00 pm and one at 4:30 pm in aid of the Children's Society. We will be making 400 Christingles on the morning of Monday 24th December in Church. If you would like to help please let one of the Clergy know or contact the Parish Office on 568218 or stpeters.office@ntlbusiness.com.

St Peter's Afternoon Fellowship

The next Afternoon Fellowship is tomorrow, Monday 10th December, from 2:00 – 4:00 pm, when John Longstaff, our Director of Music, will play the piano and lead some carol singing. Please call Gillian Taylor on 01423 500482 for further details.



St Peter's Christmas Tree Festival

- Free - Admission

Sat. 8th – Sat. 15th December 2018

*9.30am to 4pm daily**

Come and see our fantastic display of decorated trees!

Hang a message on our Tree of Remembrance

Vote for your favourite Christmas trees!

Festive fun for everyone!

St Peter's Church, Cambridge Road, Harrogate HG1 1RW
*Church services & events permitting

ALPHA YOUTH Series

Alpha

St Peter's Church
Cambridge Road
Harrogate HG1 1PB
Starting 13th January 2019
Sundays 6:00 – 7:00 pm
Contact the Revd Chris Clayton
chris.clayton@leeds.anglican.org

Today's Services: 9th December 2018

The Second Sunday of Advent

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 toys and activities to share for the whole service.

Hymns 739, 475, 418, 483

Readings Philippians 1 v 3 - 11
Luke 3 v 1 - 6

Preacher: Sarah Martin

11:00 Choral Matins

Setting Jackson in G (Benedicite)

Hymns 26, 93, 29

Psalm 80

Readings Isaiah 64 v 1 - 7
Luke 3 v 1 - 6

Anthem The angel Gabriel (arr. *Jack Longstaff*)

Preacher: Sarah Martin

4:30 Afternoon Church Service of the Word *Refreshments from 4.15*

Hymns: 728, 298, 520

Preacher: Hannah Beck

6:30 Choral Evensong

Setting Byrd (Second Service)

Hymns 24, 40, 608

Psalm 40

Readings Malachi 3 v 1 - 4
Luke 1 v 1 - 25

Anthem Ascribe unto the Lord (*SS Wesley*)

Preacher: Michael Hunter



Our Duty Wardens today are:

Oliver Longstaff and
Helen Moule



At the 9:30 Service we offer prayer with laying on of hands. If you would like this ministry, please come up to receive the bread and wine (or a blessing) in St Mary's Chapel and wait behind in the pews there.

Please pray for those who have asked for our prayers:

Tim Akers, Jane and Brian Crabtree, Louise Emrullahu, Pam Gardiner, Gill Gibson, Vicky Harrison, Edna Hodgkiss, Peter Norbury, Alan Richardson, Frances Roxby-Proud, Colin Sinclair, Linda Ware and David Yardley.

Also in our prayers this week:

- Mon** International Human Rights Day
Amnesty International, standing up for human rights
- Tues** Carole Raw, Parish Administrator
All our Members of Parliament
- Wed** St Peter's Parish Events Team
Mission Possible UK, serving the poor in Eastern Europe and Africa
- Thurs** The Sacristans at St Peter's
All who read the lessons at our services
- Fri** Sian Lockwood, Churchwarden
Compassion UK, Christian child development charity
- Sat** Dennis Richards, Lay Reader
Peace and justice in the world

Daily Readings

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 30
Isaiah 45 v 14 to end
1 Thessalonians 1
- Tues** Psalm 56
Isaiah 46
1 Thessalonians 2 v 1 - 12
- Wed** Psalm 62
Isaiah 47
1 Thessalonians 2 v 13 to end
- Thurs** *Lucy at Syracuse, Martyr*
Psalm 54
Isaiah 48 v 1 - 11
1 Thessalonians 3
- Fri** *John of the Cross, Teacher*
Psalm 86
Isaiah 48 v 12 to end
1 Thessalonians 4 v 1 - 12
- Sat** Psalm 42
Isaiah 49 v 1 - 13
1 Thessalonians 4 v 13 to end

The Collect for the Second Sunday of Advent

O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power and come among us, and with great might succour us; that whereas, through our sins and wickedness we are grievously hindered in running the race that is set before us, your bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be honour and glory, now and for ever.

or

Almighty God, purify our hearts and minds, that when your Son Jesus Christ comes again as judge and saviour we may be ready to receive him, who is our Lord and our God.

What's on This Week

Morning Prayer is at 8:00 am and Evening Prayer at 5:00 pm daily

St Peter's Christmas Tree Festival – *Come and see our amazing display of decorated Christmas Trees and then, for a small donation, vote for your favourites! The winners will be announced on Sunday 16th December at our Family Communion Service.*

- Mon 10th** 2:00 pm Singing Folk
 2:00 pm St Peter's Afternoon Fellowship at Gillian Taylor's
- Tues 11th** 9:30 am Brackenfield School rehearsal
 12:30 pm Healing Service
- Wed 12th** 9:30 am Bible RefleXions – **The Beatitudes: Thirsting for what is right**
 10:30 am Café RefleXion
 11:30 am Rethink Support Group
 6:30 pm Brackenfield School Carol Service
 7:00 pm Bible Study group at 26, Hookstone Drive - The Book of Romans – The Way of Love and Peace (chapter 14)
- Thurs 13th** 9:30 am St Peter's Parent and Toddler Group
 11:00 am Holy Communion
 12:30 pm Lunchtime RefleXion
 2:00 pm St Peter's Handbell Ringers at Wesley Chapel
 2:15 pm *Supporting Older People* Carol Service
 7:30 pm Choir Practice
- Fri 14th** 9:30 am AA Meeting
 10:00 am St Peter's Cleaning Team
 7:00 pm Bell Ringers
- Sat 15th** 8:00 am Men's Breakfast at St Peter's
 10:00 am – 4:00 pm Refreshment Day by *Dementia Forward*
- Sun 16th** 1:00 pm Sunday Lunch Club
 5:30 pm **Sanctuary** are going to **The Escape Room**. Please meet in the Glass Foyer and arrange to be collected at 8:00 pm

Next Sunday 16th December

The Third Sunday of Advent

- 8:30 Holy Communion
9:30 Family Communion
11:00 Choral Matins
4:30 Afternoon Church –
 Crafternoon Church
6:30 Choral Communion

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 will also be served today at the Wesley Centre at 1:00 pm. Food parcels are available from 4:45 pm every day, except for Sundays, when it is 5:30 pm.



One less
gift to wrap

St Peter's Church
Wednesdays 6:00 - 8:00 pm
Starting 9th January 2019

Join us in 2019 #TryAlpha
Alpha.org/uk



Write for Rights

Make a difference!

During Advent and Christmas, the Harrogate and Knaresborough group of **Amnesty International UK** invite you to

Write for Rights

Visit our display in Church to find out about our work and the details of the cases to whom you can write (also available at www.amnesty.org.uk).

There will be a display at Harrogate Library from 10th – 14th December and a group of us will be writing letters and Christmas cards there on Thursday 13th December. Please join us, if you can!

Judith Simpson (01423 564842)

Could you help pack and deliver our Christmas Parcels?

We are making up Christmas Parcels for families in need and the elderly on Friday 14th December: packers needed from 10:00 am – 12:00 pm and delivery drivers from 12:00 – 4:00 pm. Please contact Patricia Stableford (526767) or Carole Raw in the Parish Office (568218) if you are able help. Thank you!



ONE SUNDAY IN ADVENT



ONE MONDAY IN ADVENT

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

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If your group is taking a break over the Christmas period, then please let me know as soon as possible. Thank you!

Marian Chambers (*Editor*)

Green Your Life eco tip of the week

December – eco Christmas ideas

Getting ready for the festivities of Christmas? Buy as much locally produced, in season food and particularly veg as you can. Try not to over-cater and waste food.



WELCOME
We're so glad you're here!

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