

## Thank you

Ann Brown and family would like to say a big thank you to everyone for prayers, cards and kindness during Michael's illness and death. It has been much appreciated. All will be welcome at a thanksgiving service on Wed 22nd Jan at 1pm in church. There will be cake and coffee in Church House afterwards.

## Annual Parochial Church meeting (APCM)

This year the meeting will be on Tues 31st March. It is a time when we can celebrate the last year in the life of the church, its mission and ministry, and look ahead. We will also conduct some formalities including appointing churchwardens and PCC members. This year there will be 4 vacancies for PCC. Please think about whether this is something you would like to do. It will be an interesting time in a vacancy and the PCC will have responsibility for the process towards appointing the next vicar. The commitment is to attend a monthly meeting on a Weds evening, and most hold their place for 3 years. You must be on the electoral role to be eligible.

Anyone who is a member of St Peter's is invited to join the electoral role. It indicates a commitment to the church and helps us have an idea of 'membership' numbers. It also means you are eligible to vote at the APCM and to stand as a PCC member. Forms are available in church to apply.

## Prayer Corner

### Change

Pray for all facing change at the moment

- ◆ New term at school, new job or changes at work
- ◆ Health changes—good or difficult
- ◆ Adjusting to bereavement
- ◆ St Peter's this year
- ◆ Our country as our relationship with Europe changes
- ◆ Our world—thinking especially about climate change and what it means

*'See I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the desert and streams in the wasteland.'* Is 43: 19

Pray for trust in God and for his guidance and wisdom

**PCC prayer points**—following our meeting this week please pray for:

1. Church finances. We have set a budget for this year but need to increase giving.
1. PCC Vacancies to be filled for the APCM
2. The vicar and St Peter's in this year of change



# St Peter's Pew Sheet

19th Jan 2020, 2nd Sunday of Epiphany



## Services this Week

**Sunday 19th January**  
8.00am Holy Communion  
10.00am Family Communion  
4pm Joint CTSR Service Prayer

**Weds 22nd January**  
9.00am Holy Communion

**Sunday 26th January**  
8.00am Holy Communion  
10.00am Holy Communion

Its great to see you at St Peter's today whether you're new or a regular. Do join us for refreshments after the service.

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

## Today's Services

### Readings

**Is 49: 1-7**

**John 1: 29-42**

Keith Edgehill  
Paul Tate-Smith

### Preacher

Revd. Rachel Hirst

### Worship Leader

Neal Cullis

### Intercessor

Jane Wingrove

### Today's Warden

Jane Wingrove

## Collect

Eternal Lord,  
our beginning and our end:  
bring us with the whole creation  
to your glory, hidden through past  
ages and made known  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

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## *A note from Rachel*

Dear friends, as you will know by now, last week I announced my retirement at the end of April. My last Sunday will be 26th April. Some were surprised, others less so. It feels the right thing to do for myself (and Andy) as I will have been here for 9 years. St Peter's is a thriving and growing church and I feel its time for someone with more energy and fresh vision to come along and help St Peter's build on what is happening now and move it forwards. Andy and I will very much miss St Peter's, and living in Norton, and it has been a huge privilege to be your vicar and be part of the wider community. We will be moving back to York where we have a house and look forward to seeing what God has in store for us too.

But of course that leaves questions about what happens next. I have put together a leadership team—Jane and Neal as Churchwardens, Cate, as Treasurer and PCC lay chair, and Ben while still with us, to work with me on the handover, and then to keep things going in the vacancy. In addition the Area Dean and Archdeacon will be meeting with the wardens and PCC to explain the process. The post cannot be advertised until I leave but hopefully work can begin on getting ready for that so it can be done in a short time frame.

There are a number of areas where we will be asking for help, not least with administration. If a few people were willing to give a couple of hours a week maximum that would be very useful so please think about that.

I know that a sense of uncertainty about the future can be difficult but we can trust God to know what he is doing. My bible reading for Monday morning was Isaiah 43: 18-21. 'See I am doing a new thing!' I felt encouraged by that and I hope you might too. Someone then told me they had read Isaiah 41: 10 'Do not fear for I am with you... I will strengthen you and uphold you.' God is good!

Please pray for Andy and me as we face change, and for Jane, Neal, Cate and Ben as they take on more responsibility. As always I am praying for you! *Rachel*

### **Baptism**

Today we welcome Jack Davison into our church family as he is baptised. Please pray for Jack and his parents Adrian and Joanne on this special day.



### **Dates for the Diary**

22nd Jan: Worship review  
13th Feb: Chatflix  
18th Feb: Messy Church 10.30am-12.30pm  
27th Feb: Women's Social evening

### **Care Homes Services**

Beechwood: Wed 29th Jan, 2.30pm  
Spring Cottage: Wed 12th Feb, 2pm  
Rivermead: Wed 19th Feb 11am  
Deansfield Ct: Thurs 20th Feb 6.30pm

## *Notices*

### **Service for Christian Unity 19th Jan 4pm St Peter's—TODAY!**

All are welcome to come and meet with others from local churches to worship, pray and chat with each other. The theme is Unusual Kindness. Where have you experienced this? How can we show this to our community? Family friendly cafe style service. Donations of cakes would be welcome and one or two helpers with refreshments. See Rachel or Jane.

### **Messy Church**

Would you like to get involved in Messy Church on Tues 18th Feb? Come to a planning meeting Weds 29th Jan, 7.30pm at the Vicarage or contact Rachel Watson for more info. [rachelwatson85@googlemail.com](mailto:rachelwatson85@googlemail.com)

### **Christmas Collection for Embrace**

At our Christmas services we raised £858.66 with another £68.13 able to be reclaimed in Gift Aid.

### **Minster passes**

Members of churches in York diocese can visit York Minster for free. We are sent some passes each year which you can borrow. These are in the pigeonholes near the door with a book to sign them out and back in. See Jane Wingrove if you have any queries.

### **Reviewing Worship**

On Weds 22nd Jan we will be reviewing Together @ 4 and Refresh, but also looking at our worship in general. All are welcome to come along and have their say. 7.30pm in church.

**NO Morning prayer** this Tuesday

### **Bible Course**

2 sessions left this January. Tues 21st and 28th 1.30-3pm or Thurs 23rd and 30th 7.30-9pm. Come and find out how the story ends!!

### **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.

### **Lent Lunches**

The local churches run a lunch every Friday in Lent which, as well as being a good social occasion, raises money for Christian Aid. For many years Margaret Yates has organised our efforts but would now like to step down. We need someone to offer to organise the week we are allocated. A big thank you is owed to Margaret for all her hard work. See Rachel.

### **Women's Social**

An evening at Pea Green Pottery has been arranged for Thurs 27th Feb. If you'd like come sign up on the sheet at back of church or see Rachel Watson for details.

# CHATFLIX

## IS BACK FOR 2020

Watch a film and chat. Can you find God in it?

Thurs 13 Feb, 7.30pm

&

Sat 14 Mar, 7.30pm

With SPECIAL GUESTS from the BISHOP'S TEAM!

ST PETER'S CHURCH HOUSE

*Items for next pew sheet by Wed to  
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