



# Weekly News

1<sup>st</sup> March 2026

*The Second Sunday of Lent*

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

## The Big Conversation about St Peter's!

If you are a regular reader of the Weekly News, you will know that, earlier this year, we began a consultation about our vision and the different aspects of our shared life that might flow from that vision. This has led to a refinement of the statement of our vision:

**Feeding hungry people  
around God's open, generous table.**  
*Jesus removed barriers and created connections  
between people and with God.*  
*We want to continue that work,  
making space at the table for all.*

An action arising from our January meeting was that we need to ask more people, and a wider range of people, for their ideas about what living out this vision might look like in practice. The next stage of this process is planned, therefore, for 22 - 29<sup>th</sup> March. During these eight days there will be an open consultation in the Glass Foyer. This will include an explanation of the context – we are facing significant costs to fix our roof. And, as we apply for community grants, we want to paint a compelling picture of what our building will be used for in the future – all the various ways in which it will benefit our wider community. There will then be information about what we do now, alongside an invitation to suggest further activities. What could we also do that might help realise our vision for a wider range of people?

To encourage people to engage in this conversation we plan to offer tea and cake to everyone who participates throughout the week. If you'd like to be involved in setting up the displays, encouraging people to engage, and/or providing the tea and cake, we'd love to hear from you!

Alan Garrow, Kate Crawford Blake, and Siân Lockwood



## **Come to *The Market Day Café* next Thursday**

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

## **St Peter's Afternoon Fellowship**

St Peter's Afternoon Fellowship meets on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March from 2:00 – 4:00 pm at Church. Matthew Nice, the Manager at the *Horizon Life Training* residential centre (see page 7 for details of this Christian charity), will be speaking about 'Restored Lives' and as always there will be a delicious afternoon tea. Please call Leigh Thompson 01423 884 899 or 07824 747 912 if you would like to come.

## **Harrogate School of Theology & Mission**

Theologian, the Revd Canon Janet Williams, currently Vice Principal of St Hild College, speaks on: *Julian of Norwich and the Last Judgement*

This live lecture is at St Mark's Church on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> March, 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. To find out more and to book visit <https://hstm.org.uk>.



## **St Peter's Choir Refreshment Day and their Easter performance**

Our Choir are holding a Refreshment Day next Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> March to raise funds for the staging of their performance of St John Passion at Easter. The performance is on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2026 at 7:15 pm when the Choir will be joined by Vocalis, an orchestra and six, guest soloists. Tickets are available from [Eventbrite](#), St Peter's Parish Office (cash or cheques only) or by calling 07425 161 425. Get your tickets soon for this live performance of J S Bach's powerful telling of the Easter story.



## ***The Mothers' Union* in Harrogate**

The next meeting of the *Mothers' Union* in Harrogate will be their Annual General Meeting on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March at St Mark's Church at 2:00 pm. There will be a Communion service followed by the AGM. All are welcome.

Well done to everyone involved in the St Peter's Refreshment Day on Saturday 21st February - £577 was raised for Church funds. The book sale held from the 19<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> February raised £197. Many thanks to Catherine Medforth (along with her team) and Daniel Brewer (and his team) for all your hard work!

# A warm welcome for Chris Clayton at St Margaret's, Horsforth



A large contingent from St Peter's supported Chris Clayton as he was collated and inducted as Priest in Charge of the Abbeylands Benefice on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> February at St Margaret's Church. Pictured here from the left: David Ho Young, Area Dean of North West Leeds; Paul Ayers, Archdeacon of Leeds; Yvonne Stocks DL, representing the King; Chris Clayton; Arun Arora, Bishop of Kirkstall and Alan Garrow, Vicar of St Peter's

## WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

A service for everyone!

# Friday 6 March

*I will give you rest, come*

**Mowbray Community Church**

**Westmoreland Street  
Harrogate, HG1 5AT  
at 2:00 pm**

The offering is shared between many international charities helping women and children



**Nigeria 2026**



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24-7 365 Days a year Prayer movement Ecumenical International Women-led  
[wwdp.org.uk](http://wwdp.org.uk)  
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## Lent Lectures

Issues of Faith

Wednesdays 2.30pm in the quire

or available as a recording afterwards

£5 per talk



**February 25, Bishop Arun Arora**

Of Flags and Faith:  
How to be a Positive Patriot



**March 4, Dr Katherine Froggatt**

Looking to the Future:  
Finding God in our Endings



**March 11, Jo Chamberlain**

Why Christians Care about Creation



**March 18, The Revd Canon Timothy Goode**

Our Christian Anthropology:  
From Idealised Bodies to Risen Wounds



**March 25, The Revd Toddy Hoare**

Thinking about Mary

# Today's Services: 1<sup>st</sup> March 2026

*The Second Sunday of Lent*  
*The Second Sunday in Lent (BCP)*

**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**            **147** Great is Thy faithfulness; **40** Be still for the presence of the Lord; **418** O Jesus, I have promised; **42** Be Thou my vision

**Reading**        John 6 v 14 - 21

**Preacher:**        Karin Shaw

**11:00 Choral Communion**

**Setting**            Oldroyd (Mass of the Quiet Hour)

**Hymns**            540 (*omit \*verses*), 389, 541, 499 (*omit \*verses*)

**Readings**        Genesis 12 v 1 – 4a

John 6 v 14 - 21

**Anthem**            Panis Angelicus (*Franck*)

**Preacher:**        Hannah Beck

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

**Preacher:**        Sarah Martin

**6:30 Choral Evensong**

**Setting**            Blow in G

**Hymns**            477, 532, 507

**Psalms**            135

**Readings**        Numbers 21 v 4 - 9

Luke 14 v 27 - 33

**Anthem**            O where shall wisdom be found? (*Boyce*)

**Preacher:**        John Longstaff

**Our Duty Wardens today are:**

Mike Davies  
and Richard Bion

## 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, Maddison Crane, 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.

**Also in our prayers this week:**

- Mon** St Aidan's CE High School  
**Sanctuary**, St Peter's Youth Group
- Tues** All those providing care or help to a vulnerable person  
*Artizan International* transforming the lives of people with disabilities in our community and overseas
- Wed** SHINE, community organisation based at St Stephen's Church, West Bowling  
Carole Raw, Parish Administrator
- Thurs** All emergency service workers  
Those whose time is spent caring for others
- Fri** The Paralympic Winter Games starting today in Italy  
Mike Davies, Churchwarden
- 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. 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** Chad, Bishop, Missionary  
Psalm 32  
Genesis 43 v 16 to end  
John 6 v 41 - 51
- Tues** Psalm 89 v 1 - 18  
Genesis 44 v 1 - 17  
John 6 v 52 - 59
- Wed** Psalm 35  
Genesis 44 v 18 to end  
John 6 v 60 - 71
- Thurs** Psalm 92  
Genesis 45 v 1 - 15  
John 7 v 1 - 9
- Fri** Psalm 41  
Genesis 45 v 16 to end  
John 7 v 10 - 24
- Sat** *Perpetua, Felicity and their companions, Martyrs at Carthage, 203*  
Psalm 25  
Genesis 46 v 1 – 7, v 28 to end  
John 7 v 25 - 31

**The Collect for *The Second Sunday of Lent***

Almighty God, by the prayer and discipline of Lent may we enter into the mystery of Christ's sufferings, and by following in his Way come to share in his glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**The Collect for *The Second Sunday in Lent (BCP)***

Almighty God, who seest that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves:  
Keep us both outwardly in our bodies, and inwardly in our souls; that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; 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 Friday*

- Mon 2<sup>nd</sup>**      **10:30 am Brenda Ward's Funeral**  
11:00 am – 1:00 pm *Sit-n-Knit* in Church  
1:30 – 3:00 pm The *Thinking about God* group is meeting in the Undercroft  
2:00 pm The U3A Singing Folk group
- Tues 3<sup>rd</sup>**      **12:00 – 12:30 pm Healing Service**  
2:00 – 4:00 pm St Peter's Afternoon Fellowship
- Wed 4<sup>th</sup>**      **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<sup>th</sup>**      9:30 – 11:00 am The Toddler Group at St Peter's  
9:30 – 10:45 am *Meeting God in John*, Lent course in the Gallery. Week 3  
**11:00 am Holy Communion**  
7:30 pm St Peter's Choir Practice
- Fri 6<sup>th</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 7<sup>th</sup>**      10:00 am – 3:30 pm St Peter's Choir are holding a Refreshment Day in Church
- Sun 8<sup>th</sup>**      ***International Women's Day***  
***The Third Sunday of Lent***  
5:30 – 7:00 pm **Sanctuary**, our Youth Group, are meeting in the Brostoff Hall for a social evening  
7:15 – 8:45 pm *Meeting God in John*, **online** course. Week 3.  
7:30 – 8:30 pm AA meeting in the Brostoff Hall

## Next Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2026

### ***The Third Sunday of Lent***

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

# HORIZON

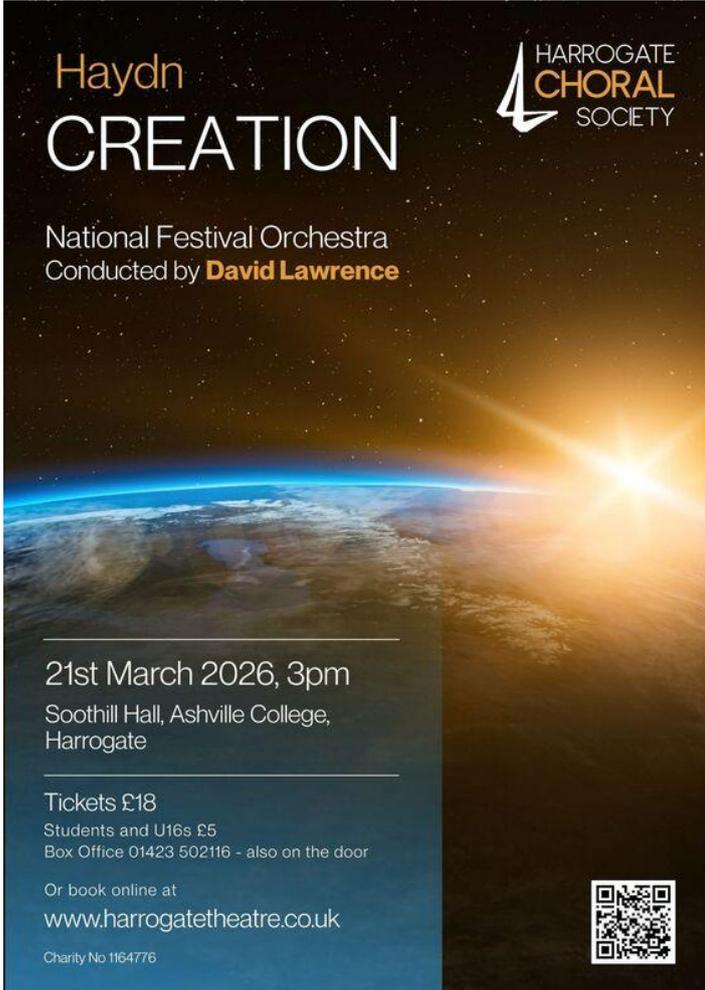
## LIFE TRAINING

The *Horizon Life Training* (HLT) service is based at Kennel Hall Farm on the outskirts of Killinghall. HLT is a Christian faith-based charity who help men reintegrate back into society after completing twelve months of Christian based residential rehabilitation and have found freedom from their past life devastated by drug addiction and alcoholism. HLT provides these individuals with a safe environment, living in their purpose-built, sixteen bed, residential facility on the farm. They provide 24-hour care, vocational training, life skills, money management, recreation and many other areas of support.

After being closed in 2023, HLT was re-opened in 2025 - staff were recruited and a comprehensive programme of maintenance, upgrading and re-decorating began with much support from their volunteers. Since then, at least nine new residents have been welcomed; quickly settling into 'family life' at HLT, supporting each other, developing their skills and confidence and putting their faith into practice. Two residents have already moved on to full time employment.

To find out more or to donate, please visit <https://horizonlifetraining.org.uk>.

*HLT Manager, Matthew Nice, will be the speaker at Afternoon Fellowship this week!*



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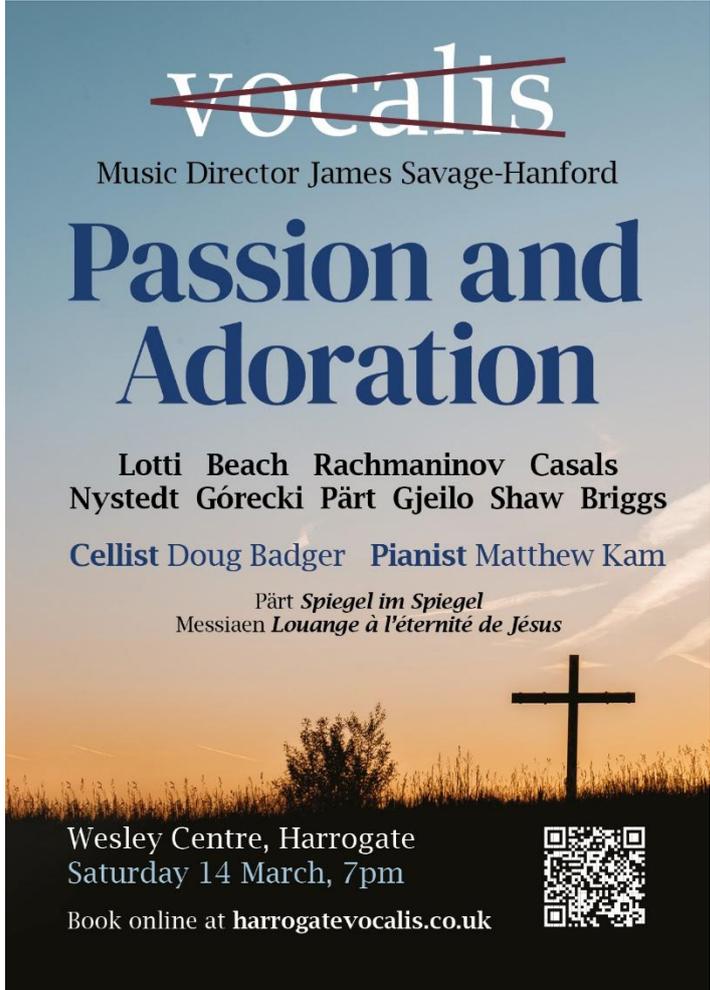
National Festival Orchestra  
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Tickets £18  
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Music Director James Savage-Hanford

**Passion and  
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Nystedt Górecki Pärt Gjeilo Shaw Briggs

Cellist Doug Badger Pianist Matthew Kam

Pärt *Spiegel im Spiegel*  
Messiaen *Louange à l'éternité de Jésus*

Wesley Centre, Harrogate  
Saturday 14 March, 7pm

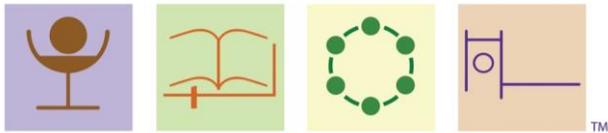
Book online at [harrogatevocalis.co.uk](http://harrogatevocalis.co.uk)



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



### Join the Parish Giving Scheme



#### PARISH GIVING SCHEME

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](http://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 (8<sup>th</sup> March) will be noon on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March. Please send any items (including photos) to **the Parish Office** or **the Vicar**, Alan Garrow: [alan.garrow@gmail.com](mailto:alan.garrow@gmail.com)

### 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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