



Weekly News

12th April 2020

Easter Day

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Holding on to Hope

We sometimes say, 'Where there's life there's hope!' but it's also the case that 'Where there's hope there's life!' Hope is a life necessity. We can't go on without it. So, in a context where everything seems to be shut down, it is vital to lift our attention to the hope that transcends human limitation.

On the first Easter morning the disciples were in a state of absolute despair. They knew, or thought they knew, how the story would play out for them from there onwards. And yet those expectations were utterly confounded. God's narrative of ultimate purpose and unquenchable love pierced and shattered their dismal expectations.

Wherever we are today, and whatever we imagine the future may hold, God has a story to tell that cannot be stopped, side-tracked

or derailed. Christ defeated death. That means that death is not the end of God's story – something else, something beyond what we can see or imagine, is the end of the story. When we hold onto that truth, we have an unconquerable cause for hope.

1 Corinthian 15 v 55 - 58

'Death has been swallowed up in victory.'

'Where, O death, is your victory?'

'Where, O death, is your sting?'

The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Therefore, my beloved, be steadfast, immovable, always excelling in the work of the Lord, because you know that in the Lord your labour is not in vain.



Alan Garrow, Vicar of St Peter's

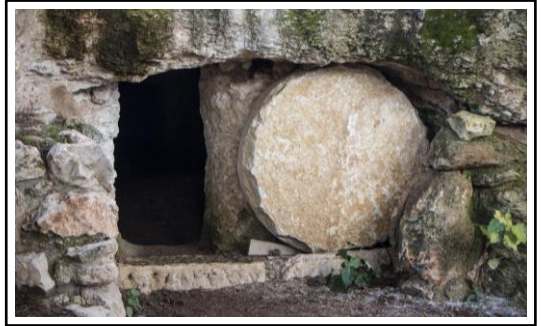
Readings for Sunday 12th April

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Old Testament Jeremiah 31 v 1 - 6

Gospel John 20 v 1 - 18

Epistle Colossians 3 v 1 - 4



The Royal School of Church Music (RSCM) helps lift our spirits



Announcing the new initiative, available on their website (rscm.org.uk), RSCM said: *'In the absence of all the usual routines of life, we have put together a whole range of initiatives, which we hope will help to hold everyone together: we can still work on fulfilling our mission until the darkness lifts and we are in the light again.'* They are encouraging

everyone to join them in singing a **Hymn for the Day**, which is updated each afternoon, Monday to Saturday. The words appear on screen as the music plays. **Sunday Self-Service** is a simple act of worship including hymns, readings and prayers to use at home. Or why not try a **daily vocal warm-up** – a short session to keep your body moving, and voice in good shape if you're a singer. Both the videos and service sheets can be downloaded so you can worship at a time to suit you.

Don't forget St Peter's is live streaming two services on Sundays – Holy Communion at 9:30 am and Choral Matins at 11:00 am – via Facebook or Zoom (full details and the links you'll need are on our website). Monday to Saturdays you can join in Morning Prayer at 8:00 am and Evening Prayer at 5:00 pm in the same way.

Sanctuary, our youth group, is meeting online

Our curate, Chris Clayton, has set up a Zoom 'meeting' for Sanctuary members to chat and catch-up on Sunday evenings at 7:00 pm. He is also starting a Bible Study Group (also using Zoom) on Wednesday evenings from 7:00 – 8:00 pm; they will be looking at the book of James over the next six weeks. If you are interested in joining them, please contact Chris and he will send you the links and passwords you'll need.

St Peter's Church continues ...

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

The Breakfast Club, which provides a free, takeaway breakfast from Monday to Saturday (8:20 – 8:45 am) for all those who are hungry or in need. A hot, takeaway

Sunday Lunch is available at St Peter's Church each week from 1:00 – 2:00pm.

Hot takeaway food, tins and whatever else we have to give away is from 4:00 – 5:00 pm every day.

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 and Steve Martin, Charlie Martineau, Peggy Palmer, Alan Richardson, Michele Roszak, Frances Roxby-Proud, Colin Sinclair and Keith Ward.

Also in our prayers this week:

Mon	Healthcare workers Patients and staff in intensive care units
Tues	All who are affected by Coronavirus COVID-19 The first NHS Nightingale Hospital now admitting patients
Wed	The team preparing takeaway Sunday Lunch at St Peter's Those facing financial hardship
Thurs	All our emergency services 999 and NHS 111 call centre staff
Fri	Those who are guiding our nation Chris Whitty, Chief Medical Officer
Sat	Stewart Davies, Lay Reader Those delivering essential public services

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 111 Exodus 12 v 1 - 14 1 Corinthians 15 v 1 - 11
Tues	Psalm 112 Exodus 12 v 14 - 36 1 Corinthians 15 v 12 - 19
Wed	Psalm 113 Exodus 12 v 37 to end 1 Corinthians 15 v 20 - 28
Thurs	Psalm 114 Exodus 13 v 1 - 16 1 Corinthians 15 v 29 - 34
Fri	Psalm 115 Exodus 13 v 17 - 14 v 14 1 Corinthians 15 v 35 - 50
Sat	Psalm 116 Exodus 14 v 15 to end 1 Corinthians 15 v 51 to end

The Collect for Easter Day

Lord of all life and power, who through the mighty resurrection of your Son overcame the old order of sin and death to make all things new in him:
grant that we, being dead to sin and alive to you in Jesus Christ, may reign with him in glory;
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be praise and honour, glory and might, now and in all eternity.

or

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.

St Peter's is continuing to give out food **every day** to those in need. Please bring donations (dried or tinned food or toiletries) 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.

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!**

A Message from the Churchwardens

It is more important than ever as the severity of the Coronavirus starts to take an even tighter grip that we continue to nurture our loving family at St. Peter's. We send Easter Blessings to you, your families and friends during this Holy Season.

Stay safe and keep well.

Love from Patricia and Paul



Next Week's Deadline

The deadline for the next edition of the Weekly News (19th April) will be noon on Wednesday 15th April. Please send any items (including photos) to Alan Garrow **or** to Marian Chambers (addresses below)

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