



Weekly News

25th October 2026

The Last Sunday after Trinity

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Church seating update

At our PCC meeting on Saturday 17th October, which was dedicated to considering our church seating, we had a thoughtful and wide-ranging discussion about whether to retain the existing pews or explore replacing them with chairs.

We considered the importance of our Church's Victorian heritage, the role the pews play in traditional worship, and the strong personal and spiritual attachments many people have to them. We also discussed accessibility, different styles of worship, opportunities for community activities, and the long-term financial sustainability of our Church and its building.

The discussion identified potential benefits in having a more flexible space, but it also recognised the costs, risks and concerns that any changes could bring.

No final decision has been made to remove the pews.

The direction agreed was to explore the proposal further, including commissioning plans and gathering more information about potential community use, heritage implications, costs and practical benefits.

The findings will help us decide whether the proposal would genuinely



serve our Church, our congregation and the wider community.

We recognise that this is an important and sensitive matter. We want to approach it prayerfully, listen carefully to different views and ensure that any eventual decision supports both the heritage of our Church and its mission for the future.

Alan Garrow, *Vicar of St Peter's Church*

St Peter's Christmas Tree Festival is returning in December!

We're thrilled to announce our *Christmas Tree Festival* will be from 5th - 12th December 2026. You can pick up an entry form in Church, [download one from our website](#) or contact Annabel Hutchinson (annabelhutchison@googlemail.com or 07765 914 318). An email has gone out to previous entrants and we're really eager to get more individuals, groups, and perhaps local businesses involved by entering this year. If you (or someone you know) would be interested in entering, or are keen to find out more, please contact Annabel. Entry forms need to be returned to her by 20th November. We'd love to make this *St Peter's Christmas Tree Festival* the biggest, brightest and best yet!



Bottles wanted for our *Christmas Fair*



St Peter's Christmas Fair is on Saturday 28th November from 10:00 am – 3:00 pm. Volunteers are needed to help on the day, and we also need donations of bottles – alcohol, soft drinks, condiments, perfume, etc. Please bring your contributions to Church and leave them at the end of the curved walkway. Thank you!



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Thank you to everyone involved in **St Peter's 150th Anniversary Quiz Night** around sixty-five people attended and £370 was raised. Well done everyone!



Giving, living and loving into
our older age

What kind of Social Care do you want?

If you or someone you love need support as you grow older, what would you want it to look like? The charity *When I Get Old* (WIGO) is holding a local conversation about the future of social care — and we want to hear from **older people and people thinking about getting older**.

Come and tell us what would help you keep living your life, your way on **Saturday 7th November from 10:00 am – 12:00 noon in the Brostoff Hall at St Peter's Church, Harrogate.**

Your views will help WIGO contribute to the national debate about the future of social care. Everyone is very welcome.

Siân Lockwood, Churchwarden at St Peter's and Co-founder of WIGO

St Peter's Ladies who Lunch

The **Ladies who Lunch** are meeting again at 12:45 pm on Wednesday 28th October 2026 at the Nomad Café on Beulah Street, which caters for various dietary requirements. If you would like to join them for food and fellowship, then please contact Sue Heapy (07540 355 305 or brynsusie@hotmail.com), so she can book you a place at their table.



The Council of Christians and Jews
(Leeds branch) invites you to their

ANNUAL PUBLIC LECTURE 2026

Covenant: A Relationship for Our Times



Bishop Arun Arora, Bishop of Kirkstall

Date: Wednesday 4th November 2026

Time: 8.00pm

Venue: The Grammar School at Leeds

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Today's Services: 25th October 2026

The Last Sunday after Trinity

Bible Sunday

The Twenty-first Sunday after Trinity (BCP)

8:30 Holy Communion

9:30 Family Communion

*As it is half-term, 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 **124** Give thanks; **298** Jesus, Name above all names; **120** The Servant King; **32** At the name of Jesus

Readings 1 Thessalonians 2 v 1 - 8
John 10 v 22 - 40

Preacher: Alan Garrow

Our Duty Wardens today are:

Sarah Holmes, Helen Camm,
Tim Robinson and Toni Hughes

11:00 Choral Matins

Setting Howells Collegium Regale (Te Deum)

Hymns 6, 428, 612

Psalm 119 v 113 - 128

Readings Leviticus 9 v 1 – 2 and v 15 - 18
John 10 v 22 - 40

Anthem For the beauty of the earth (*Philip Stopford*)

Preacher: Alan Garrow

4:15 pm Stepping Stones Service *Service of the Word*
(arrivals and refreshments 3:45 pm)

Preacher: Sarah Martin

6:30 Choral Evensong

Setting The Jesus Service (*Mathias*)

Hymns 434, 389, 482

Psalm 119 v 129 - 144

Readings Ecclesiastes 11 and 12
2 Timothy 2 v 1 - 7

Anthem Let the people praise thee (*Mathias*)

Preacher: Hannah Beck

The Collect for St Peter's Church

Loving God, whose Son Jesus Christ broke down barriers and created connections between people and with you,
help us, by the power of your Holy Spirit, to feed hungry people and make space for all, around your open, generous table, through Jesus Christ our Lord, **Amen**.

Please pray for those who have asked for our prayers:

Pat Anderson, Graham Cornish, Jane Crabtree, Margaret Farrar, Jenny Gardiner, Jean Hopper, Trevor Hughes, Christine Jepson, Miriam Jones, Joan Kelly, Bill and Margaret Osborne, Sheila Pantin, Sue Pearce, 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	Rough sleepers and the homeless St Peter's Breakfast Club
Wed	The unemployed and all who are helping them to return to work That those seeking work do not feel discouraged
Thurs	All emergency service workers Harrogate Police Station
Fri	Mike Davies, Churchwarden St Peter's Players
Sat	<i>Wellspring Therapy & Training</i> , supporting people in distress and promoting good mental health All those suffering from anxiety and depression

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. These are the Bible readings we will be using this week:

Mon	<i>Alfred the Great, King of the West Saxons, Scholar, 899</i> Psalm 1 Judith 4 1 Timothy 6 v 1 - 10
Tues	Psalm 5 Judith 5 v 1 – 6 v 4 1 Timothy 6 v 11 to end
Wed	SIMON AND JUDE, Apostles Psalm 116 Isaiah 45 v 18 to end Luke 6 v 12 - 16
Thurs	Psalm 15 Judith 7 v 19 to end 2 Timothy 1 v 15 – 2 v 13
Fri	Psalm 19 Judith 8 v 9 to end 2 Timothy 2 v 14 to end
Sat	<i>Martin Luther, Reformer, 1546</i> Psalm 23 Judith 9 2 Timothy 3

The Collect for *The Last Sunday after Trinity* (Common Worship)

Merciful God, teach us to be faithful in change and uncertainty, that trusting in your word and obeying your will we may enter the unfailing joy of Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Collect for *The Twenty-First Sunday after Trinity* (Book of Common Prayer)

Grant, we beseech thee, merciful Lord, to thy faithful people pardon and peace; that they may be cleansed from all their sins, and serve thee with a quiet mind; 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 Fridays.

There is an exhibition in the Glass Foyer this week by St Peter's CE Primary School

Mon 26th	11:00 am – 1:00 pm <i>Sit-n-Knit</i> in Church 1:30 – 3:00 pm The <i>Thinking about God</i> discussion group meets in the Undercroft 2:00 pm The U3A Singing Folk group 7:00 – 9:00 pm Rehearsal for <i>Jesus Christ, Superstar</i>
Tues 27th	12:00 – 12:30 pm Healing Service 7:00 – 9:00 pm Rehearsal for <i>Jesus Christ, Superstar</i>
Wed 28th	10:30 – 11:00 am Café RefleXions 12:45 pm St Peter's <i>Ladies who Lunch</i> meet at the Nomad Café on Beulah Street 2:00 – 3:30 pm Art Class for Adults with Helena 4:15 – 5:15 pm Art Class for Children 5+ with Helena 7:00 – 9:00 pm Harrogate <i>Bipolar UK</i> peer support group meet in the Music Room 7:30 pm Harrogate Harmony Men's Chorus
Thurs 29th	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 30th	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 31st	10:00 am – 3:30 pm The charity <i>Fighting Ependymoma</i> are holding a Refreshment Day in Church
Sun 1st	<i>All Saints' Sunday</i> 7:30 – 8:30 pm AA meeting in the Brostoff Hall

Next Sunday 1st November 2026

All Saints' Sunday

8:30	Holy Communion
9:30	Family Communion
11:00	Choral Communion
4:15	Stepping Stones Service – <i>Celtic Worship</i>
6:30	<i>All Souls' Memorial Service</i>

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.



Bipolar UK Support Group at St Peter's

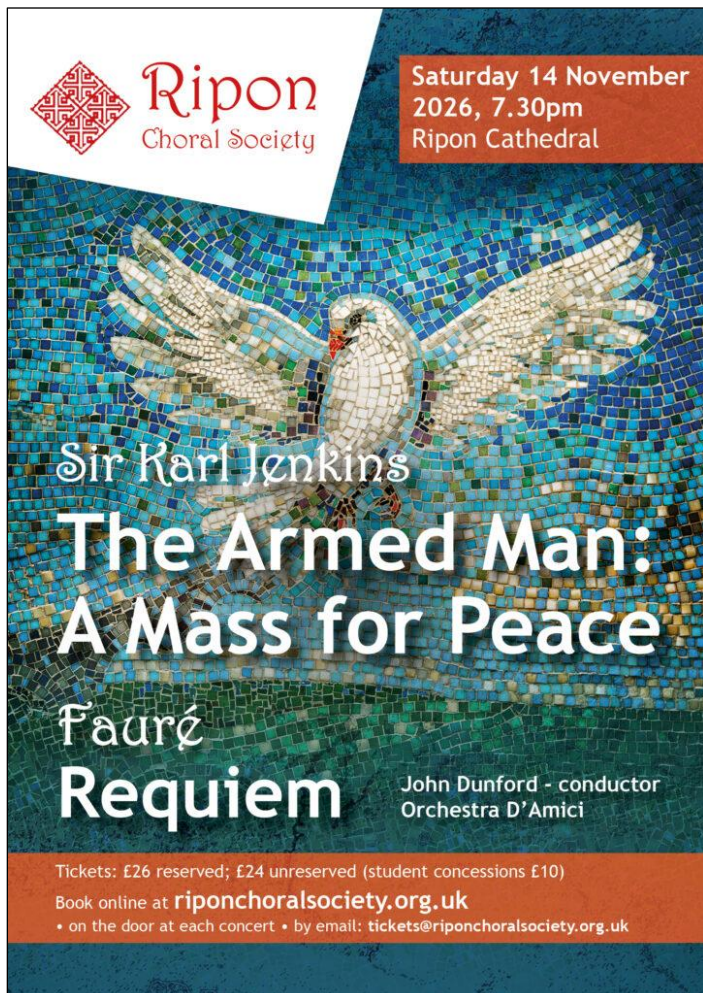
Bipolar UK is the only national charity dedicated to empowering individuals and families affected by bipolar. There are over 80 online and in-person peer support groups registered in the UK. The Harrogate Bipolar UK peer support group meet on the **last** Wednesday of each month in the Music Room from

7:00 – 9:00 pm. The next meeting is this week on Wednesday 28th October.

Tickets available for *St Peter's Players'* annual raffle

There are some splendid prizes to be won this year, including: a long weekend in a Dales cottage; a Sunday Lunch with wine for two at the *Fat Badger*; two prints from local artist David Utting; a £25 voucher for the *Cambridge Café*; hampers from the *Cornish Bakery* and *M&S*; *Everyman Cinema* passes; and vouchers from the *Yellow Chair Café*, the *Imagined Things Bookshop*, *Sweaty Betty* and many more. Raffle tickets cost £2 each and are available from the Parish Office or from one of the *St Peter's Players* after our Sunday services. The prizes will be drawn at the matinée performance of *Jesus Christ, Superstar* on Saturday 21st November. Many thanks!

Judith Simpson, *St Peter's Players*



 **Ripon**
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Saturday 14 November
2026, 7.30pm
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Refreshments are served after each of our Sunday morning services from the kitchen area at the front of Church. Please come and join us.



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The flowers in Church today are to celebrate the
10th Wedding Anniversary
of Felicity and Chris Ho
on 29th October

The Next Deadline

The deadline for the next edition of the Weekly News (1st November) will be noon on Wednesday 28th October. 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 at the end of the pews and hand it to one of the Clergy.