



Weekly News

23rd March 2025

The Third Sunday of Lent

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Looking back at *Prayer Spaces in Schools*

Thanks to all of you who prayed for the *Prayer Spaces in Schools* Week at St Peter's CE School. The team lugged interesting objects, gazebos, tents, twinkly lights, tech gear and light tubes up many stone steps to transform a multi-purpose room into a haven full of calming hidey-holes for children aged 9 - 11 to think, pray and 'be'.



Children entered the room in small groups and split up to try whichever activities took their fancy for about half an hour. Watching children, who are often glued to their phones or racing from one event to another, have time to think their thoughts and respond to the prayer prompts was captivating. One of

our team reported feeling tearful as she watched one child, completely relaxed and unself-conscious in front of her peers, kneeling with her hands together to pray.

One of the most popular stations was the *Forgiveness Stones*, where children could drop the burden of a stone of unforgiveness into a bucket as they let grudges go. It was equally moving to see some stones lined up beside the bucket, for those who were not ready or able to take that step - it was a place of honesty! In these uncertain days, it was powerful to see children (and teachers) wrap themselves in the hand-crocheted prayer blanket to represent receiving God's comfort. One member of staff said, 'It's deep. I don't normally have time to think.'



We are being warmly invited back. Would you like to join the team for future visits? Email Karin: karinmshaw@googlemail.com.

Karin Shaw, Curate at St Peter's Church

West Wall repairs update

We are pleased to announce that on Monday 24th March the scaffolding will be coming down to reveal a repaired and painted West Wall. The loose masonry was removed in September 2024, and the wall left to dry for six months. In the last two weeks, our masonry contractor has returned to apply lime mortar and repaint the entire West Wall in breathable paint. We made a large saving on the cost of scaffolding by negotiating an excellent monthly hire rate to leave it in situ instead of paying for it to be dismantled and re-erected to complete the work. We would like to thank Graham Bailey Masonry contractor and Premier Scaffolding for their excellent work throughout this project, and thanks to you too for your patience while the work was carried out.

St Peter's Afternoon Fellowship

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 on Tuesday 1st April, when Alan Lunn will be playing his guitar and singing, and afternoon tea will also be served. Please contact Leigh Thompson (leigh.a.thompson@hotmail.co.uk or 07824 747 912) if you would like to come.



Bipolar UK Support Group returns to St Peter's

Bipolar UK is the only national charity dedicated to empowering individuals and families affected by bipolar. There are over 80 online and in-person peer support groups registered in the UK. All groups are open to anyone affected by bipolar, with or without a diagnosis, as well as their family, loved ones and friends. After a long break, the Harrogate *Bipolar UK* Support Group is returning to St Peter's Church. They will meet on the **last** Wednesday of each month in the Music Room from 7:00 – 9:00 pm. The next meeting is this week on Wednesday 26th March.

St Peter's Evening Fellowship

The next meeting is on Thursday 3rd April at 7:30pm in the Brostoff Hall. This month's speaker is Carol Tetlow, who you may recall gave a most entertaining talk last August entitled *Stethoscope Secrets*. She will be following this up with a new talk, hot off the press, entitled *Stethoscope Secrets, Part 2*. You are most welcome to join us, current member or not. Further details from Richard Bion (07966 073 867 or richardbion9@gmail.com).



Rehearsals start in June for *Beauty and the Beast*

St Peter's Players, our drama group, are looking for a new members to join them for their production of *Beauty and the Beast* this November. Please email the Director, John Hain (jmhain@gmail.com), if you are interested and would like to know more about what's involved.

Good Friday Prayer Walk: a walk of reflection, meditation and worship



Helen Harrison will be organising a *St Peter's Good Friday Prayer Walk* on 18th April. This will be an opportunity for those of you who enjoy walking and feel God's loving presence whilst outdoors, to join us. The intention is to do a circular walk to Pannal, starting in St Mary's Chapel at St Peter's Church at 9:00 am and returning to Church by 2:00 pm to attend the '*An Hour before the Cross*' service.

As always it will be possible for anyone to choose how far they can walk and pick up/drop off points will be arranged. As we walk, we will pause to pray, share poems and listen to appropriate music, to help us to reflect upon the Good Friday scriptures. We will also stop for lunch, perhaps a 'bring and share lunch', in Pannal? Please speak to Helen or contact her on hfhudy5@gmail.com if you would like to join us on this walk.

Confirmation Classes at St Peter's start in May

This year Confirmation Classes will be starting at Church on Wednesday 21st May from 7:00 - 8:00 pm. The Bishop of Ripon, Anna Eltringham, will be coming to St Peter's at 6:30 pm on 2nd July to confirm the candidates. If you think you would like to be confirmed or would just like to know more please contact The Revd Chris Clayton (07407 258 733 or chris.clayton@leeds.anglican.org).

**My Spirit Sang
All Day**
20th Century
Partsongs and Poems

vocalis
conducted by
James Savage-Hanford

St John the Baptist Church
Knaresborough HG5 9AE
Saturday 29th March 2025
7.00pm

Adults £15, Students £7
Under 19s and essential companions or carers free
Interval refreshments available
Tickets available online at www.harrogatevocalis.org.uk
or scan the QR code

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The Fisher Singers
with guest orchestra and soloists

HAYDN
Imperial
'Nelson' Mass
and
MOZART
Solemn
Vespers

Conducted by
Alex Kyle.

Saturday April 5th 2025 at 7.30pm
St Wilfrid's Church,
Harrogate, HG1 2EY

Tickets available by phoning 07958 665410/07411 258713
or can be purchased on the door.
£15 for adults and £8 for under 18s and full time students.

Today's Services: 23rd March 2025

The Third Sunday of Lent

The Third Sunday in Lent (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 189 Hosanna; Oh, Lord hear my prayer; Christ be in me waking;
482 Rejoice, the Lord is King!

Readings 1 Corinthians 10 v 1 - 13
Luke 13 v 1 - 9

Preacher: Pete Hallam

11:00 Choral Matins

Setting Jackson in G (Benedicite)

Hymns 6, 515, 455

Psalm 26

Readings Isaiah 55 v 1 - 9
Luke 13 v 1 - 9

Anthem King of Glory, King of peace (*Bach*)

Preacher: Anna Boyce

Our Duty Wardens today are:

Kate Blake and
Richard Bion

4:15 pm Stepping Stones Service *Service of the Word*

Preacher: Chris Clayton

6:30 Choral Evensong by candlelight

Setting Ayleward in E flat

Hymns 388, 532, 480

Psalm 12; 13

Readings Genesis 28 v 10 - 19a
John 1 v 35 to end

Anthem O Lord, look down from Heaven
(*Battishill*)

Preacher: Tony Shepherd



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, Bonnie Carter, Graham Cornish, Jane Crabtree, Danielle Crane, Nicole Crane, Tony Edwards, Louise Emrullahu, June Hemmings, Trevor Hughes, Kim Okell, Sheila Pantin, Sue Pearce, Lynda Pilmoor, Matthew Pindell, Celia Preston, Richard Sadler, Michelle Simon and Suzanne Simon.

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
St Peter's Pastoral Support Team
- Wed** The people of Gaza, as talks fail, the two month ceasefire ends and air strikes resume
The families of the 59 hostages still held by Hamas, 24 hostages are believed to still be alive
- Thurs** All emergency service workers
Those whose time is spent caring for others
- Fri** Mike Davies, Churchwarden
St Peter's Strollers
- Sat** Carole Raw, Parish Administrator
Our homes, families, friends and all whom we love

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** Oscar Romero, Archbishop of San Salvador, Martyr, 1980
Psalm 5
Jeremiah 11 v 1 - 17
John 7 v 37 - 52
- Tues** *The Annunciation of our Lord to the Blessed Virgin Mary*
Psalm 111
1 Samuel 2 v 1 - 10
Romans 5 v 12 to end
- Wed** *Harriet Monsell, Founder of the Community of St John the Baptist, Clewer, 1883*
Psalm 38
Jeremiah 13 v 1 - 11
John 8 v 12 - 30
- Thurs** Psalm 56
Jeremiah 14
John 8 v 31 - 47
- Fri** Psalm 19
Jeremiah 15 v 10 to end
John 8 v 48 to end
- Sat** Psalm 23
Jeremiah 16 v 10 – 17 v 4
John 9 v 1 - 17

The Collect for the Third Sunday of Lent (Common Worship)

Eternal God, give us insight to discern your will for us, to give up what harms us, and to seek the perfection we are promised in Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Collect for the Third Sunday in Lent (Book of Common Prayer)

We beseech thee, Almighty God, look upon the hearty desires of thy humble servants, and stretch forth the right hand of thy Majesty, to be our defence against all our enemies; 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 24th** 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 to study St Luke's Gospel
2:00 pm The U3A Singing Folk group
- Tues 25th** **12:00 – 12:30 pm Healing Service**
- Wed 26th** **10:30 – 11:00 am Café RefleXions**
7:00 – 9:00 pm *Harrogate Bipolar UK Support Group* meeting in the Music Room
7:15 – 8:45 pm *Being With* online course. Week Nine: *Suffering*
7:30 pm Harrogate Harmony Men's Chorus
- Thurs 27th** 9:30 – 11:00 am The Toddler Group at St Peter's
11:00 am Holy Communion
7:30 pm St Peter's Choir Practice
- Fri 28th** 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 29th** 10:00 am – 3:30 pm *St Peter's Choir* are holding a Refreshment Day in Church to raise funds to support their performance of Bach's St Matthew Passion on 16th April with professional soloists and orchestra
- Sun 30th** ***Mothering Sunday***
British Summer Time (BST) begins – clocks go forward!
5:30 – 7:00 pm Sanctuary are meeting in the Brostoff Hall
7:15 – 8:45 pm *Being With* online course. Week Ten:
Resurrection
7:30 – 8:30 pm AA meeting in the Brostoff Hall

Next Sunday 30th March 2025

Mothering Sunday

- 8:30 Holy Communion
9:30 Family Communion
11:00 Choral Matins
4:15 Stepping Stones Service
– *Mothering Sunday*
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 4:30 – 4:50 pm – an opportunity to stock up on tinned, preserved and dried food and toiletries.



A GREAT BIG THANK YOU!

Michael Bell sent this photo of the food donations we have received from the parents and pupils of Gateways School in Harewood! And, thank you too if you brought some groceries, toiletries or treats to put in the hamper today. All your donations will help someone who is hungry or in need.


Our mini-supermarket is on Thursdays from 4:30 – 4:50 pm, when anyone can come to stock up, no questions asked.

Have you returned your Electoral Roll application form?

Every six years we have to renew our Electoral Roll and **everyone** needs to fill in a form this time. Application forms are available on the Welcome Desk or can be downloaded from our [website](#).

They should be returned to the post-box on the Welcome Desk or handed to Carole Raw, Electoral Roll Officer, by 22nd April 2025, otherwise you will not be eligible to attend or to vote at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting, which is on 20th May 2025.



 **Ripon**
Choral Society

Saturday 5 April
2025, 7.30pm
Ripon Cathedral

J. S. Bach

St. John Passion

John Dunford - conductor
Orchestra d'Amici

Tickets: £25 reserved; £22 unreserved (student concessions £10)

Book online at riponchoralsociety.org.uk
• on the door at each concert • in person at Ripon Cathedral Shop
• by email: info@riponchoralsociety.org.uk

Spring Food, Home and Garden Fair

Get ready to indulge in a delightful celebration of all things spring in the stunning surrounds of Ripon Cathedral

Saturday 29th March 2025
10am – 4pm

Scan here to book




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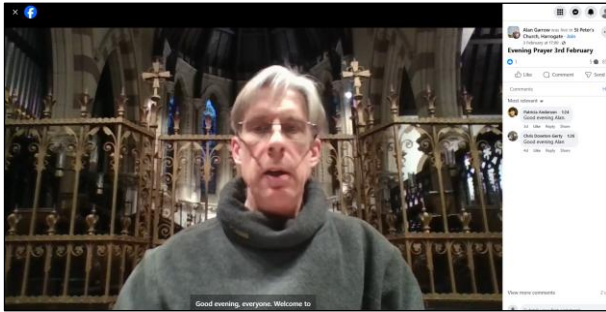
More information:
www.riponcathedral.org.uk/events/spring-fair-2025/

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 worship online



We are continuing to live stream Morning and Evening Prayer on Facebook at 8:00 am and 5:00 pm from Monday to Saturday. To join in follow the links on our website.

Next Week's Deadline

The deadline for the next edition of the Weekly News (30th March) will be noon on Wednesday 26th March. 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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