



Weekly News

1st February 2026

The Fourth Sunday of Epiphany

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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 – starting with John 1 – will be available: **Sunday evenings online** (7:15 - 8:45 from **Sunday 22nd February**) and **Thursday mornings in the Gallery** at St Peter's (9:30 – 10:45 from **Thursday 19th February**). Please use the sign-up form on the Welcome Desk to express interest. Here is a short extract from the book's introduction:

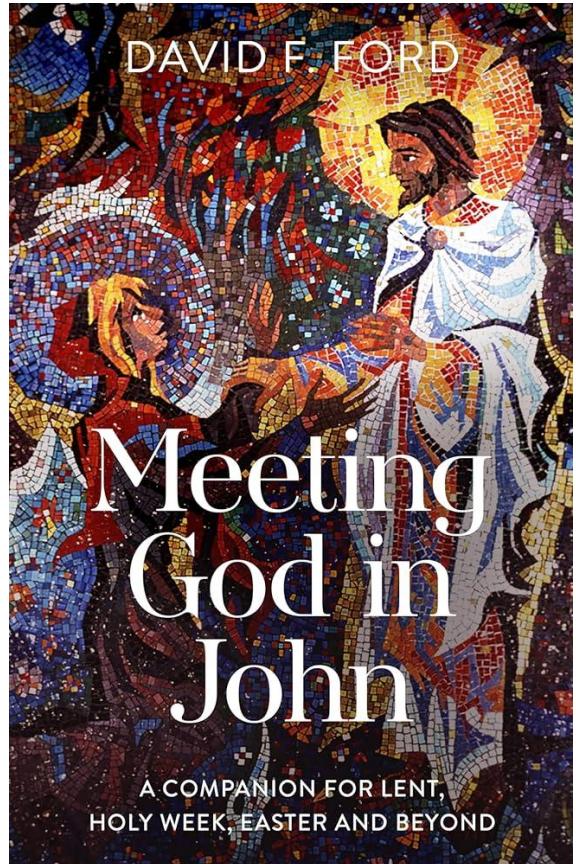
'One very striking thing about John's Gospel is how well it is crafted both to be understood on first reading and to be inexhaustibly rich for those who reread and reread it.

On the one hand, it is written in simpler Greek than the other Gospels (and far simpler than Paul's Letters). It uses basic, easily understood ideas and images. ... word, darkness, blindness, desire, water, wine, bread, shepherd, scent, birth, death, washing, healing, trust, father, mother, child and more. It tells fewer but usually longer, carefully shaped and accessible stories. And it has a good deal of repetition, which allows key points to become clearer and to have more impact.

Yet, on the other hand, it is wonderfully deep and generative. Who can ever fully fathom the meaning of any of those words just listed? They are both immediately understandable and endlessly fascinating.'

For further information see Stewart Davies (stewart.davies@leeds.anglican.org) or Alan Garrow (alan.garrow@gmail.com)

Purchase of David Ford's *Meeting God in John* (£10.99) is recommended but not essential.



Canon Alan Garrow, Vicar of St Peter's Church

St Peter's Afternoon Fellowship meets on Tuesday

St Peter's Afternoon Fellowship meets on the first Tuesday of the month from 2:00 – 4:00 pm at Church. The next meeting is this week on Tuesday 3rd February. This time there will be a quiz and, as always, a delicious afternoon tea. Call Leigh Thompson (01423 884 899 or 07824 747 912) if you would like to come.



The Market Day Café returns next Thursday

The *Market Day Café* is on the second Thursday of each month. The next one is next week on Thursday 12th February at 11:30 am after the Holy Communion service. They will be serving hot drinks, homemade soups, fresh sandwiches, scones and delicious cakes!

Caring for Everyone, Together, with God

Are you looking to refresh your pastoral training, develop a pastoral care team within your church, or gain fresh inspiration for this vital ministry?

There is a Pastoral Care Session led by the Revd Esli Lee, Curate at St Mark's (*pictured here*), on Monday 2nd February from 10:00 am – 12:00 pm at St Mark's Church. Join Esli and the team for a welcoming and encouraging session focused on the heart of pastoral care. The session will explore who pastoral care is for, share best practice, highlight the importance of safeguarding, and offer practical ideas for prayer, pastoral visiting, and staying connected with those in our care. Please email gaylebryonelm@gmail.com if you plan to attend.



The Mothers' Union in Harrogate

The next meeting of *The Mothers' Union* in Harrogate will be on Tuesday 3rd February at 2: 00 pm in St Mark's Church when we have a speaker who will give a talk on their work with the visually impaired playing *Goalball*. Making its Paralympic debut in 1976, *Goalball* is played exclusively by athletes who are blind or vision impaired. It was invented in 1946 to help rehabilitate veterans who had lost their sight during the Second World War. Everyone welcome.

Say it with Flowers

Why not mark a special occasion, such as an anniversary, a new baby or a birthday, by making a donation towards the flowers in Church? The St Peter's Flower Team will make an arrangement on the pedestal to the right of the altar, and you will also receive a mention in the Weekly News. Please speak directly to Sue Heapy for further details (07540 355 305).



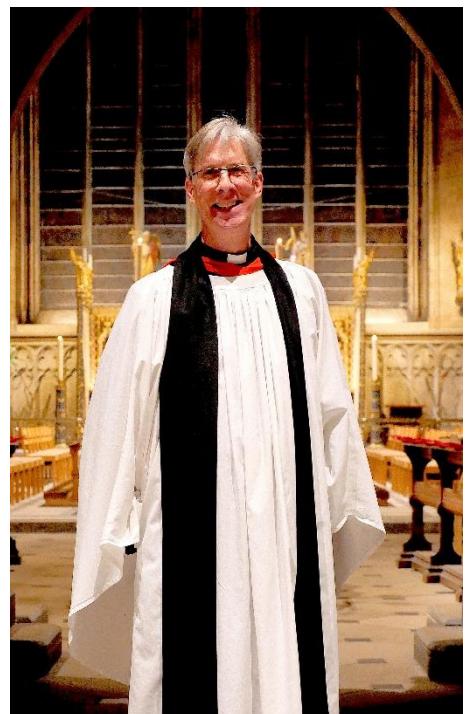
Congratulations to the new Canons of Ripon Cathedral



From the left: The Revd Darryl Hall, Tom Fielden, Dean John Dobson, Bishop Toby Howarth (Acting Bishop of Leeds), Bishop Malcolm Chamberlain and The Revd Dr Alan Garrow

Mr Tom Fielden was installed as the Cathedral's new treasurer. Bishop Malcolm Chamberlain, who became Bishop of Wakefield in 2025; The Revd Dr Alan Garrow and The Revd Darryl Hall were welcomed and installed as Honorary Canons by the Dean of Ripon, John Dobson.

Last Sunday afternoon, 25th January, four new members were admitted to the college of canons at Ripon Cathedral by Bishop Toby Howarth, who is Acting Bishop of Leeds.



Candlelit Choral Evensong and Faure's Requiem

Sung by local singers including Lay Clerks from Ripon Cathedral and Leeds Minster with Philip Wilby (organ)

Hampsthwaite Church
7th February 2026
5pm

Donations in aid of Hampsthwaite Church
Drinks and Canapes afterwards

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1ST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

Youth WORSHIP NIGHT

6 - 7.30pm
WESLEY CHAPEL
28 OXFORD ST, HARROGATE

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Today's Services: 1st February 2026

The Fourth Sunday of Epiphany

Septuagesima (BCP)

Celebrating Candlemas

8:30 Holy Communion

9:30 Family Communion

As it is the first Sunday of the month, there is no Sunday Club for school age children today, 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 **1113** When the music fades; May the peace of the Lord Christ go with you; **1346** In Christ alone; **1604** When I needed a neighbour

Readings Malachi 3 v 1 - 5
 John 2 v 12 - 24

Preacher: Steve Gibbin

Our Duty Wardens today are:

Eve Hawkins and
Siân Lockwood

11:00 Choral Communion

Setting Leighton in D

Hymns 368, 281, 573, 609

Readings Malachi 3 v 1 - 5
 John 2 v 12 - 24

Anthem Ave verum corpus (*Elgar*)

Preacher: Hannah Beck

4:15 pm Stepping Stones Service Celtic Worship
(arrivals and refreshments 3:45 pm)

Preacher: Sarah Martin

6:30 Choral Evensong by Candlelight

Setting Stanford in G

Hymns 94, 244, 80 (omit *verse)

Psalm 132

Readings 1 Samuel 1 v 19b to end
 Hebrews 4 v 11 to end

Anthem When to the temple Mary went (*Eccard*)

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: Mark Spicer

Also in our prayers this week:

Mon	All the schools and colleges in Harrogate The Lent Course for 2026 starting this month
Tues	The elderly, isolated and vulnerable The Sit-n-Knit group
Wed	The Market Day Café The Fairtrade Shop at St Peter's
Thurs	The Friday Cleaning Team Steve Gibbin, Curate
Fri	The Winter Olympic opening ceremony in Italy today All the athletes taking part in the Winter Olympics
Sat	All who are recently bereaved Those supporting people coping with grief and loss

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	<i>The presentation of Christ in the Temple (Candlemas)</i> Psalm 1 Genesis 18 v 1 - 15 John 1 v 14 - 18
Tues	<i>Anskar, Archbishop of Hamburg, Missionary in Denmark and Sweden, 865</i> Psalm 5 Genesis 18 v 16 to end John 1 v 18 - 28
Wed	<i>Psalm 119 v 1 - 32</i> Genesis 19 v 1 – 3, 12 - 29 John 1 v 29 - 34
Thurs	<i>Psalm 15</i> Genesis 21 v 1 - 21 John 1 v 35 - 42
Fri	<i>Psalm 19</i> Genesis 22 v 1 - 19 John 1 v 43 - 51
Sat	<i>Psalm 23</i> Genesis 23 John 2 v 1 - 12

The Collect for Candlemas

(Common Worship)

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.

The Collect for The Presentation of Christ in the Temple (Book of Common Prayer)

Almighty and everliving God, we humbly beseech thy Majesty, that, as thy only-begotten Son was this day presented in the temple in substance of our flesh, so we may be presented unto thee with pure and clean hearts, by the same thy Son 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 2 nd	11:00 am – 1:00 pm <i>Sit-n-Knit</i> in Church 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 3 rd	12:00 – 12:30 pm Healing Service 2:00 – 4:00 pm Afternoon Fellowship
Wed 4 th	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 5 th	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 4 11:00 am Holy Communion 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 4 7:30 pm St Peter's Choir Practice
Fri 6 th	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 7 th	10:00 am – 3:30 pm <i>Harrogate Gilbert & Sullivan Society</i> are holding a Refreshment Day - their 2026 production is <i>lolanthe</i> , so will there be fairy cakes? 
Sun 8 th	The Second Sunday before Lent 5:30 – 7:00 pm Sanctuary , our Youth Group, are meeting in the Brostoff Hall 7:30 – 8:30 pm AA meeting in the Brostoff Hall

Next Sunday 8th February 2026

Racial Justice Sunday

The Second Sunday before Lent

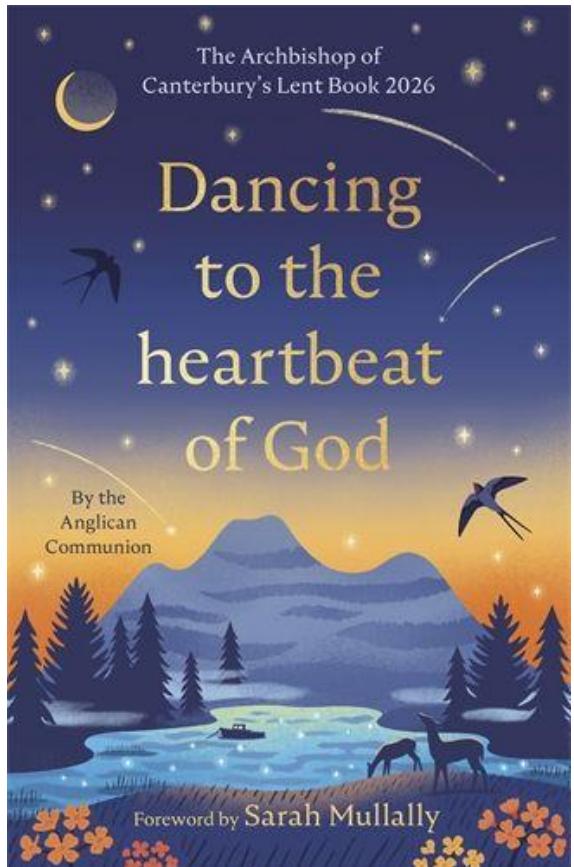
8:30	Holy Communion
9:30	Family Communion
11:00	Choral Matins
4:15	Stepping Stones Service – <i>Holy Communion</i>
6:30	Choral Evensong

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.

The Archbishop of Canterbury's Lent Book 2026



Bringing together around thirty contributors from across the globe, *Dancing to the heartbeat of God* reflects the breadth, diversity, and vitality of the Anglican Communion. With a foreword and afterword by the Archbishop of Canterbury-designate, Dame Sarah Mullaly, and an introduction by the Archbishop of York, Stephen Cottrell, it offers a confident and hopeful vision of faith lived out in everyday life.

Through personal stories, testimonies, and reflections, the book explores what it really means to follow Christ faithfully; listening for God's rhythm, responding with courage, and sharing faith with others in authentic and creative ways. Rooted in real experience rather than abstract theory, these voices speak with honesty, energy, and hope.

Written to encourage the Church of England and Anglicans worldwide, *Dancing to the heartbeat of God* is an invitation to rediscover the joy, movement, and missional heart of Christian discipleship today. Available to buy in paperback and eBook from [Amazon](#), [Eden](#) and [SPCK](#).

St Peter's Toddler Group

Thursday Mornings
9.30am-11.00am

Cambridge Rd, Harrogate HG1 1PB
01423 161425

- Nursery rhymes and singing
- Crafts
- Tea/Coffee and biscuits
- Drinks and snacks for children
- Storytime
- Safe warm space to play
- It's Free!

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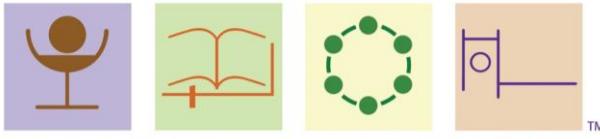
htc HARROGATE THEATRE CHOIR

design: elizabethain0@gmail.com

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



Join the Parish Giving Scheme



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If you would like to support St Peter's financially, the simplest and most tax efficient way to do so is via the Parish Giving Scheme (PGS). You can join using their website www.parishgiving.org.uk or give them a call on 0333 002 1260.

St Peter's PGS number is: **460646304**

The Next Deadline

The deadline for the next edition of the Weekly News (8th February) will be noon on Wednesday 4th February. 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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