



Weekly News

13th September 2026

The Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

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Education Sunday

Read more about the 2026 theme 'Living well Together' and access resources at

<https://cte.org.uk/educationsunday2026/>

We often think of education in terms of schools, colleges and universities. But the word 'education' has a Latin root that means 'to be led out.' This understanding of education is captured by the novelist and philosopher Iris Murdoch, who described her experience of learning a language like this:

If I am learning, for instance, Russian, I am confronted by an authoritative structure which commands my respect. The task is difficult and the goal is distant and perhaps never entirely attainable. My work is a progressive revelation of something which exists independently of me. Attention is rewarded by a knowledge of reality. Love of Russian leads me away from myself towards something alien to me, something which my consciousness cannot take over, swallow up, deny or make unreal.



The same could be said about learning to play a violin, fitting a kitchen or stripping a car engine. It is also true of prayer. The point is this: learning only begins when our attention turns towards the reality in front of us. This takes time, practice and devotion. And so, in an age of distraction, learning to play an instrument, write poetry; knit, sculpt, dance, garden and, yes, pray, can all be seen as kinds of resistance against the quick and easy answers that require nothing more of us than to type questions into a search engine. And as we mark Education Sunday, a challenge: to learning something new. It's never too late!

Revd Steve Gibbin, Curate at St Peter's Church



Heritage Open Days in Harrogate from Monday 11th – 20th September.

Michael Burlison is giving two talks on the Church Windows at 1.00pm in the Gallery on 15th and 17th Sept and Tony Wilson presents 'The History of St Peter's' on Wednesday 15th also at 1.00pm. All welcome.

Thinking About God discussion group resumes 21st September.

We meet every Monday from 1:30pm till 3:00pm in The Undercroft. We will be starting a study of The Acts of the Apostles. New members are welcome but spaces are limited. Please contact Paul Gill gillsno6@aol.com for more details.

Table Project update.

Thank you everyone who responded to the seating consultation over the last few weeks. The responses showed that more information is needed before making a decision about seating. Members of the PCC, in preparation for their meeting on 22nd September, have received an anonymised copy of the collated responses to the consultation, along with a summary report that identifies the further information to be gathered before a decision is made. This report, and the anonymised collated responses, will be available to members of the congregation after 22nd September. (If you prefer your anonymous response to be removed from this collection, please let Sian Lockwood know.) Further information will be shared with the congregation before the PCC's next meeting on 17th October.

St Peter's 150th Anniversary

QUIZ NIGHT



Enjoy Italian-inspired food
Have fun, test your knowledge
Prize for the winning team

Friday 9th, October
6:00pm

Tickets £10 (under 16s free)
Available from:
Sian Lockwood, Carole Raw,
Catherine Medforth, Heather Swarbrick



LOCAL PIANO TUITION for ADULTS

If you are considering piano lessons please get in touch for a chat. I have over thirty years teaching experience, and I adapt my lessons to suit different needs and aspirations. The first lesson is free, with no obligation.

Please contact:

Jude Williamson

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BA Hons. PGCE

Men's Breakfast at St Peter's: Saturday 19th September 2026

Beginning with Morning Prayers at 8:00 am for those who wish to take part, and breakfast from 8:30 to 9:00 am, followed by an informal discussion session in The Gallery for perhaps 30 minutes or so. Please text Bryn Heapy on 07561 889 076 if you are planning to come or email him at brynsusie@hotmail.com.

Bakers needed for the next St Peter's Fundraising Refreshment Day

Please let Catherine Medforth (07876 653 765) or Siân Lockwood (07889 616 755) know if you are willing to bake a cake for our next fundraiser on Saturday 26th September. Food supplied, sold or provided at charity or community events, such as fundraisers, must comply with food laws. So that those with food intolerances or allergies can make safe choices we ask that cakes are brought in a container with a list of ingredients attached. Thank you.



A Simple Act makes a Big Difference

Just a note to say a **BIG THANK YOU** to everyone who supported ST PETERS BREAKFAST CLUB by putting the green token they got at the end of their shopping trip to WAITROSE Supermarket in the Breakfast club slot. By doing this simple act we collected enough tokens to receive a donation of £1000 towards the delivery of breakfast 6 mornings a week. This is a great outcome and the donation will go a long way to continuing this very important part of the work of St. Peter's.

Part of the donation has already been used to buy a new fridge for the kitchen to help store the ingredients needed for breakfast. Of course there is an added benefit that this will also improve the kitchen which is used by the whole church for refreshments etc.

St Peter's Food Ministry

needs your help!

The Thursday Supermarket needs these items:

Tinned soups; tinned fruit; tinned tuna; tinned meat such as meatballs, hotdogs, stews; Tinned vegetables sweetcorn, peas, carrots, potatoes; Pasta sauce, Rice, pasta.



All donations gratefully received



Today's Services: 13th September 2026

Creationtide

The Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

The Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity (BCP)

8:30 Holy Communion

9:30 Family Communion

There is Sunday Club for school age children today - please gather in the café area at the front of Church at the start of the service. Pre-schoolers and their parents are welcome to stay in this area, where there are Activity Bags to share.

Hymns **646** All I once; **1074** Wash me clean; **997** Send us the rain;

935 My Jesus

Readings Romans 14 v 1 - 12

John 12 v 37 - 43

Preacher: Alan Garrow

Our Duty Wardens today are:

Mike Davies and

Ian Birt

11:00 Choral Matins

Setting Alcock in B flat (Te Deum)

Hymns **490, 599, 474**

Psalm 119 v 65 - 80

Readings Genesis 50 v 15 - 21

John 12 v 37 - 43

Anthem Cantate Domino (Pitoni)

Preacher: Alan Garrow

4:15 pm Stepping Stones Service *Discovery Service*
(arrivals and refreshments 3:45 pm)

Preacher: Juliet Balme

6:30 Choral Evensong

Setting Watson in E

Hymns 427, 520, 543

Psalm 119 v 81 - 96

Readings Ezekiel 20 v 1 – 8, 33 - 44

Acts 20 v 17 - end

Anthem Hear my prayer (Mendelssohn)

Preacher: Hannah Beck

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, Margaret Farrar, Jenny Gardiner, Jean Hopper, Trevor Hughes, Christine Jepson, Miriam Jones, Joan Kelly, Bill and Margaret Osborne, Sheila Pantin, Sue Pearce, Michelle Simon and Sally Sneddon.

Also in our prayers this week:

Mon	Those who live in danger of violence, persecution and oppression <i>Amnesty International</i> , standing up for human rights
Tues	Victims of domestic abuse <i>Horizon Life Training</i> , supporting men in recovery from addiction
Wed	Sarah Martin, Lay Reader The Prayer Ministry Team
Thurs	<i>NETMAKERS</i> , Local Churches for Mission Wendy Lewis, Safeguarding Officer
Fri	Hannah Beck, Lay Reader Café RefleXions
Sat	St Peter's Choir John Longstaff, Director of Music

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. These are the Bible readings we will be using this week:

Mon	HOLY CROSS DAY Psalm 2 Genesis 3 v 1 - 15 John 12 v 27 – 36a
Tues	<i>Cyprian, Bishop of Carthage, Martyr, 258</i> Psalm 36 1 Kings 8 v 63 – 9 v 9 Acts 16 v 25 to end
Wed	<i>Ninian, Bishop of Galloway, Apostle of the Picts, c432</i> Psalm 34 1 Kings 10 v 1 - 25 Acts 17 v 1 - 15
Thurs	<i>Hildegard, Abbess of Bingen, Visionary, 1179</i> Psalm 37 1 Kings 11 v 1 - 13 Acts 17 v 16 to end
Fri	Psalm 31 1 Kings 11 v 26 to end Acts 18 v 1 - 21
Sat	Psalm 42 1 Kings 12 v 1 - 24 Acts 18 v 22 – 19 v 7

The Collect for *The Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity*

(Common Worship)

Lord God, defend your Church from all false teaching and give to your people knowledge of your truth, that we may enjoy eternal life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

Keep, we beseech thee, O Lord, thy Church with thy perpetual mercy; and, because the frailty of man without thee cannot but fall, keep us ever by thy help from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

What's on This Week

Mon 14th	11:00 am – 1:00 pm <i>Sit-n-Knit</i> in Church 2:00 pm The U3A Singing Folk group 7:00 – 8:30 pm Rehearsal for <i>Jesus Christ, Superstar</i> – children 7:30 – 9:00 pm Rehearsal for <i>Jesus Christ, Superstar</i> – adults
Tues 15th	12:00 – 12:30 pm Healing Service 1:00 pm A talk on the Church Windows by Michael Burlison
Wed 16th	10:30 – 11:00 am Café RefleXions 1.00 pm A talk by Tony Wilson on the History of St Peter's 2:00 – 3:30 pm Art Class for Adults with Helena 7:30 pm Harrogate Harmony Men's Chorus
Thurs 17th	9:30 – 11:00 am The Toddler Group at St Peter's 11:00 am Holy Communion 11:30 am – 1:00 pm <i>Amnesty International 'Write for Rights'</i> 1:00 pm A talk by Michael Burlison on the Church Windows 7:30 pm St Peter's Choir Practice
Fri 18th	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 19th	8:00 am <i>Men's Breakfast at St Peter's</i> 10:00 am – 3:30 <i>Harrogate Scout and Guide Gang Show</i> Refreshment Day in Church 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm Yorkshire Association Bellringers ringing
Sun 20th	<i>The Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity</i> 5:30 – 7:00 pm Sanctuary, Youth Group in the Brostoff Hall 7:30 – 8:30 pm AA meeting in the Brostoff Hall

Next Sunday 20th September 2026

The Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

8:30	Holy Communion
9:30	Family Communion
11:00	Choral Matins
4:15	Stepping Stones Service – <i>Crafternoon Church</i>
6:30	Choral Communion

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.

Accommodation urgently required... Can you help?

Reverend Juliet Balme, husband Simon, and adult son Gabriel are currently seeking a property to rent for the next four years, to live closer to St Peter's in the Harrogate area, as currently living in a village near Ripon.

Our main requirements are :

- £950 pcm
- Available asap
- 2+ bedrooms
- A garden, or yard, if possible, for some outdoor space.
- Preferably 2 reception rooms, or one of a good size with space for having a desk and bookcases for all the Theology books for Church studies, and space for Art resources. (A study/office would be great!)

We have no pets at the moment if that is helpful!

If you know of anywhere coming up for rent soon, do please contact Revd Juliet by email, as a move closer to Church and back into Harrogate will mean more opportunities for her ministry at St Peter's. Thanks for all your help in the continued search!

Reminder – Litter Pick next Sunday 20th during the 9.30 service

Calling everyone to take part in the litter pick as part of Environment Sunday... disposable gloves and black bags will be provided. Jemima Parker (Chair of Carbon Zero Harrogate) has also been invited to speak at the 9.30 and 11.00 services.

WRITE FOR RIGHTS

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**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



Ripon Choral Society



Saturday 3 October
2026, 10am-5pm
Holy Trinity Church, Ripon

Come & Sing Rutter Requiem

Join conductor John Dunford and members of one of Yorkshire's leading choirs as we sing John Rutter's 1985 setting of the Latin Requiem with added psalms and verses in English. We are always looking for new singers, so this is your chance to meet us in an informal setting.

10am start / 4pm performance

Book online at
riponchoralsociety.org.uk
or email: tickets@riponchoralsociety.org.uk



Refreshments are served after each of our Sunday morning services from the kitchen area at the front of Church.

Please come and join us.



St Peter's Canine Code



- Well-behaved dogs are welcome.
- Please keep your dog in one place throughout the service.
- Please do not bring your dog to the communion rail.

The Next Deadline

The deadline for the next edition of the Weekly News (20th September) will be noon on Wednesday 16th September. Please send any items (including photos) to **The Weekly News Editor**, Marian Chambers, or to **the Vicar**, Alan Garrow.

Welcome to St Peter's Church

*You can join us online
or in person*



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.

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