

# Prayer Corner

## Advent 4 (22nd Dec) – Peace



Peace is a prayer,  
**peace is a prayer**

Peace is a prayer that starts with me,  
**peace is a prayer that starts with me**

Light the candle of peace,  
**light the candle of peace.**

## Christmas Day – Jesus

Jesus is born,  
**Jesus is born**

Jesus is born in us today,  
**Jesus is born in us today**  
Christ, the light of the world,  
**Christ the light of the world.**



## My prayers this Christmas

We would love to pray for you -  
please leave in the prayer basket at the back of church.

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# St Peter's Pew Sheet

22nd, 24th, 25th and 29th December 2019  
The Fourth Sunday of Advent, Christmas Eve  
Christmas Day and the First Sunday of Christmas

## Services this Fortnight

### Sunday: 22nd December

8.00am: Holy Communion  
10.00am: Family Communion

Readings: Is 7: 10-16 (p.692) &  
Matt 1: 18-end (p.965)

Steve Waterworth & Neal Cullis

*Intercessor:* Neal Cullis

*Leader:* Neal Cullis

*Preacher:* Revd Rachel Hirst

*Warden:* Ron Wilson

### Collect

Eternal God,  
as Mary waited for the birth of your Son,  
so we wait for his coming in glory;  
bring us through the birth pangs of this  
present age  
to see, with her, our great salvation  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

*We have gluten free wafers. Please go to the chapel-side rail if you would like this. Please note: if you prefer not to drink from the common cup, please take the bread only.*

### Tues: 24th Dec - Christmas Eve

4.00pm: Crib Service  
11.30pm: Midnight Communion Service

### Wed: 25th December

#### Christmas Day

10.00am: Family Communion

### Collect

Lord Jesus Christ,  
your birth at Bethlehem  
draws us to kneel in wonder at  
heaven touching earth:  
accept our heartfelt praise  
as we worship you,  
our Saviour and our eternal God.

### Sunday: 29th December

8.00am: Holy Communion  
10.00am: Family Communion  
(no Sunday School)

Readings: Is 63: 7-9 (p. 751) &  
Matt 2: 13-end (p.966)

Tracey Brown & Rita Charvill

*Intercessor:* Lynn Cullis

*Preacher & Leader:* Revd David

Woollard

*Warden:* Paul Tate-Smith

### Collect

God in Trinity,  
eternal unity of perfect love:  
gather the nations to be one family,  
and draw us into your holy life  
through the birth of Emmanuel,  
our Lord Jesus Christ.

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## A note from Ben

Are you having a great Christmas? Or not so great? For most of us, this Christmas, there will be good times and bad, light and shade. On any one day, some of us may be having a wonderful time while others may be finding it very difficult - perhaps due to problems with family, memories or personal issues. Sometimes, it's quite reassuring to know that everyone is going through similar things.

So much of Christmas is about light and shade. Bible readings remind us of God's words "Let there be light". We use candles to show the light of Jesus coming into our lives to overcome darkness.

And even at the birth of Jesus, one of the most wonderful events in history, there are shadows in amongst the joy: the gifts brought by the Wise men were not all fluffy toys and bonnets - they brought gold, frankincense and myrrh, signifying power but also pointing towards Jesus giving up his life because he loves us so much.

Here at St. Peter's, we want to share God's love and light this Christmas.

If you're going through a time of shade, when things are hard, we'd love to pray with you or just talk - whatever would help you this season. Have a word with us - and tell us what we can do to help.

If you'd rather we did the praying for you, write your request on the dotted lines below, then drop this in the prayer basket at the back of church. God will hear your prayers. May this Christmas be one of blessing. *Ben*



### A Christmas poem by George Watson Age 9

Christ is Son of God and he lives in Heaven, that is a holy place.

Revenge, Herod tried to kill Christ Immanuel, God with us.

Star, the Kings followed the star to Jesus.

Treasure, Jesus is our treasure.

Manger, Jesus lay in the manger in a stable.

Angel, the angel told the shepherds about Christ

Stable, Jesus was born in a stable.

### Next Year's Services

**Sunday 5th January**  
8.00am Holy Communion  
10.00am Holy Communion (no Sunday School)  
4.00pm Together@4pm

**Wed 8th January**  
9.00am Holy Communion

**Sunday 12th January**  
8.00am Holy Communion  
10.00am Family Communion  
7.00pm Refresh

### Care Homes Services

Spring Cottage: Wed 8th Jan, 2.00pm  
Rivermead: Wed 15th Jan, 11.00am  
Deansfield Court: Thurs 16 Jan, 6.30pm  
Bechwood: Wed 29th Jan, 2.30pm

## Notices

**Thank you** to everyone for your hard work for St Peter's and our mission and ministry over this year. So many of you are involved in different things - seen and unseen. It is appreciated. May God bless each one of you richly this Christmas. *Rachel*

### Christmas offerings

The offerings taken at the Carol service, Crib service, Midnight Communion and Christmas Day are going to **Embrace** who work in the Middle East. You can read about their Christmas campaign at <https://www.embraceme.org/homeforchristmas>

Gift aid envelopes are available.

### Thank you

To all who gave gifts for the Salvation Army toy appeal and for our collection for Derwent Lodge. It's good to support people who are less fortunate than ourselves at Christmas.

**Joint service for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity:** if you'd like to be involved, there is a planning meeting at the Vicarage, 6th Jan, 7.30pm. This joint service is on 19th Jan, 4pm at St Peter's. It will be café style church, with the opportunity to share and discuss with those from other local churches as well as worship together.

### Planned Giving

The new boxes of envelopes for 2020 are ready for collection at the back of church. Anyone who would like to know more about the envelope scheme, or other regular giving options, please speak to Gill Perks or phone 693305. Thank you.

**No morning prayer** until Tues 7th Jan.

Items for next pew sheet by Thurs 2 Jan, [Jacqui.gunter1@gmail.com](mailto:Jacqui.gunter1@gmail.com).

If you were the  
4th Wise Man.....



....what  
would you  
bring?



Sun 5 Jan, 4pm. Kids. Chat. Craft. Food. Faith.  
Come along! St Peter's, Langton Road, Norton YO17 9AE