



Weekly News

16th November 2025

Safeguarding Sunday

www.stpetersharrogate.org.uk

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

Have you got your tickets yet?



Our very own **St Peter's Players** production of **Beauty and The Beast** is this week – on Thursday 20th and Friday 21st November at 7:30 pm and Saturday 22nd November at 2:30 pm in Church. Tickets cost £10 (under 16s are free) and are available on the door or at www.ticketsource.co.uk/whats-on?q=St%20peters%20church%20harrogate.

There will be guaranteed smiles, singing, dancing, laughter, and family-friendly fun; set in an enchanted French castle with talking clocks and giant teacups - what more could you wish for! Please come along and support us - all profits will go to St Peter's Church.



Harrogate School of Theology & Mission

The words we use for worship – a seminar led by Andrew Brown, local Methodist preacher and hymnwriter

This is on Saturday 6th December at Woodlands Methodist Church on Wetherby Road, starting with breakfast at 9:30 am, followed by the seminar and time for discussion. Tickets cost £8, under 18s are free. Booking in advance via Eventbrite, visit hstm.org.uk/events for further details.

A Diocesan Farewell to Bishop Nick Baines

At Ripon Cathedral on Sunday 23rd November at 3:30 pm there will be a special Diocesan Farewell to the Rt Rev Nick Baines – the first Bishop of Leeds – on his retirement. A few tickets are still available from riponcathedral.org.uk.

Church of England's Advent and Christmas theme: *The Joy of Christmas*

The angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid; for see - I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people' Luke 2 v 10 – 11

The Church of England's Advent and Christmas theme for 2025 revolves round a single word: **Joy**! The great joy of Christmas, of course, is the good news the angel declared to the shepherds - the news of Jesus' birth as Emmanuel (God with us).



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& Musical Director James Savage-Hanford welcome you to

Bob Chilcott
On Christmas Night
& Festive Favourites

Harrogate Ladies College Chapel Choir
Director of Music
Kate Morgan

Organ
Anthony Gray

St Wilfrid's Church, Harrogate
Sunday 7 December 4pm

Book online at harrogatevocalis.co.uk

ST PETER'S CHURCH HARROGATE
G F Handel
Messiah
Friday 19th December 2025 7:15 pm
Choirs of St Peter's and St Wilfrid's Churches
Harrogate Voices
Harrogate Handel Players (leader Fiona Love)

Jenny Stafford soprano
Emma Carrington mezzo-soprano
Alexander Grainger tenor
Andrew Greenan bass
Anthony Gray organ
John Longstaff director

Tickets £18 from Eventbrite (no booking fee),
St Peter's Parish Office (cash or cheques only) by calling 07425 161 425,
or on the door (credit card payments accepted)

Safeguarding Sunday: *Action Speaks Louder*

Now in its seventh year, Safeguarding Sunday is a powerful opportunity for churches of all sizes and denominations to pause, reflect, and take meaningful action to create safer communities for all. This year's campaign theme – *Action Speaks Louder* – urges us to take concrete steps to improve safeguarding in our community.



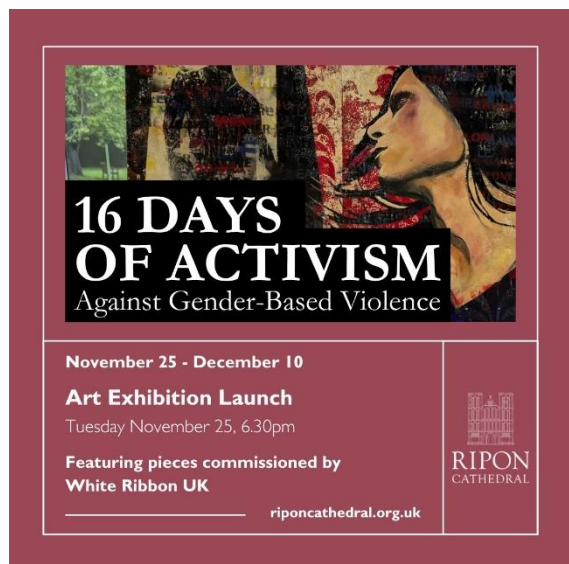
St Peter's Parochial Church Council (PCC) adopted the policy statement 'Promoting a Safer Church' in 2019. It sets out the safeguarding children, young people and vulnerable adult's policy of the Church of England and can be [downloaded on our website](#). The policy is reviewed by the PCC every year.

The PCC appointed Wendy Lewis (*pictured*) as our Parish Safeguarding Officer in January 2025. Her role is to advise on and coordinate safeguarding across St Peter's in conjunction with the Diocesan Safeguarding Team (DSA). They offer

advice and support, as well as delivering safeguarding training in line with the national programme. If you have a safeguarding concern, now or in the future, please contact Wendy on 07564 806 738 or wendylewis943@btinternet.com.

Advent Walk 2025 – a walk of reflection, hope and preparation

Helen Harrison hopes to organise a *St Peter's Advent Walk*, on Saturday 6th December 2025. As always, it will be possible for you to choose how far you want to walk, so pick up/ drop off points will be arranged. If you would like to join Helen on this walk, then please email her at hfhudy5@gmail.com.



16 Days of Activism Against Gender Violence

The United Nation's *16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence* are held annually between 25th November and 10th December.

This year Ripon Cathedral will mark the *16 Days* with a special exhibition of artwork originally commissioned for *White Ribbon UK*, working with male prisoners at HMP Hull. *White Ribbon UK* is a charity that works to end men's violence against women and girls, by challenging harmful ideas about gender that lead to inequality and abuse.

After Evensong on Tuesday 25th November, which will be led by the Bishop of Ripon, Anna Eltringham, the art exhibition will be launched with a reception and guest speakers. On Saturday 6th December at 10:00 am there will be a **silent vigil** in solidarity with all those affected by gender-based violence outside the West Door of the Cathedral, followed by a **Service of Lament and Hope**, led by Bishop Anna and hosted by *The Mother's Union*. All are welcome to come and stand with those impacted by gender-based violence within our communities and across the globe.

Today's Services: 16th November 2025

Safeguarding Sunday

*The Second Sunday before Advent
The Twenty-second 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 Today is the day we've been given; **423** Oh Lord, hear my prayer; I will sing a song of love; This little light of mine

Readings 2 Thessalonians 3 v 6 - 13
Luke 21 v 5 - 19

Preacher: Sarah Martin



11:00 Choral Matins

Setting Howells Collegium Regale (Jubilate)

Hymns 7, 460, 514

Psalm 132

Readings Malachi 4 v 1 - 2a
Luke 21 v 5 - 19

Anthem So they gave their bodies (*Aston*)

Preacher: Sarah Martin

4:15 pm Stepping Stones Service *Crafternoon Church*

Preacher: Ruth Thompson-Vear

6:30 Choral Communion

Setting Whitlock

Hymns 427, 385, 309, 598

Readings Daniel 6
Matthew 13 v 1 – 9 and v 18 - 23

Anthem Let all mortal flesh keep silence (*Bairstow*)

Preacher: Alan Garrow

Our Duty Wardens today are:

Leigh Thompson
and Rachel Fell

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, Ann Campbell, Marian Chambers, Graham Cornish, Jane Crabtree, Tony Edwards, Margaret Farrar, Jenny Gardiner, Tim Harrison, June Hemmings, Jean Hopper, Trevor Hughes, Joan Kelly, Kim Okell, Sheila Pantin, Celia Preston, Richard Sadler and Michelle Simon.

Also in our prayers this week:

Mon	Chris Clayton, Associate Vicar The Stepping Stones Services
Tues	Harrogate Bipolar Support Group Men's Breakfast at St Peter's
Wed	Siân Lockwood, Churchwarden All those serving refreshments after services
Thurs	The 999 and NHS 111 call centre staff The Market Day Café
Fri	North Yorkshire Council Stewart Davies, Lay Reader
Sat	Harrogate Deanery Helen Camm, Deanery Synod Secretary

Daily Readings

Morning Prayer is at 8:00 am and Evening Prayer is at 5:00 pm daily and both are live streamed on Facebook – join in by following the links on our website. These are the Bible readings we will be using each morning this week:

Mon	<i>Hugh, Bishop of Lincoln</i> Psalm 47 Isaiah 9 v 8 – 10 v 4 Matthew 7 v 1 - 12
Tues	<i>Elizabeth of Hungary, Philanthropist, 1231</i> Psalm 52 Isaiah 10 v 5 - 19 Matthew 7 v 13 to end
Wed	<i>Hilda, Abbess of Whitby, 680</i> Psalm 56 Isaiah 10 v 20 - 32 Matthew 8 v 1 - 13
Thurs	Psalm 62 Isaiah 10 v 33 – 11 v 9 Matthew 8 v 14 - 22
Fri	Psalm 63 Isaiah 11 v 10 – 12 to end Matthew 8 v 23 to end
Sat	<i>Cecilia, Martyr at Rome, 230</i> Psalm 42 Isaiah 13 v 1 - 13 Matthew 9 v 1 - 17

The Collect for Safeguarding Sunday (Common Worship)

Loving God, you keep us as the apple of your eye and hide us under the shadow of your wings:

keep us watchful, yet caring, trusting, yet ready to question, that all who worship here may do so in safety and in the knowledge of your love;
through Jesus Christ our Lord who is alive and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

What's on This Week

St Peter's Church is open to visitors from 9:30 am – 3:30 pm every day except Sundays.

- Mon 17th** 11:00 am – 1:00 pm *Sit-n-Knit* in Church
1:30 – 3:00 pm The *Thinking about God* group are meeting in the Undercroft
2:00 pm The U3A Singing Folk group
7:00 – 9:00 pm *Beauty and the Beast* technical rehearsal in Church
- Tues 18th** **12:00 – 12:30 pm Healing Service**
7:00 – 9:00 pm *Beauty and the Beast* dress rehearsal in Church
- Wed 19th** **10:30 – 11:00 am Café RefleXions**
2:00 – 3:30 pm Art Class for Adults with Helena
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 *Write for Rights* with the local branch of *Amnesty International UK*
7:30 pm Performance of *Beauty and the Beast*
Sanctuary, our Youth Group, are going to this evening's performance
- 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
7:30 pm Performance of *Beauty and the Beast*
- Sat 22nd** 2:30 pm Matinée Performance of *Beauty and the Beast*
- Sun 23rd** ***Christ the King***
7:30 – 8:30 pm AA meeting in the Brostoff Hall

Next Sunday 23rd November 2025

Christ the King

- 8:30 Holy Communion
9:30 Family Communion
11:00 Choral Matins
4:15 Stepping Stones Service
– *Service of the Word*
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.

National Tree Week

National Tree Week: 22nd – 30th November

Now in its 50th year, National Tree Week (NTW), from The Tree Council and partners, marks the traditional start of the winter tree planting season. During NTW, communities across the country will come together to plant thousands of trees and hedgerows and to celebrate these heroes of our city streets, countryside lanes and school playing fields. Trees and hedgerows help us tackle climate change, provide homes for wildlife, improve our health and so much more. Visit www.nationaltreeweek.org.uk for details of how to join in.

A Prayer for COP30: taking place in Belem, Brazil, 10th – 21st November

As the United Nations climate conference, COP30, continues, let us bring our prayers to God, who created the earth and all within it:

*We **pray for world leaders**: that they may all work together, through the decisions taken, to protect the planet and all life within it.*

*We **pray for the Church**: may we discern our roles and tasks arising from the decisions taken at COP30 and take action to achieve them.*

*We **pray for the world**: that our collective actions will begin the long process of repair to the damage we have caused and that God will help us become better stewards.*

*We **pray for our parish and local community**: that decisions taken will help us live simply, sustainably and in solidarity with the earth and all life within it.*

*O God, who calls all people to justice and care for the earth, hear and grant these prayers. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.***




RIPON
CATHEDRAL

FREE PARK & RIDE

Christmas
Food & Gift Fair

Fri 21 & Sat 22 November 2025
9.30-16.30

Shop, sip, and sing your way into the season.
Christmas magic awaits at Ripon Cathedral!

Entry tickets: £5

Visit the cathedral gift shop or go online via the website:
www.riponcathedral.org.uk

AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL



On 20th November our local group are holding a **Write for Rights** session from 11:30 am – 1:00 pm in St Peter's Church



The flowers in Church today
are in memory of
Professor Rod Davies FRS
1930 - 2015

Refreshments
are served after
each of our
Sunday morning
services from



the kitchen area at the front of
Church. Please come and join us.

WE JUST WANT TO SAY... **THANK YOU!**

Thank you so much
if you remembered to bring
some groceries, toiletries or
treats to put in the hamper
today! Your donation will help
someone who is
hungry or in need.

Next Week's Deadline

The deadline for the next edition of
the Weekly News (23rd November)
will be noon on Wednesday 19th
November. 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 in the pews
and hand it to one of the Clergy.

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