



# Weekly News

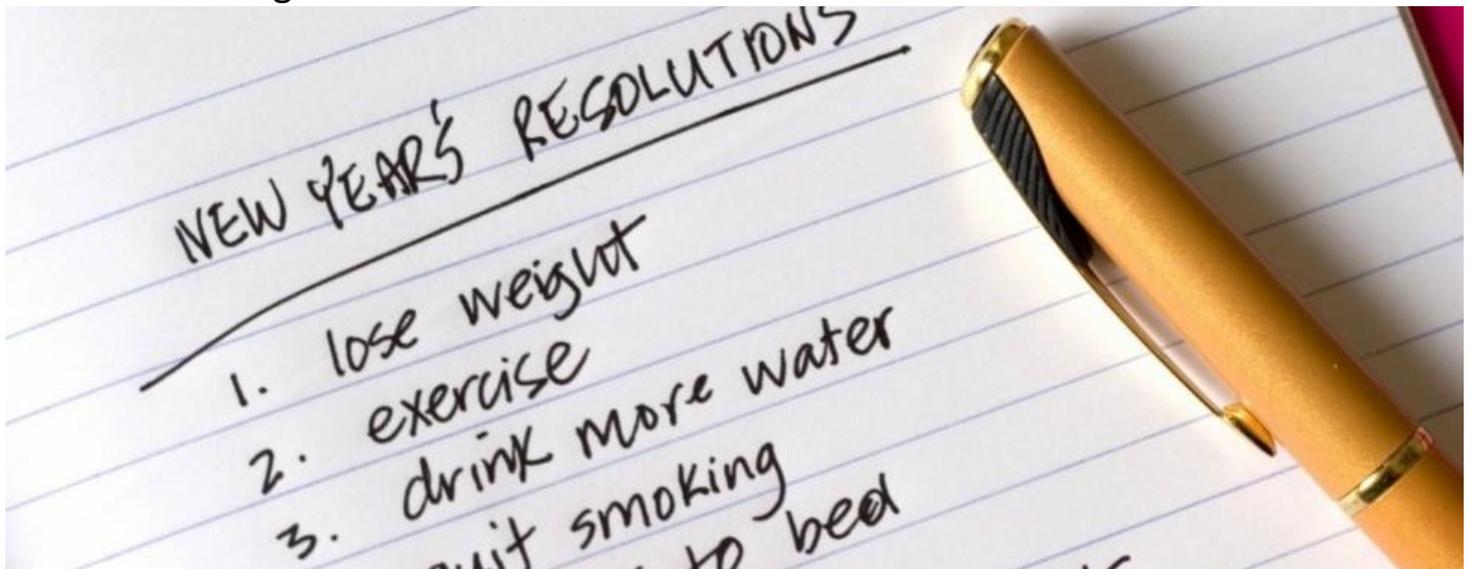
5<sup>th</sup> January 2020

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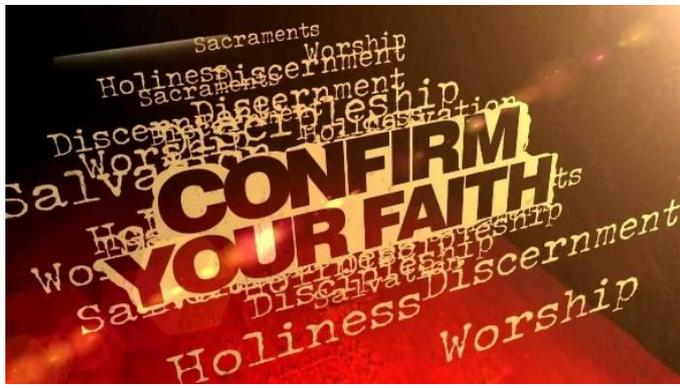
## New Year's Resolutions are never wasted

What's the point of resolving to make a new start in January? Isn't it usually the case that after just a few weeks, or even a few days, those good intentions have already come to nothing?



It might seem like that sometimes, but I believe there's more scope for optimism. Things might not always turn out exactly as we intend – in fact they almost never do – but it's surprising how often we can end up arriving at a place we aimed for by an unexpected route and, most often, on an unexpected timescale. If we fail to set such goals in the first place, however, we won't be alert to the surprising, usually totally unexpected, opportunities to step towards them. A test for this observation is to look back over the past twelve months or, better still, the past ten years. Where have you sensed God leading you over that time? What are the dreams he has persistently lodged at the back of your mind? What were the related things you repeatedly made resolutions about? It would be very surprising if the route has been straightforward, but it would also be surprising if you'd made no progress at all. So, it's always worth seeking God's agenda for what lies ahead, it's always worth keeping those higher goals in mind, and it's always worth resolving to take every opportunity to step towards them – even though we will, of course, repeatedly stumble and fall along the way.

*Alan Garrow, Vicar of St Peter's Church*



## Thinking about Confirmation?

Each year at St Peter's we encourage people who want to be confirmed and publicly declare their faith, to attend a Confirmation course. We encourage adults to attend the Alpha course starting on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2020. For candidates who attend

secondary school, we will be adapting the book *Faith Confirmed* by Peter Jackson and Chris Wright. This course will be integrated into our youth group Sanctuary's Bible studies, runs during term time and is free to attend.

The first of the seven sessions will be on **Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> January** at 6:00 - 7:30 pm, meeting in the Brostoff Hall at St Peter's Church. The other dates of the course are:

**Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> February - Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> March - Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March**

**Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March - Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> April - Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> May**

This course is designed to engage the participants in exploring the history of the Christian faith and how this faith is lived out today. Some of the topics that are covered are: *God - How and who do we believe in?*; *Prayer and Worship*; *Living as a Christian*. This confirmation course is essential to gain an insight into the Christian faith and will need to be attended if you wish to be confirmed by Bishop Helen-Ann at the Confirmation Service on **Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June at 6.30pm**.

For more information or to secure your place, please contact the Revd Chris Clayton at [chris.clayton@leeds.anglican.org](mailto:chris.clayton@leeds.anglican.org).



## THE WINTER PROMS AND CHOIR EXPERIENCE

Musical family favourites in the beautiful setting of Ripon Cathedral, accompanied by a glass of spiced cider. All for free!

January 18th, 3.30-4.30pm

Music includes:

Dances from the Nutcracker Suite  
Music from Disney's 'Frozen'  
Darke: In the bleak midwinter  
Zadok the priest

The Winter Prom includes the chance for parents to hear their children singing the classics alongside the Cathedral Choir and get a taste of the Choir Experience.

Email [singing@riponcathedral.org.uk](mailto:singing@riponcathedral.org.uk) to sign up



## PLOUGH SUNDAY

You are invited to the annual blessing of the plough.  
January 12th  
Hot pork rolls and refreshments served from 2.30pm.  
Service from 3.30pm.

Service led by  
the Dean of Ripon, the Very Rev'd John Dobson DL,  
with the Bishop of Ripon, Rt Rev'd Dr Helen-Ann Hartley.

Speaker: Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of North Yorkshire,  
Johanna Ropner.

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## Alpha launch event: *Hasn't science buried God?*

St Peter's Church, Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> January at 7:45 pm (*refreshments from 7:00 pm*)

Many think that there is some kind of trade-off between science and God. Some claim that the rise of science leads to atheism. But there are many leading scientists in the world today who believe in God. Why? Why do they see science and God as friends rather than enemies? Is there any scientific evidence that points towards the existence of God? In recent years Adrian Holloway has spoken at many of Britain's most prestigious universities on this subject, presenting arguments for God's existence based on scientific discoveries. Come and hear him speak, then make up your own mind as to whether there are any good reasons to think that God exists.



## St Peter's Afternoon Fellowship



St Peter's Afternoon Fellowship meets on the second Monday of the month from 2:00 – 4:00 pm at Gillian Taylor's home. There is usually a speaker, or sometimes an outing, and always a delicious afternoon tea. Graham Cornish, one of our retired Clergy, is the speaker at the next meeting on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January. Please call Gillian on 01423 500482 if you would like to come - new members are most welcome.



A COURSE FOR THE CHRISTIAN JOURNEY  
THE BIBLE

**Bible Reflexions** are following this Pilgrim course at St Peter's Church at 9:15 am on Wednesdays:

**8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> January**

**5<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> February**

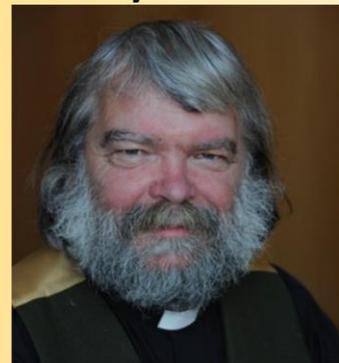
*The course explores the Bible: what it is, how it was given to us and how we should read it.*

## Follow Me 6

*Inspiring ways to explore faith and discipleship at Wakefield Cathedral*

**How poetry can deepen and enliven your prayer life**

**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> January**



with The Revd Malcolm Guite  
*Choral Evensong at 6:30, Food 7:15 and Main Session from 7:45 – 9:15 pm.*

*Please sign up for free with [caroline.asquith@leeds.anglican.org](mailto:caroline.asquith@leeds.anglican.org) or 01924 434450*

# Today's Services: 5<sup>th</sup> January 2020

## The Epiphany

The Second Sunday after Christmas Day

### 8:30 Holy Communion

### 9:30 Family Communion

*As this 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** 7, 298, 31, 457  
**Reading** Matthew 2 v 1 - 12  
**Preacher:** Chris Clayton

### 11:00 Choral Communion

**Setting** Sumsion in F  
**Hymns** 85, 335, 91, 83  
**Readings** Ephesians 3 v 1 - 12  
Matthew 2 v 1 - 12  
**Anthem** From the rising of the sun (*Ouseley*)  
**Preacher:** Oliver Longstaff

### 4:15 Afternoon Church *Holy Communion*

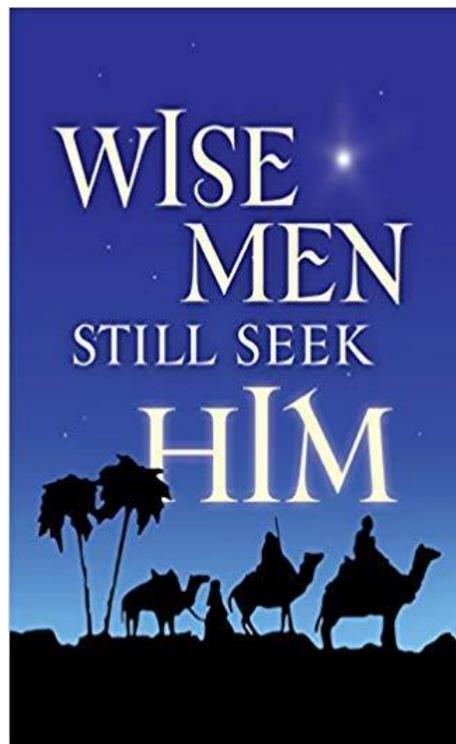
**Preacher:** Chris Clayton

### 6:30 Choral Evensong

**Setting** Carolus Andreas (fauxbourdons)  
**Hymns** 84, 487, 86 (omit the \*verse)  
**Psalms** 97  
**Readings** Isaiah 60 v 1 - 9  
John 2 v 1 - 11  
**Anthem** The Three Kings (*Peter Cornelius*)  
**Preacher:** Michael Hunter

#### Our Duty Wardens today are:

Richard Morgan  
and Rachel Fell



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:**

Nicky Aitken, Tim Akers, Pat Anderson, Peggy-Anne Binder, Ruth Bowes, Mary Burcher, Louise Emrullahu, Cathy Fuller, Pam Gardiner, Vicky Harrison, Edna Hodgkiss, Sian Lockwood, Charlie Martineau, Peggy Palmer, Alan Richardson, Frances Roxby-Proud, Oli Saul, Colin Sinclair and Keith Ward.

**Also in our prayers this week:**

- Mon** David Fisher, our Treasurer  
Those struggling with debt
- Tues** Our local schools, as the new Spring term begins  
MPs as they return to Parliament after the Christmas recess
- Wed** Victims of abuse and violence  
Harrogate Women's Refuge
- Thurs** St Peter's Toddler Group  
Children in foster care
- Fri** The Sunday Lunch Club  
Rough sleepers and the homeless
- Sat** Sue Pearce, one of our retired Clergy  
*Jennyruth Workshop* employing adults with learning difficulties

**Daily Readings**

*Morning Prayer is at 8:00 am and Evening Prayer at 5:00 pm daily. 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 48  
Ruth 4 v 1 – 17Col  
Colossians 4 v 2 to end
- Tues** Psalm 99  
Baruch 1 v15 – 2 v 10  
Matthew 20 v 1 – 16
- Wed** *Lucian, Priest and Martyr*  
Psalm 46  
Baruch 2 v 11 to end  
Matthew 20 v 17 28
- Thurs** Psalm 148  
Baruch 3 v 1 - 8  
Matthew 20 v 29 to end
- Fri** *William Laud, Archbishop of Canterbury, 1645*  
Psalm 149  
Baruch 3 v 9 – 4 v 4  
Matthew 23 v 1 - 12
- Sat** *Mary Slessor, Missionary in West Africa, 1915*  
Psalm 150  
Baruch 4 v 21 - 30  
Matthew 23 v 13 - 28

**The Collect for The Epiphany**

O God, who by the leading of a star manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth:

mercifully grant that we, who know you now by faith, may at last behold your glory face to face;

through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**or**

Creator of the heavens, who led the Magi by a star to worship the Christ-child: guide and sustain us, that we may find our journey's end in Jesus Christ our Lord.

# What's on This Week

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

- Mon 6<sup>th</sup>** 2:00 pm The Singing Folk group
- Tues 7<sup>th</sup>** 10:00 am – 1:00 pm Rachel's Art Class in the Brostoff Hall  
12:30 pm Healing Service  
1:30 – 4:30 pm Rachel's Art Class in the Brostoff Hall
- Wed 8<sup>th</sup>** 9:15 am **Bible RefleXions:** The Bible – What is the Bible? *Looks at a 'way in' to reading the Bible, thinking particularly about how to recognise what kind of writing the Bible is.*  
10:30 am Café RefleXion  
11:30 Rethink Harrogate Support Group
- Thurs 9<sup>th</sup>** 9:30 am St Peter's Parent and Toddler Group  
11:00 am Holy Communion  
11:30 am **Lunchtime RefleXion**  
7:30 pm Choir Practice
- Fri 10<sup>th</sup>** 9:30 am AA Meeting  
10:00 am St Peter's Cleaning Team  
7:00 pm Bell Ringers  
7:00 pm NA Meeting
- Sat 11<sup>th</sup>** **NO** Refreshment Day
- Sun 12<sup>th</sup>** 6:00 – 7:30 pm **Sanctuary**, our youth group, are back!

## Are you having a post-Christmas clear out? Do you have any unwanted Lego?

Numbers at Afternoon Church are growing, and it would be such an asset to have some! If you have any unwanted Lego, please bring it to Afternoon Church (4:15pm on Sundays) or contact Ruth Thompson-Vear ([mrsruthtv@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:mrsruthtv@yahoo.co.uk)) to arrange collection. Thank you!

## Next Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> January

### The First Sunday of Epiphany

- 8:30 Holy Communion  
9:30 Family Communion  
11:00 Choral Matins  
4:15 Afternoon Church –  
*Service of the Word*  
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 at the Wesley Centre each week at 1:00 pm, except for the third Sunday of the month when it is here at St Peter's. Food parcels are available from 4:45 pm every day, except for Sundays, when it's 5:30 pm.

## Harrogate School of Theology & Mission

Rt Revd James Jones KBE – *The spiritual and moral imperatives in the life of Christ*

In the Gospel of Luke Jesus says fourteen times 'It behoves me...' He talks explicitly about the moral and spiritual imperatives under which he lives and dies. In an age that is at sea about what is right and wrong can these imperatives be applied to our own lives? Come and hear this much in demand speaker – Chair of the Hillsborough Independent Panel and retired Bishop of Liverpool - at St Mark's Church on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2020, starting with a continental breakfast served from 9:30 am, then the lecture from 10:00 am – 12:00 pm. Tickets cost £8 (students £5) which includes the breakfast and refreshments.



## Centering Prayer Introductory Day

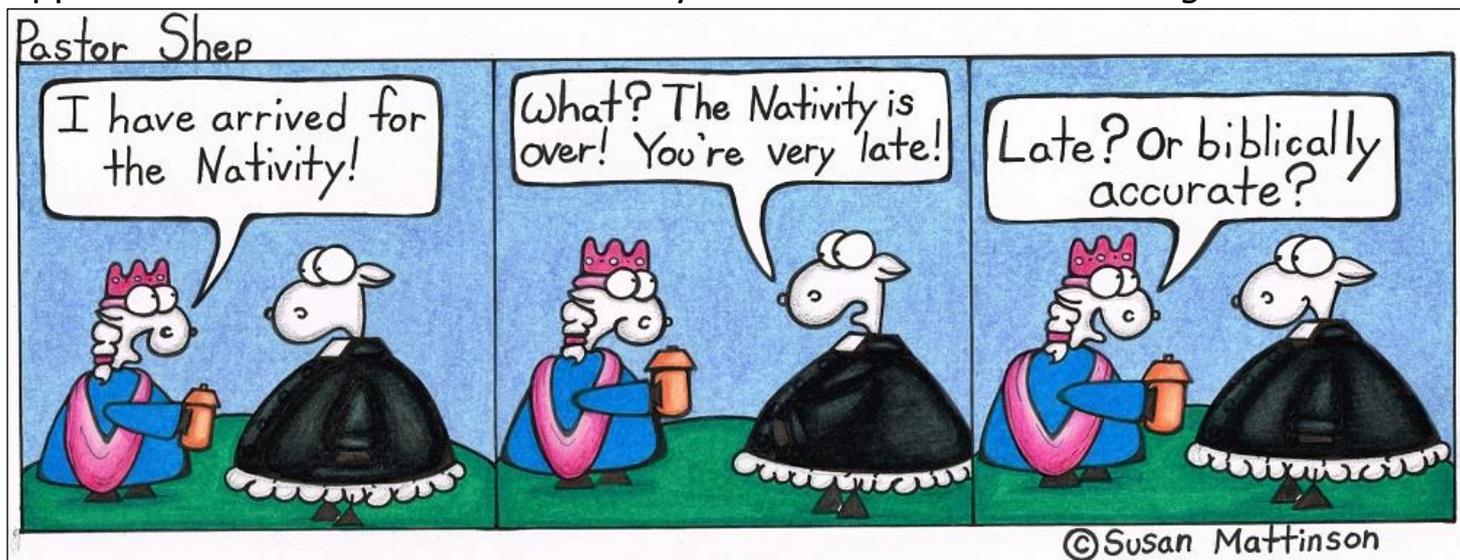
An introduction to a receptive method of silent Christian prayer that prepares us to awaken to the gift of God's presence led by the Revd Mel King and Margaret McNulty from *Contemplative Outreach North*. This workshop, from 10:00 am – 4:00 pm, is on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> January at St Mark's Church, Leeds Road, and costs £21. To book your place email Ruth Wilson [centeringprayer@keyplayers](mailto:centeringprayer@keyplayers).



## Holocaust Memorial Day

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2020

The theme for 2020 is **Stand Together**. It explores how genocidal regimes throughout history have deliberately fractured societies by marginalising certain groups, and how these tactics can be challenged by individuals standing together with their neighbours and speaking out against oppression. Find out more about this year's theme at [www.hmd.org.uk](http://www.hmd.org.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.



## Next Week's Deadline

The deadline for the next edition of the Weekly News (12<sup>th</sup> January) will be noon on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> January. Please send any items (including photos) to Alan Garrow or to Marian Chambers (addresses below).



## Wednesday is the new Friday

St Peter's Church  
Wednesdays 6:00 - 8:00 pm  
Starting 29th January 2020

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## HAPPY NEW YEAR



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