



Weekly News

16th August 2026

The Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

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St Peter's Church, Cambridge Road, Harrogate, HG1 1PB

Faith in the North: Wilfrid – bishop, pilgrim, builder, innovator



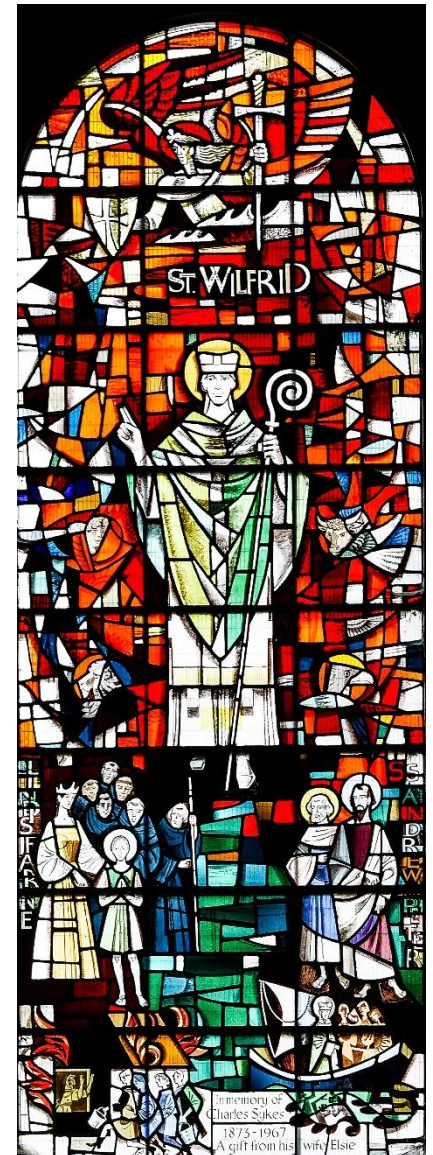
Following conversations across the Northern Province of the Church of England, Stephen Cottrell, Archbishop of York has set out a three-year focus called **Faith in the North**. It seeks to encourage a movement of prayer, storytelling and church planting inspired by the Northern Saints. So far, we have heard about King Edwin, who was baptised by Paulinus, and Aidan returning Christianity to the region, this week it is Wilfrid.

Wilfrid was born in 634 to aristocratic parents in the kingdom of Northumbria. Queen Eanfled, daughter of King Edwin and Queen Ethelburga, quickly recognised his potential and sent him to study at the monastery on Lindisfarne when he was fourteen. She later helped him travel to Rome. There he learned new aspects of worship, church architecture, and monastic life. He brought these ideas back home – where they still influence church life today. He championed Roman practices over Celtic traditions at the Synod of Whitby in 664 and strengthened the link between the English church and Rome.

Wilfrid is the patron saint of Ripon. He founded the monastery there (now Ripon Cathedral) and established the full Benedictine Rule – you can still visit the crypt where he would have prayed. The city honours him with an annual St Wilfrid's Day procession in early August.

Often embroiled in disputes and controversy – his appeals to Rome meant he was repeatedly exiled and imprisoned – Wilfrid was nevertheless one of the most influential leaders of the early Christian church in England. He died in 709 and was buried by the altar of his church in Ripon.

His feast day is celebrated on 12th October.





Fundraising Refreshment Day

There is a St Peter's Fundraising Refreshment Day to raise funds for our Church on Saturday 22nd August from 10:00 am until 3:30 pm.

They will be serving morning coffee, light lunches and afternoon teas. If you are in town on Saturday, please come and support this fundraising event in Church. Thank you!

ECO NEWS.... RUBBISH!

September is a busy month in the Church of England Environment Calendar, with the focus on Zero Waste, Preservation of the Ozone, World Clean Up Day and The Great British Beach Clean. Here at St Peter's, we will be focusing on two key areas; how to deal with our rubbish and how to shop and eat mindfully to produce less waste.

The Eco Church Noticeboard (back of the church) will provide "top tips" on how to reduce waste and cut down on rubbish. **"SUNDAY CLUB LITTER PICK"** will take place on Sunday 20th September, with our children and their parents going into the town centre during the 9.30am service with bin bags, protective gloves and a determination to collect as much rubbish as possible.



We hope that as many children as possible can attend church on September 20th to take part in the St Peter's Clean Up! All Welcome. Heather Swarbrick.

St Peter's Ladies who Lunch

The **Ladies who Lunch** are meeting again at 12:45 pm on Wednesday 26th August 2026 at the Nomad Café on Beulah Street, which caters for various dietary requirements. If you would like to join them for food and fellowship, then please contact Sue Heapy (07540 355 305 or brynsusie@hotmail.com), so she can book you a place at their table.



Consultation on a possible re-ordering of the seating in the church



The results of the consultation will be considered by the PCC at its meeting on September 22nd.

I will start to collate the responses at the end of August as the first stage of a report for the PCC on the result of the consultation which will go out to them a week before the meeting.

We will of course take into account any responses submitted before the PCC meeting but it would really help me if you could try to get your response submitted by the end of August if at all possible. Most of the responses are being placed into the envelopes on the board in the foyer but do feel free to email me with your response if that's easier for you.

My email address is sian.lockwood54@gmail.com

Sian Lockwood

Harrogate U3A Photography Group

Photography Exhibition 2026

Monday 17th – Saturday 22nd August

St. Peter's Church, Cambridge Street,
Harrogate: OPEN 10am - 4pm

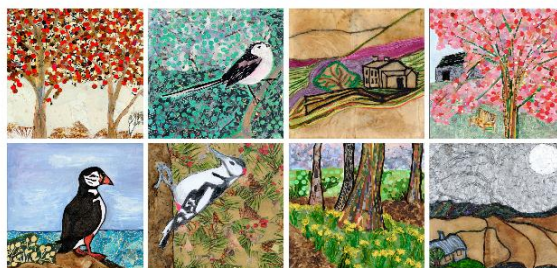


Mixed Media Art by Janie T.

24th to 31st August

10:00 to 3:30pm daily except Friday 10:00-1:00pm

All proceeds to raise funds for St Peter's Church.



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Today's Services: 16th August 2026

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The Eleventh Sunday after Trinity (BCP)

8:30 Holy Communion

9:30 Family Communion

Sunday Club is closed for the Summer, but all children and their parents are welcome to gather in the café area, where there are toys and activities to share during our Family Communion Service.

Hymns **298** Jesus, name above all names; **236** I'm special; **124** Give thanks; My God is a good God

Readings Isaiah 56 v 1 and v6 - 9
Matthew 15 v 21 - 28

Preacher: Catharine Davies

Our Duty Wardens today are:

Heather Swarbrick and
Mike Davies

11:00 Choral Matins

Setting Britten in C (Jubilate)

Hymns 6, 489, 424 (omit *verse)

Psalm 89 v 1 - 19

Readings Isaiah 56 v 1 and v6 - 9
Matthew 15 v 21 - 28

Anthem Lord I trust thee (*Handel*)

Preacher: Catharine Davies

2:30 Baptism of Riley Elaine Whiting

6:30 Choral Communion

Setting Stanford in Bflat

Hymns 191, 321, 311, 322

Readings Acts 16 v 1 - 15
John 6 v 51 - 58

Anthem Of the glorious body telling (*Victoria*)

Preacher: Phyllis Sopp

Prayer Ministry at the 9:30 am service

At the 9:30 Service we offer prayer with members of our Prayer Ministry Team. If you would appreciate prayer for any reason, please come to St Mary's Chapel after you have received Communion and wait in the pews there. The team members will introduce themselves, ask for your prayer request and pray with you.

Please pray for those who have asked for our prayers: Pat Anderson, Peternella Clarkson, Graham Cornish, Jane Crabtree, Tony Edwards, Margaret Farrar, Jenny Gardiner, Tim Harrison, Jean Hopper, Trevor Hughes, Christine Jepson, Miriam Jones, Joan Kelly, Bill and Margaret Osborne, Sheila Pantin, Sue Pearce, Celia Preston, Michelle Simon and Sally Sneddon.

RIP : Barbara Blinstone

Also in our prayers this week:

Mon All the staff at St Peter's CE Primary School
The Children's Society

Tues Our retired Clergy: Ruth Harris, John Knott, Tony Shepherd, Phyl Sopp and David Wheeler
The Sit-n-Knit group

Wed The Parish Giving Scheme
David Hipkin, our Treasurer

Thurs Ambulance drivers & paramedics
Those receiving GCSE results today

Fri *St Peter's Eco Church Group*
St Peter's Flower Team

Sat All who are sick in body, mind or spirit
Addiction Support Agencies

Daily Bible Readings

Morning Prayer is at 8:00 am and is live streamed on Facebook – join in by following the links on our website. As part of our 'Year of John', the New Testament readings are all from the Gospel of John. These are the readings we will be using this week:

Mon Psalm 80
2 Samuel 3 v 12 to end
John 17 v 20 - 26

Tues Psalm 89 v 1 - 18
2 Samuel 5 v 1 - 12
John 18 v 1 - 14

Wed Psalm 119 v 105 - 128
2 Samuel 6 v 1 - 19
John 18 v 15 - 27

Thurs ***Bernard, Abbot of Clairvaux, Teacher, 1153***
William and Catherine Booth, Founders of the Salvation Army, 1912 and 1890
Psalm 92
2 Samuel 7 v 1 - 17
John 18 v 28 - 40

Fri Psalm 88
2 Samuel v 18 to end
John 19 v 1 – 16a

Sat Psalm 97
2 Samuel 9
John 19 v 16b - 30

The Collect for *The Eleventh Sunday after Trinity*

(Common Worship)

God of glory, the end of our searching, help us to lay aside all that prevents us from seeking your kingdom, and to give all that we have to gain the pearl beyond all price, through our Saviour Jesus Christ.

The Collect for *The Eleventh Sunday after Trinity* (Book of Common Prayer)

O God, who declarest thy almighty power most chiefly in shewing mercy and pity: Mercifully grant unto us such a measure of thy grace, that we, running the way of thy commandments, may obtain thy gracious promises, and be made partakers of thy heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

What's on This Week

St Peter's Church is open to visitors from 9:30 am – 3:30 pm Monday to Thursday, and Saturdays, but from 9:30 am – 1:00 pm on Fridays.

This week Harrogate U3A Photography Group are holding their annual exhibition in the Glass Foyer. Please come and support this Community Group.

Mon 17th	11:00 am – 1:00 pm <i>Sit-n-Knit</i> in Church 2:00 pm The U3A Singing Folk group
Tues 18th	12:00 – 12:30 pm Healing Service
Wed 19th	10:30 – 11:00 am Café RefleXions 7:30 pm Harrogate Harmony Men's Chorus
Thurs 20th	9:30 – 11:00 am The Toddler Group at St Peter's 11:00 am Holy Communion 11:30 am – 1:00 pm the local branch of <i>Amnesty International UK</i> is holding a <i>Write For Rights</i> session in Church No Choir Practice tonight
Fri 21st	9:30 am AA meeting in the Music Room 10:00 am – 12:00 pm St Peter's Cleaning Team 7:00 – 8:15 pm Bellringing Practice at St Peter's
Sat 22nd	10:00 am – 3:30 pm St Peter's Fundraising Refreshment Day
Sun 23rd	<i>The Twelfth Sunday after Trinity</i> 7:30 – 8:30 pm AA meeting in the Brostoff Hall

Next Sunday 23rd August 2026

The Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

8:30	Holy Communion
9:30	Family Communion
11:00	Choral Matins
6:30	Choral Evensong

St Peter's Food Ministry:

The Breakfast Club provides a free, hot breakfast every morning from Monday to Saturday (8:15 – 8:45 am) for all those who are hungry or in need.

Our mini-supermarket is on Thursdays from 4:20 – 4:40 pm – an opportunity to stock up on tinned, preserved and dried food and toiletries.

Exploring what's next?

In December 2026, after five years, I shall step down as Harrogate Deanery Synod Secretary. So, what's next?

In 2004, I completed the *'Introduction to Theology'* course at Mirfield. I found this foundation learning enjoyable, interesting and challenging. Completing the portfolio required commitment, but the experience was inspirational.

From January 2027, I am considering how I can build on this learning, and how is God calling me to continue serving Him and the Church? The answer is beginning to look like, "Complete the *'Occasional Preachers' Course'*, Helen!". With many years' experience of public speaking and communicating information in educational and management development settings, learning to preach would develop these skills in a new way and for a new purpose. Is this really for me? I don't yet know, but I am eager to find out.

I understand the *Occasional Preachers' Course* is due to have a new format in 2027, and I shall be excited to be among one of the first to explore this new calling using this new structure. I'll let you know how I get on!

Helen Camm, *Harrogate Deanery Synod Secretary*



WRITE FOR RIGHTS

A LETTER FROM YOU COULD CHANGE SOMEONE'S LIFE

"The amount of messages I received from Amnesty activists gives me a lot of hope despite all the challenges."

Azza Hilal Ahmad Suleiman, Egypt





The local group of Amnesty International UK hold a Write for Rights session on the third Thursday of the month from 11:30 am - 1:00 pm in St Peter's Church.

Amnesty International www.amnesty.org.uk/write



New Venues



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Introduction to Theology



- Want to deepen your discipleship?
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Gargrave

Course runs over 4 Study Days:

Saturday 19 September, 9.30am - 4.00pm

Saturday 17 October, 9.30am - 4.00pm

Saturday 14 November, 9.30am - 4.00pm

Saturday 5 December, 9.30am - 4.00pm

Further details: <https://leeds.anglican.org/how-we-can-help/training-for-ministry/training-programmes/introduction-to-theology-course/>

Refreshments are served after each of our Sunday morning services from the kitchen area at the front of Church. Please come and join us.



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if you remembered to bring
some groceries, toiletries or
treats to put in the hamper
today! Your donation will help
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The Next Deadline

The deadline for the next edition of the Weekly News (23rd August) will be noon on Wednesday 19th August. Please send any items (including photos) to **The Parish Office** or to **the Vicar, Alan Garrow**.
alan.garrow@gmail.com



New to St Peter's? Please fill in one of the welcome cards at the end of the pews and hand it to one of the Clergy.