



# Weekly News

18<sup>th</sup> January 2026

*The Second Sunday of Epiphany*

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## Farewell Chris, Sam, Alexander and Daniel!

Today, as we say farewell to Chris Clayton and his family, we have a lot to look back on in thankfulness. At lunch today there will be a fuller presentation reflecting on some of the different aspects of St Peter's life that Chris and Sam have enabled to flourish. These five pictures provide a preliminary taster!





## Harrogate School of Theology & Mission

The Revd Prebendary Dr Isabelle Hamley, Principal of Radley Hall, formerly a probation officer, a theology tutor, a parish priest, chaplain to the Archbishop of Canterbury and theological adviser to the House of Bishops, speaks on: ***Happy are those: happiness, wellbeing and the life of faith in the Psalms.***

This live lecture is at St Mark's Church on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> January, starting with breakfast served from 9:30 am, then the lecture from 10:00 am – 12:00 pm. Tickets cost £10 (students £7 per and under 18s free) including breakfast and refreshments. Zoom live stream is £5 per person and must be purchased online in advance. Visit <https://hstm.org.uk> to book.

## Chris Clayton's Farewell Lunch and Leaving Gift

Chris Clayton, our Associate Vicar, is leaving us to take up his new post at St Margaret's, Horsforth, Leeds. Today is his last Sunday at St Peter's and there will be a Parish Lunch at 1:00 pm. We are asking for donations of money to cover the cost of the food and drink; please give what you can. If you are able, please could you bring your own cutlery? Thank you so much if you have baked a cake for this occasion.

If you would like to contribute to Chris' leaving gift, there are three ways to do this: **by card** at the Donation Station just press the '*Gift for Chris Clayton*' button and follow the prompts; **online** just follow this [JustGiving link](#); and **in cash** in an envelope marked **Chris Clayton** in the Perspex Donation Box.

Chris will be licensed in his new role at 7:00pm on 25<sup>th</sup> February at St Margaret's, Horsforth. Everyone is welcome!



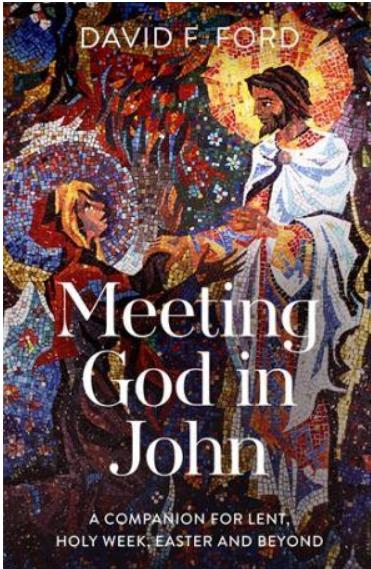
## Making a splash for SHINE on New Year's Day!

Shaeron Caton Rose did take part in the *Lyme Lunge*, an annual event at Lyme Regis where hundreds of people take a refreshing dip in the chilly waters of the English Channel on New Year's Day, all in support of charity. Shaeron was raising money for SHINE West Bowling and surpassed her target with a total of £1,070 including some donations from the lovely members of St Peter's Church. She will be around to collect any outstanding money in February. Here's a photo of her before she plunged into the sea!

## Join us as we pray for unity

'One body, one spirit ...' *Ephesians 4 v 4*', St Mark's Church, Harrogate. 19<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> January 2026. Book your one hour prayer slot here, either as an individual or for exclusive use as a group: <https://signup.24-7prayer.com/signup/545355>





## Meeting God in John - a Lent course for 2026

As part of our 'Year of John' this year's Lent group resource will be David Ford's *Meeting God in John*. Two six-week courses will be available - **Sunday evenings online** (7:15 - 8:45 pm) and **Thursday mornings** in the Gallery at St Peter's (9:30 – 10:45 am). A video introduction to the book is [available online](#). To express interest in joining a group, please use the sign-up sheet on the Welcome Desk. For further information see Stewart Davies ([stewart.davies@leeds.anglican.org](mailto:stewart.davies@leeds.anglican.org)) or Alan Garrow. [Purchase of the book](#) (£10.99) is recommended but not essential.

## Take part in *Holocaust Memorial Day 2026*

Holocaust Memorial Day (HMD) takes place on 27<sup>th</sup> January each year. It brings people together to remember the millions of people murdered during the Holocaust and in Cambodia, Rwanda, Bosnia and Darfur. There will be a ***Holocaust Memorial Service*** at St Peter's Church next Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> January at 11:00 am.

Each year people take part in the *Holocaust Memorial Day Trust Light the Darkness* event. At 8:00 pm on 27<sup>th</sup> January people across the nation will light candles and put them in a window to: remember those who were murdered for who they were; and to stand against prejudice and hatred today. Iconic buildings and landmarks will light up in purple during this powerful national moment of commemoration and solidarity. To find out more about *Holocaust Memorial Day* please visit: [hmd.org.uk](http://hmd.org.uk).

The poster for the St Cecilia Orchestra Winter Concert. It features the orchestra's logo 'ST Cecilia ORCHESTRA Est Ripon 1995' at the top left. Below it is a large, stylized 'C' and 'e' in a script font. The main title 'Winter Concert' is in large, bold, serif capital letters. Below that is the subtitle 'The Vienna Connection'. A photograph of the Belvedere Palace in Vienna is shown in the background. The concert details are listed: MOZART Marriage of Figaro Overture, Jupiter Symphony; R STRAUSS Horn Concerto 2, Overture & Dance Scene. The conductor is Xenophon Kelsey MBE and the horn player is Phil Taylor. The date is Sat 31<sup>st</sup> Jan - 7.30 pm at HOLY TRINITY, RIPPON. The website is www.st-cecilia.org.uk. The logo at the bottom right says '10 years of music making' and 'ST Cecilia ORCHESTRA'. Text at the bottom includes 'Tickets: £20 for Adults; FREE for Under 18s' and 'Available online from the orchestra website, Little Ripon Bookshop, Harrogate Theatre, on the door, or by phone: 01423 531062. ALL SEATS UNRESERVED'.

The poster for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2026. It features a decorative border at the top and bottom. The title 'WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY 2026' is in bold, capital letters. Below the title is a photograph of two hands holding lit candles. The text '“One Body, One Spirit”' is overlaid in orange. At the bottom, the text 'The call to unity is a call to work for peace for all people everywhere.' is followed by the logo for 'churches together in Britain and Ireland' with the website www.ctbi.org.uk/weekofprayer. The date '18-25 JANUARY 2026' is also at the bottom.

# Today's Services: 18<sup>th</sup> January 2026

*The Second Sunday of Epiphany*

*Week of Prayer for Christian Unity*

*The Second Sunday after the Epiphany (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 held dear; **423** O Lord, hear my prayer; **1030** The Lord's my Shepherd; How great is our God

**Reading**      Isaiah 49 v 1 - 7  
                    John 1 v 43 - 51

**Preacher:**      Chris Clayton

**Our Duty Wardens today are:**

Eve Hawkins and  
Mike Davies

**11:00      Choral Matins**

**Setting**      Sullivan in D (Jubilate)

**Hymns**      558, 431, 90

**Psalm**      145

**Readings**      Psalm 139

Isaiah 49 v 1 - 7

John 1 v 43 - 51

**Anthem**      O lovely peace (*Handel*)

**Preacher:**      Chris Clayton

**4:15 pm      Stepping Stones Service      Crafternoon Church**

*(arrivals and refreshments 3:45 pm)*

**Preacher:**      Ruth Thompson-Year

**6:30      Choral Communion**

**Setting**      Sumsion in F

**Hymns**      305, 327, 89, 430

**Readings**      Galatians 1 v 11 to end

John 1 v 43 to end

**Anthem**      Almighty and everlasting God (*Gibbons*)

**Preacher:**      Alan Garrow

## 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, Robert Bickford, Ann Campbell, Graham Cornish, Richard Couzens, Jane Crabtree, Tony Edwards, Margaret Farrar, Jenny Gardiner, Tim Harrison, June Hemmings, Jean Hopper, Trevor Hughes, Joan Kelly, Kim Okell, Sheila Pantin, Sue Pearce, Celia Preston, Richard Sadler, Michelle Simon and Sally Sneddon.

**RIP: Brenda Ward**

**Also in our prayers this week:**

<b>Mon</b>	Those who live in danger of violence, persecution and oppression <i>Amnesty International</i> , standing up for human rights
<b>Tues</b>	Victims of domestic abuse Harrogate Women's Refuge
<b>Wed</b>	Sarah Martin, Lay Reader The audio-visual team
<b>Thurs</b>	The 999 and NHS 111 call centre staff The work of the <i>Samaritans</i>
<b>Fri</b>	Hannah Beck, Lay Reader St Peter's Bellringers
<b>Sat</b>	Harrogate Deanery Our Vicar, Alan Garrow, to be installed as an Honorary Canon of Ripon Cathedral tomorrow

**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:

<b>Mon</b>	<i>Wulfstan, Bishop of Worcester, 1095</i> Psalm 146 Genesis 6 v 11 – 7 v 10 Matthew 24 v 1 - 14
<b>Tues</b>	Psalm 132 Genesis 7 v 11 to end Matthew 24 v 15 - 28
<b>Wed</b>	<i>Agnes, Child Martyr at Rome, 304</i> Psalm 81 Genesis 8 v 1 - 14 Matthew 24 v 29 to end
<b>Thurs</b>	Psalm 76 Genesis 8 v 15 – 9 v 7 Matthew 25 v 1 - 13
<b>Fri</b>	Psalm 27 Genesis 9 v 8 - 19 Matthew 25 v 14 - 30
<b>Sat</b>	<i>Francis de Sales, Bishop of Geneva, Teacher, 1622</i> Psalm 122 Genesis 11 v 1 - 9 Matthew 25 v 31 to end

**The Collect for *The Second Sunday of Epiphany* (Common Worship)**

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.

**The Collect for *The Second Sunday after the Epiphany* (Book of Common Prayer)**

Almighty and everlasting God, who dost govern all things in heaven and earth:  
Mercifully hear the supplications of thy people, and grant us thy peace all the days of our life;  
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 every day except Sundays.

Mon 19 <sup>th</sup>	11:00 am – 1:00 pm <i>Sit-n-Knit</i> in Church <b>11:30 am Memorial Service for Barbara Brown</b> 1:30 – 3:00 pm The <i>Thinking about God</i> group is meeting in the Undercroft 2:00 pm The U3A Singing Folk group
Tues 20 <sup>th</sup>	<b>12:00 – 12:30 pm Healing Service</b>
Wed 21 <sup>st</sup>	<b>10:30 – 11:00 am Café RefleXions</b> 2:00 – 3:30 pm Art Class for Adults with Helena 7:30 pm Harrogate Harmony Men's Chorus
Thurs 22 <sup>nd</sup>	9:30 – 11:00 am The Toddler Group at St Peter's 9:30 – 10:45 am <i>Welcome to the Table</i> - group exploring baptism and confirmation - Session 2 <b>11:00 am Holy Communion</b> 11:30 am – 12:30 pm Classical Pilates Class in the Brostoff Hall 6:00 – 7:15 pm <i>Welcome to the Table</i> - Session 2 7:30 pm St Peter's Choir Practice
Fri 23 <sup>rd</sup>	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 24 <sup>th</sup>	
Sun 25 <sup>th</sup>	<b><i>The Third Sunday of Epiphany</i></b> 3:30 pm Alan Garrow is to be installed as an Honorary Canon of Ripon Cathedral 5:30 – 7:00 pm <b>Sanctuary</b> , our Youth Group, in the Brostoff Hall 7:30 – 8:30 pm AA meeting in the Brostoff Hall

## Next Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2026

### ***The Third Sunday of Epiphany***

8:30	Holy Communion
9:30	Family Communion
11:00	<b><i>Holocaust Memorial Service</i></b>
4:15	Stepping Stones Service – <i>Service of the Word</i>
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.

# A great celebration of rural life at Ripon Cathedral!



Photograph taken by Bill Swan

The annual Plough Sunday Service, in partnership with the *Yorkshire Agricultural Society* with an address by the Archbishop of York, The Most Revd Stephen Cottrell, was held at the Cathedral last Sunday. During the service the plough was blessed by Bishop Anna, the Bishop of Ripon. Plough Sunday is an ancient festival which was traditionally celebrated on the first

Sunday after Epiphany. The plough was brought into church for a blessing before ploughing began on Plough Monday, the first working day after the twelve days of Christmas. *Please pray for all farmers working hard all year round to grow our food.*

## Give the gift of hearing in Peru with *Artizan International*

*Artizan International* enables, empowers and supports people with disabilities to meet their full potential. Overseas their Crafts Centres and Café provide training and employment for people with disabilities who would otherwise be living in extreme poverty. In the communities they work with in Arequipa, Peru, many people live with untreated hearing loss simply because hearing care is out of reach.



Your support will help them provide **hearing tests** for both adults and young people, quality **hearing aids** fitted by **trained professionals** and **ongoing care** so their hearing can be improved. Artizan have set up a crowdfunding page with a target of £3,000 at <https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/p/give-the-gift-of-hearing-in-peru>, where you can donate until the end of January. Thank you!



The flowers in Church today are to say Farewell and Bon Voyage to Chris, Sam, Alexander, and Daniel Clayton. They come with our love and most grateful thanks for everything over the past 7½ years. You have all - especially Chris - helped to build God's kingdom here.

'Go well and safely'. We will miss you very much.

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.

### **The Next Deadline**

The deadline for the next edition of the Weekly News (25<sup>th</sup> January) will be noon on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> January. Please send any items (including photos) to **The Weekly News Editor**, Marian Chambers, or to **the Vicar**, Alan Garrow.



**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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