



# Weekly News

29<sup>th</sup> March 2020

The Fifth Sunday of Lent

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## Finding God's rhythm

The present restrictions are changing very many aspects of everyday life. The way we shop, eat, socialise, exercise, work, relax and worship. Some of these changes are exceptionally difficult to bear – especially for those with vulnerable health and those who care for them. Amid all this turmoil and uncertainty, however, one thing that has not changed: the rhythm of prayer that sustains the Church of England. Morning and Evening Prayer have provided the bedrock of Anglican spirituality for the past four hundred years.



The 'Daily Office' has three particular virtues. First, it is very sustainable – in the sense that it's doable day after day with minimum fuss. Using the same pattern of prayer each day might feel a bit dull, but, when times are thin and it's hard to do more than put one foot in front of the other, a simple repetitive liturgy can be exactly what's needed. (In reality, there is a bit more variety now than there was before 1980 – as you'll see as we progress through the seasons of Lent, Passiontide and Easter). Second, it is deeply rooted in Scripture. Almost every part of the liturgy comes from somewhere in the Bible. This helps to remind us that we belong within a story that is infinitely larger than our own. Third, it opens us up to God's agenda at the beginning of each day, and it causes us to reflect on God's action in and around us as the day draws towards a close.

In these times of unprecedented change, I do encourage you to join us for Morning and Evening Prayer. You can find instructions for how to do so on our website – under **Worship Online**.

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

## Readings for Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March

### The Fifth Sunday of Lent

#### (Passiontide begins)

Old Testament	Ezekiel 37 v 1 - 14
Gospel	John 11 v 1 – 45
Epistle	Romans 8 v 6 - 11



## St Peter's is live streaming on Facebook and Zoom

Many churches across our Diocese have decided to live stream their Sunday services and mid-week prayers, so that those who are unable to join them in person can still worship virtually. Zoom is a cloud-based video conferencing service you can use to virtually 'meet' with others. At St Peter's we will be live streaming Morning Prayer at 8:00 am and Evening Prayer at 5:00 pm daily on Facebook. Then on Sundays we plan to live stream two services – Communion at 9:30 am and Matins at 11:00 am using Zoom and Facebook. You can download the Zoom app on your computer or phone and join in – full instructions and the link you need are on our website – just follow the **Worship Online** link on the homepage. Please join us!

## Sunday Worship on BBC Radio 4

If you are unable to access the internet, then why not listen to Radio 4's Sunday morning service broadcast at 8:10 am each week? Last Sunday the Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby, reflected on this troubling time for our nation and the world in a service recorded in the Chapel of Lambeth Palace. This simple service was led by his chaplain, the Revd Isabelle Hanley, with some wonderful music by St Martin's Voices. The programme lasts about 40 minutes and, if you can access the internet, is available on BBC Sounds or the Church of England website.



## Easter Flowers – a message from Sue Heapy

*Unfortunately there will be no Easter flowers at St Peter's this year owing to the current circumstances. However, there is a plan for there to be lots of blooms in place to celebrate our return, which will include the 'In Memoriam' lilies. There will be sufficient notice given for all who wish to sponsor these flowers.*

*Thanking everyone for their understanding.*

*Stay well and safe, Sue Heapy*

## Coronavirus COVID-19 update

St Peter's Church is now closed for all purposes except:

**The Breakfast Club**, which will continue to provide a free breakfast from Monday to Saturday (8:20 – 8:45 am) for all those who are hungry or in need. A hot **Sunday Lunch** will also be served at St Peter's Church each week at 1:00 pm.

**Food parcels** will still be available from 4:45 – 5:00 pm every day.

These are an essential service exempt under the new Government instructions.

**Please pray for those who have asked for our prayers:**

Nicky Aitken, Pat Anderson, Ruth Bowes, Mary Burcher, Louise Emrullahu, Cathy Fuller, Pam Gardiner, Vicky Harrison, David Hipkin, Edna Hodgkiss, Caroline Kelly, Sian Lockwood, Sarah Martin, Charlie Martineau, Peggy Palmer, Alan Richardson, Frances Roxby-Proud, Colin Sinclair and Keith Ward.

**Also in our prayers this week:**

- Mon** All healthcare workers  
GP's surgeries and health centres
- Tues** All who are affected by  
Coronavirus COVID-19  
Local businesses who are having  
to close
- Wed** Rough sleepers and the homeless  
*Harrogate Homeless Project*,  
offering help and emergency  
accommodation
- Thurs** All our emergency services  
Harrogate police officers
- Fri** Those who are guiding our nation  
Her Majesty, the Queen
- Sat** Graham Cornish, one of our  
retired Clergy  
All schools in North Yorkshire  
keeping children of key workers  
and vulnerable children safe

**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?*

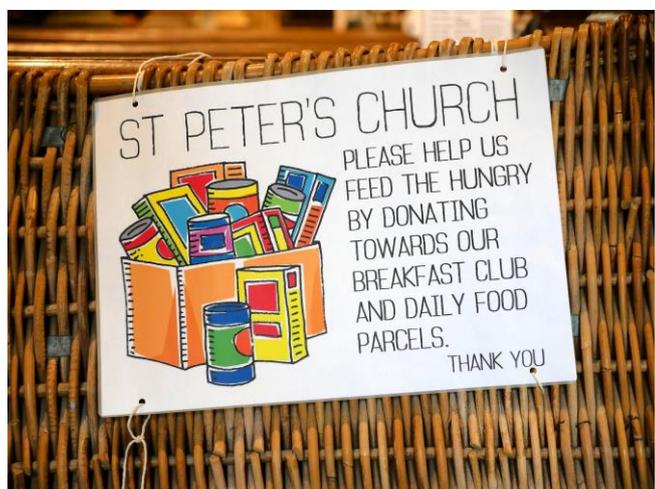
- Mon** Psalm 73  
Exodus 8 v 1 - 19  
Hebrews 11 v 17 - 31
- Tues** *John Donne, Priest, Poet*  
Psalm 35  
Exodus 8 v 20 to end  
Hebrews 11 v 32 – 12 v 2
- Wed** *Frederick Denison Maurice, Priest, Teacher, 1872*  
Psalm 55  
Exodus 9 v 1 - 12  
Hebrews 12 v 3 - 13
- Thurs** Psalm 40  
Exodus 9 v 13 to end  
Hebrews 12 v 14 to end
- Fri** Psalm 22  
Exodus 10  
Hebrews 13 v 1 - 16
- Sat** Psalm 23  
Exodus 11  
Hebrews 13 v 17 to end

**The Collect for the Fifth Sunday of Lent**

Most merciful God, who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ delivered and saved the world: grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross we may triumph in the power of his victory; 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**

Gracious Father, you gave up your Son out of love for the world: lead us to ponder the mysteries of his passion, that we may know eternal peace through the shedding of our Saviour's blood, Jesus Christ our Lord.



St Peter's is continuing to give out food parcels **every day** to those in need. If you would like to donate something - toiletries, tinned and dried food – bring it to Church from 8:00 – 9:00 am on Mondays to Saturdays, 1:00 – 2:00 pm on Sundays or 4:00 – 5:00 pm daily.

### **A prayer about the outbreak**

God of compassion be close to those who are ill, afraid or in isolation.

In their loneliness, be their consolation;

in their anxiety, be their hope;

in their darkness, be their light;

through him who suffered alone on the cross, but reigns with you in glory, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

### **Financial Giving**

If you would like to support us financially at this difficult time, please use these bank details to contribute by BACS:

**St Peter's Church PCC Harrogate**  
account at Natwest Bank PLC

Sort Code: 53-50-21

Account No: 67137628

or **download a Planned Giving Form** from the website. **THANK YOU!**

### **Next Week's Deadline**

The deadline for the next edition of the Weekly News (5<sup>th</sup> April) will be noon on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April. Please send any items (including photos) to Alan Garrow **or** to Marian Chambers (addresses below).

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