

Thank you Harrogate Churches - you're amazing!

Thank you St Peter's for all of your amazing support for Compassion over the years! Together with churches all around the Harrogate area, we rose to the challenge of seeing 1,000 children released from poverty through sponsorship.

Proportionally there are more children sponsored by loving people in this region than anywhere else in the UK!

Compassion is a leading international children's charity, helping some of the world's very poorest and most vulnerable children. Around the world we are



supporting 2.4 Million children, giving them and their families hope for a brighter future. Working in partnership with 8,000 local churches in developing countries, and supported by individual child sponsors, we provide children with the skills and opportunities they need to escape from the trap of extreme poverty and to develop into fulfilled adults.

It's easy to think that the problems in the world are so big, there's nothing that we can do to make any kind of a difference but across Harrogate we have shown what a huge impact we can have, as individuals and as churches working in partnership. Together we can bring these children to Jesus and see the transformation that He brings in their lives. Together we are changing the world one child at a time.

Clare Nelson, Compassion UK

World Day of Prayer: Friday 1st March 2024



I beg you, bear with one another in love World Day of Prayer is an international, inter-church organisation led by women which enables us to hear the

hopes, concerns, and prayers of women from all parts of the world. This year the Christian Women of Palestine are calling us to connect with the land from where Jesus came; where he was born, ministered and died – and from where our faith began and is rooted. The theme of the *World Day of Prayer* worship service 2024 *'bear with one another in love*' seems very appropriate for these women who will not give up witnessing the love of Jesus Christ.

You can join in a **World Day of Prayer worship service at St Mark's Church, Leeds Road, on Friday 1st March at 2:00 pm**. All are very welcome!

Harrogate School of Theology & Mission

The Very Revd Dr Mark Oakley, Dean of Southwark, speaks on 'The curse of literalism: poetic spirituality and the language of Christians' at St Mark's Church on Saturday 9th March, starting with a breakfast served from 9:30 am, then the lecture from 10:00 am – 12:00 pm. Tickets cost £8 per session, including all refreshments, and are payable on the day or preferably in advance at <u>Eventbrite</u>.

St Peter's Ladies who Lunch – book TODAY!

The *Ladies who Lunch* are meeting again on **Wednesday 28th February** at a town centre café. If you would like to join them, then contact Sue Heapy (07540 355 305



Confirmation Classes at St Peter's starting in April

Confirmation Classes will be on Thursday evenings at St Peter's, starting at 6:00 pm and finishing at about 7:15pm on the following dates: 25th April, then 2nd, 9th, 16th and 23rd May. These classes are essential so there is time to discuss and learn more about the Christian faith. The rehearsal for the confirmation service will be on Wednesday 12th June at 6.30pm. The Bishop of Ripon, Anna Eltringham (*on the right*), will be coming to St Peter's on Thursday 13th June at 6:30 pm to confirm the candidates. If you think you would like to be confirmed contact The Revd Chris Clayton (*chris.clayton@leeds.anglican.org* or 07407 258 733) to find out more.



A New Planned Giving Campaign



This May we will be running a Stewardship Campaign with the aim of encouraging members of St Peter's to review their planned giving or to join the planned giving scheme for the first time. If you have finance or communications experience that you think could be relevant, and if you would be happy to join a team to work on this together, please contact Alan Garrow at <u>alan.garrow@gmail.com</u>. Thank you.

St Peter's Evening Fellowship

We will be holding our Annual General Meeting on Thursday 7th March at 7:30 pm in the Brostoff Hall, followed by a presentation 'Oman - The Jewel of Arabia' by Bryn and Sue Heapy, following their recent visit to the country.. Members and guests are most welcome. Contact Richard Bion (07966 073 867 or <u>richardbion9@gmail.com</u>) for further details.



Enjoy a Pie and Pea Supper and support Christian Aid!



Our *Christian Aid* Team are planning a *Pie and Pea Supper* at St Peter's on Saturday 9th March at 6:30 pm. This is an opportunity to raise funds for the vital work *Christian Aid* does and we warmly invite everyone to join us. The cost will be £5, and we will be selling tickets at the end of each service over the next two Sundays. If you need further information or would like a ticket phone Judith Simpson on *01423 564 842*.

Today's Services: 25th February 2024 The Second Sunday of Lent					
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 Readings Preacher:	promised Mark 10 v 13-16	Mark 10 v 13-16			
11:00 Setting	Choral Matins Sumsion in Bflat (Benedicite)	Our Duty Wardens today are: Kate Blake and Paul Medforth			
Hymns Psalm Readings	475 (omit *verse), 515, 482 105 v 1 – 6 and v 37 to end Psalm 103 v 1-11 Mark 10 v 13-16				
Anthem Preacher:	Clare Nelson, Compassion UK	God so loved the world (<i>Stainer</i>) Clare Nelson <i>, Compassion UK</i>			
4:15 pm Stepping Stones Service Service of the Word Preacher: Karin Shaw					
6:30 Setting Hymns Psalm Readings Anthem Preacher:	Choral Evensong by candlelight Ayleward in E flat 477, 532, 469 135 Genesis 12 v 1 - 9 Hebrews 11 v 1 – 3 and v 8 - 16 The Lamentation (<i>Bairstow</i>) John Longstaff	5 Evensong by candlelight			

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, Beverley Cooper, Graham Cornish, Jane Crabtree, Peter Dickinson, Tony Edwards, Louise Emrullahu, June Hemmings, Trevor Hughes, Jackie Kelly, Jane Lishman, Rachel Looby, Derek Mansfield, Steve Martin, Kim Okell, Sheila Pantin, Matthew Pindell, Richard Sadler and Michelle Simon.		Evening Pl services al and Zoom on our we	Prayer is at 8:00 am and rayer at 5:00 pm daily. Both re livestreamed on Facebook – join in by following the links bsite. These are the Bible we will be using each morning
RIP:	Tim Wilkinson	Tues	George Herbert, Priest,
Also in our prayers this week:			<i>Poet, 1633</i> Psalm 50
Mon	The children sponsored through <i>Compassion UK</i> Catharine Davies, Licensed Lay Minister	Wed	Genesis 44 v 1 - 17 Hebrews 2 v 1 - 9 Psalm 35 Genesis 44 v 18 to end
Tues	All who work in foodbanks St Peter's mini-supermarket	Thurs	Hebrews 2 v 10 to end Psalm 34
Wed	Our Communion Administrants Nigel and Asim, our caretaker team		Genesis 45 v 1 - 15 Hebrews 3 v 1 - 6
Thurs	Social care workers, helping people to live independently and with dignity All who read lessons at services	Fri	David, Bishop of Menevia, Patron of Wales, c.601 Psalm 41 Genesis 45 v 16 to end Hebrews 3 v 7 to end
Fri	The Sunday Lunch Club St Peter's Evening Fellowship	Sat	Psalm 25 Genesis 46 v 1 – 7 and
Sat	St Peter's Music Group Alan Garrow, Vicar of St Peter's		v 28 to end Hebrews 4 v 1 - 13

The Collect for The Second Sunday of Lent (Common Worship) 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 (Book of Common Prayer) 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 every day except Sundays.		
Mon 26 th	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 in the Undercroft	
	2:00 pm The U3A Singing Folk group	
	6:30 – 9:00 pm The Bereavement Journey - Session 3	
Tues 27 th	12:00 – 12:30 pm Healing Service	
	1:30 – 3:00 pm <i>Digital Drop-in</i> with Alyson in Church	
Wed 28 th	10:30 – 11:00 am Café RefleXions	
	1:30 – 3:00 pm Harrogate Wellbeing Choir	
	12:15 pm Ladies who Lunch meet at a town centre café	
	12:30 pm Funeral of Pamela Lister	
	7:30 pm Harrogate Harmony Men's Chorus	
Thurs 29 th	9:30 – 11:00 am The Toddler Group at St Peter's	
	9:30 – 11:00 am HAPPINESS LAB in the Undercroft 2: Being Kind	
	11:00 am Holy Communion	
	7:30 pm St Peter's Choir Practice	
Fri 1 st	World Day of Prayer and St David's Day	
	9:30 am AA meeting in the Music Room	
	10:00 am – 12:00 pm St Peter's Cleaning Team	
	10:30 am – 12:45 pm <i>Café Connect</i> meets in the Brostoff Hall	
	7:00 – 8:15 pm Bellringing Practice at St Peter's	
Sat 2 nd	10:00 am – 3:30pm <i>Ripon Operatic Society</i> are holding a	
	Refreshment Day in Church	
Sun 3 rd	The Third Sunday of Lent	
	1:00 – 1:30 pm Sunday Lunch	
	7:30 – 8:30 pm AA meeting in the Brostoff Hall	
	5:30 – 7:00 pm <i>Sanctuary</i> , our youth group are meeting in the	
	Brostoff Hall to choose a charity to support this year	

Next Sunday 3 rd March The Third Sunday of Lent		The Breakfast Club provides a free, hot breakfast from Monday to Saturday (8:15 –
8:30	Holy Communion	8:45 am) for all those who are hungry or in
9:30	Family Communion	need. A hot Sunday lunch is also served each
11:00	Choral Communion	week at 1:00 pm, except for the third Sunda
4:15	Stepping Stones Service	of the month when it is <i>Sunday Lunch Club</i> .
	– Celtic Worship	Hot food is available 4:30 – 4:50 pm on
6:30	, Choral Evensong by	Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.
	candlelight	Our mini Supermarket is on Thursdays 4:30
	canalengin	– 4:50 pm.

International Women's Day 2024 campaign theme – Inspire Inclusion

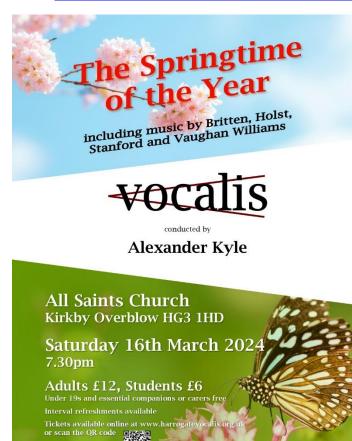
Imagine a gender equal world. A world free of bias, stereotypes, and discrimination. A world that's diverse, equitable, and inclusive. A world where difference is valued Together we can forge women's equality. and celebrated. The aim of the International Women's Day 2024 campaign is to collectively forge a more inclusive world for women.

On an individual basis, it's important to understand, value and seek out the inclusion of women and girls. When women are discriminated against, we must call out poor practice. When women aren't present, we must ask, "Why not?"

Governments, organizations and groups can take action in areas such as:

- forging women's economic empowerment;
- recruiting, retaining and developing female talent; •
- supporting women and girls into leadership, decision-making, business and • STEM;
- designing and building infrastructure meeting the needs of women and girls; •
- helping women and girls make informed decisions about their health; •
- involving women and girls in sustainable agriculture and food security; •
- providing women and girls with access to quality education and training; •
- elevating women and girl's participation and achievement in sport; •
- promoting creative and artistic talent of women and girls; •
- addressing further areas supporting the advancement of women and girls.

Visit *www.internationalwomensday.com* to find out how you can get involved.



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International Women's Day

March 8

Let's forge a more inclusive world for women and collectively #InspireInclusion 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 <u>www.parishgiving.org.uk</u> or give them a call on 0333 002 1260. St Peter's PGS number is: **460646304**

Next Week's Deadline

The deadline for the next edition of the Weekly News (3rd March) will be noon on Wednesday 28th February. Please send any items (including photos) to the **Parish Office** 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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