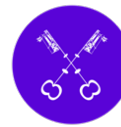


Annual Parochial Church meeting (APCM), Tues 31st Mar: A time to celebrate the last year in the life of the church, its mission and ministry, and look ahead. We will also conduct some formalities including appointing churchwardens and PCC members. This year there will be 4 vacancies for PCC. Please think 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 Wednesday 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.

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.

York Minster passes are available for members of churches in York diocese so you can visit York Minster for free. 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.



St Peter's Pew Sheet

Sunday 2nd Feb 2020, Candlemas

Services this Week

Sunday	2nd Feb
8.00am	Holy Communion
10.00am	Holy Communion (no Sunday School)
4pm	Together@4
Wed	5th Feb
9.00am	Holy Communion
Sunday	9th February
8.00am	Holy Communion
10.00am	Family Communion



It's 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

Psalm 24 (p. 555)
Luke 2: 22-40 (p. 1028)

Neal Cullis
Lisa Horton

Preacher

Revd Rachel Hirst

Worship Leader

Cate Tate-Smith

Intercessor

Lynn Cullis

Today's Warden

Ron Wilson

Collect

Lord Jesus Christ,
light of the nations and glory of Israel:
make your home among us,
and present us pure and holy
to your heavenly Father,
your God, and our God.

Prayer Corner

Each day this week pray for a particular situation/place/person where hope is needed.
Hold it before God.

Father God, I pray for your Holy Spirit to be at work in

I pray for signs of hope, for your creative presence to draw out potential and give reassurance that you are in control.

Help me to recognise you when I can and to trust you when I cannot.
Amen



PCC prayer points

Church finances - we need to increase giving.
PCC Vacancies to be filled for the APCM
The vicar and St Peter's in this year of change

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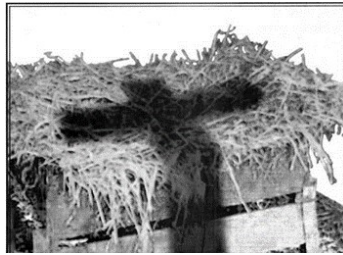
A note from Rachel

An attitude of hope

As you read this we will no longer be members of the EU as a country. As we know all too well it is a time for rejoicing for some and sadness and concern for others and we cannot know exactly what the implications will be. But at least we can move on now after all the years of uncertainty. There are many other issues in our country which are of concern too. Life is not easy for many people and we might be prompted to say 'it's getting worse.'

So what should our attitude be as Christians? We cannot deny life is tough, confusing, chaotic and disturbing at times both on the large scale and at a personal level. One of the theological themes that has been helpful to me over the years is of 'the Spirit hovering over the chaos.' Genesis 1:2. God's action in the world at all levels is to bring good things out of that chaos and messiness. And his work is still continuing.

We can trust that the Holy Spirit is at work in our own lives, in our church, at local, national, and global level. He was there at the beginning of creation and is still in the world now in ways we cannot always see or understand. His work includes finding hope, potential, creative solutions. The Spirit is at work in people who can make a difference and speak out (look at Greta Thunberg for example). The Spirit is at work in finding the good in people and situations, helping us to look at things from a different perspective, to let go of our own need for control and neat solutions. And the Spirit is at work within us giving us hope that despite how things might feel, God is in control, God is with us, God holds all things in his hands. An attitude of hope is what makes us stand out as Christians. 'Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.' Romans 12:12. *Rachel*
Please note I will be away from 7th to 15th Feb.



CHATFLIX 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**

What happens when
love goes wrong?



Sun 2 Feb, 4pm. Come along!
Kids. Craft. Chat. Food. Faith.

Notices

T@4 today! Come and join us!

**Next worship review meeting,
Wed 4th Mar, 7-9pm**, in church.
We had a really good discussion facilitated by Helen Lawrence who is kindly coming back again. We had a good turnout but there is room for more! We would love to hear your views about worship at St Peters.

Messy Church Tues 18th Feb
10.30am 12.30pm, Church House.
Open to families/carers with children aged 4-11. Children must be accompanied by an adult. A time of fun, crafts, stories, songs and food on a bible theme.



First Thursday Luncheon Club,
Thurs 6th Feb, 12.30, Church House.
We welcome all old and new members for soup, tea and cake along with friendly chatting. For further info contact *Gillian* 01653 229019 or *Margaret* on 01653 228197.

Men's "Late Christmas" Curry Night, Sat 22nd Feb. We would love you to join us so make a note of the date and let *Andy* or *Paul* know if you can come along.

Women's Social, Thurs 27th Feb, evening at Pea Green Pottery. If you'd like to come, sign up on the sheet at back of church or see Rachel *Watson* for details.

Morning prayer this Tues 9am, come and join us!

Mark's Ordination, York Minster Sun 5th July. You are warmly invited to come along. Our last service at St Peter's is at the end of June and a time of very mixed emotions. But we look forward to new and exciting times ahead in curacy.

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 this but would now like to step down. A big thank you is owed to Margaret for all her hard work. We need someone to offer to organise the week we are allocated. See *Rachel*.

Would you like to knit squares, scarves or mittens for Children in Distress? We send blankets out during the year and also in our 'Love in a Box' shoeboxes for children and OAPs who have little. Odds and ends of wool donations for the knitters also welcome and can be left at the back of

Dates for the Diary

6th Feb: First Thursday Club
13th Feb: Chatflix
14th Feb: Pop-up Café and painting
18th Feb: Messy Church
22nd Feb: Men's Curry Night
27th Feb: Women's social, Peagreen Pottery
31st Mar: APCM

Care Homes Services

Spring Cottage: Wed 12th Feb, 2pm
Rivermead: Wed 19th Feb 11am
Deansfield Ct: Thurs 20th Feb 6.30pm
Beechwood: Wed 26th Feb, 2.30pm

*Items for next pew sheet by Wed to
Jacqui.gunter1@gmail.com*