



Weekly News

26th April 2026

The Fourth Sunday of Easter

www.stpetersharrogate.org.uk

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

Listening to God's Voice – Vocations Sunday

Sometimes a sense of vocation – God's call to a particular form of service – makes itself known early in life and ends up shaping the whole of our lives. Sometimes we feel called to serve God in a particular way for much shorter season. And sometimes one type of call leads into the other! One such call relates to the way our local church is governed.



Could God be calling you to serve on the Parochial Church Council (PCC)? At our Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) on Tuesday 19th May we elect Churchwardens, Deanery Synod Reps, and Members of the Parochial Church Council. There are

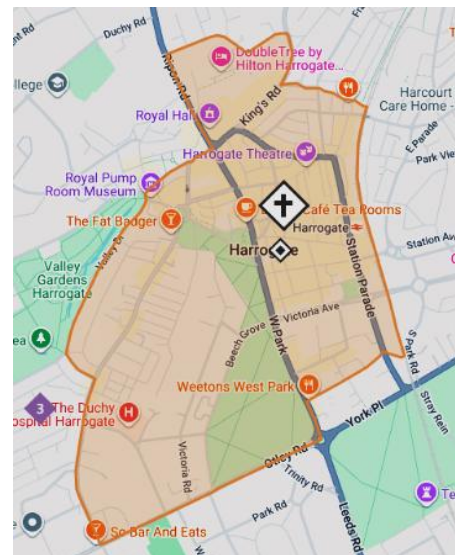
spaces for at least three Deanery Synod Reps and at least five PCC Members. A sheet outlining what's involved in PCC membership is available alongside the nomination forms on the Welcome Desk. It begins with a formal definition of the purpose of a PCC and also gives a sense of the remit of our meetings and the values we seek to embody. To stand for election as a Churchwarden, Deanery Synod Rep, or a member of the PCC you must have been a regular communicant member of the St Peter's Electoral Roll for at least the preceding six months. Do prayerfully consider whether you, or someone you know, might be a good person to stand for election.

Following God's call can be full of surprises. So, let's be on the lookout for where the next step, which could take any number of different forms, might be.

Alan Garrow, Vicar of St Peter's Church

Rogationtide: a time to pray, reflect and act for our planet

The word Rogation comes from the Latin *Rogare*, 'to ask', and historically it was a time to ask God to grant a fruitful harvest. In the past, when most people lived close to the land and grew their own crops, it was a day of great importance and was often associated with the 'beating of the bounds', when parish boundaries were walked and marked. Nowadays Rogationtide has acquired renewed importance as a time to pray for the protection of the natural world. We are aware that we live in a world of such beauty, but we also recognise the threats it faces.



Helen Harrison and Nick Anderson plan to lead a prayer walk on Rogation Sunday 10th May after the 9:30 am service. Please meet in St Mary's Chapel at 10:45 am to walk around St Peter's Parish Boundary (approximately 3 miles). A simple ploughman's lunch will be served in Church afterwards. Please let Helen (hfhudy5@gmail.com) know if you would like to come. All welcome!

St Peter's Eco Church group *Top Tips* for living sustainably!

Our aims are to encourage everyone at St Peter's to appreciate nature and to share practical tips. Continuing our 'decluttering' theme, here are two more tips:

- If you have a printer at home, take the used ink cartridges to the TG Jones shop (formerly WH Smith) to be recycled.
- Do you have a book which has inspired you in your Christian faith, but which you don't need to keep? Just put it on the Sharing Table by St Mary's Chapel steps for others to enjoy.

Enjoy your Spring decluttering!

Kathy Richards, *St Peter's Eco Church Group*

Come and join *St Peter's Crafternoon Crafting Team*



From left to right: Jo, Amanda, Ruth, Louise, Fiona and Ruth

Stepping Stones is on Sundays at 4:15pm (with arrivals and refreshments from 3:45 pm) – a fun and interactive service for families. On the third Sunday of the month, it's *Crafternoon Church*. Anyone with a crafting skill to share or who would like to join the crafting team is especially welcome. Or perhaps you have some spare Lego or craft supplies to donate?

Please contact Ruth Thompson-Vear (mrsruthtv@yahoo.co.uk).

Last chance to enrol on the Electoral Roll 2026

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) of the Parish of St Peter's High Harrogate will be held on Tuesday 19th May 2026 at 7:00 pm in Church. Before this meeting, we need to bring the Electoral Roll of the Parish up to date. If you are not already on the Electoral Roll but have worshipped regularly at this Church over the past six months, or live in the Parish, you are entitled to enrol – as long as you are over 16 and have been baptised.

Please return completed forms, available from the Welcome Desk and the website, to Carole Raw in the Parish Office by noon on 30th April 2026.

christians
against
poverty

CAP
life skills

CAP Life Skills Course starts on 6th May

CAP Life Skills is a friendly group that gives people the confidence and decision making skills they need to survive life on a low income. We teach people practical money saving techniques, such as cooking on a budget, living healthily on less, and making your money go further. There are seven weekly sessions starting on 6th May, 1:00 – 2:00 pm, at Mowbray Community Church, Westmoreland Street. Contact Samantha Price (07935 223 663 or samanthaprice@capuk.org) to find out more or to book a place.

Young people's Confirmation preparation

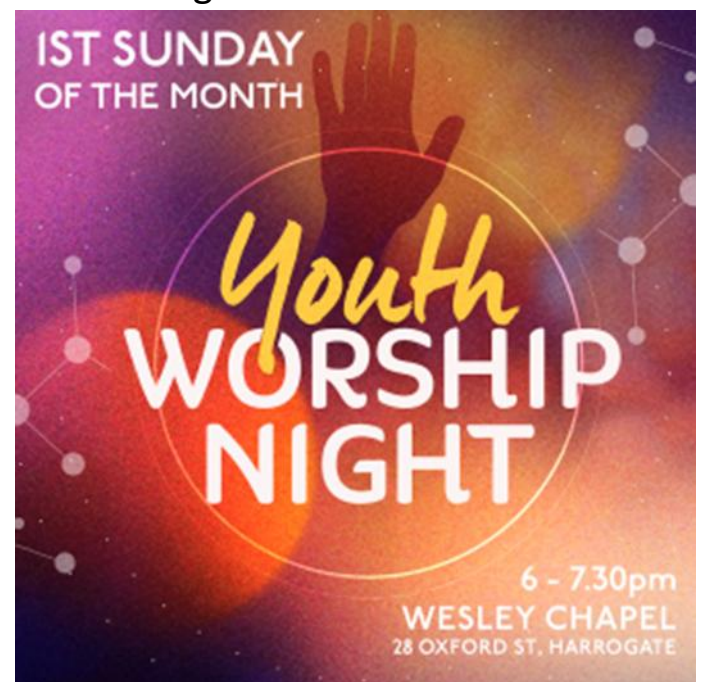
If you are in Year 7 or above and are interested in preparing to be Confirmed by Bishop Anna at our big 150th celebration service on Sunday 21st June, then please tell the Vicar, Alan Garrow via email - using the subject line: 'Youth Confirmation'.

Ripon Cathedral Thursday Lunchtime Concerts

The second of this term's free Lunchtime Concerts will be held on Thursday 30th April from 1:00 – 1:50 pm in the quire of Ripon Cathedral, with light refreshments served from 12:30 pm. The flautist, Rachel Johnson, will be accompanied by Jemima Palfreyman on the piano. Free to attend, with a retiring collection.



The flowers in Church today are
in memory of
Tim Wilkinson



Today's Services: 26th April 2026

The Fourth Sunday of Easter

The Third Sunday after Easter (BCP)

Vocations Sunday

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 **865** Jesus Christ; **771** Holy, holy; **1120** Will you come and follow Me?; **728** Give me oil in my lamp

Readings Acts 2 v 42 to end
John 21 v 20 - 25

Preacher: Ruth Harris

Our Duty Wardens today are:

Eve Hawkins and

Tim Robinson

11:00 Choral Matins

Setting Stanford in C (Te Deum)

Hymns 152, 158, 166

Psalm 119 v 33 - 48

Readings Nehemiah 9 v 6 - 15
John 21 v 20 - 25

Anthem O sing joyfully (*Batten*)

Preacher: Ruth Harris

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

Preacher: Sarah Martin

6:30 Choral Evensong

Setting Wood in Eflat (no.2)

Hymns 558, 391, 207

Psalm 29

Readings Ezra 3 v 1 - 13
Ephesians 2 v 11 to end

Anthem The Lord is my Shepherd (Stanford)

Preacher: Hannah Beck

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, Ann Campbell, Graham Cornish, Jane Crabtree, Maddison Crane, Tony Edwards, Margaret Farrar, Jenny Gardiner, Jenny Harris, Tim Harrison, Jean Hopper, Trevor Hughes, Joan Kelly, Elaine Manaley, Bill and Margaret Osborne, Sheila Pantin, Sue Pearce, Celia Preston, Michelle Simon, Sally Sneddon and Edward Vear.

RIP: David Preston

Also in our prayers this week:

- Mon** St Aidan's CE High School
The 10th Harrogate St Peter's Guides
- Tues** All those providing care or help to a vulnerable person
St Peter's Pastoral Support Team
- Wed** SHINE, community organisation at St Stephen's Church, West Bowling
Carole Raw, Parish Administrator
- Thurs** Harrogate Police Station
All who serve as Police Chaplains
- Fri** Mike Davies, Churchwarden
St Peter's Strollers
- Sat** The town of Harrogate
Our homes, families, friends and all whom we love

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** Christina Rossetti, Poet
Psalm 103
Exodus 32 v 1 - 14
John 15 v 18 - 27
- Tues** Psalm 48
Exodus 32 v 15 - 34
John 16 v 1 - 15
- Wed** Catherine of Siena, Teacher
Psalm 135
Exodus 33
John 16 v 16 - 24
- Thurs** Psalm 57
Exodus 34 v 1 – 10 and v 27 to end
John 16 v 25 - 33
- Fri** **PHILIP AND JAMES, APOSTLES**
Psalm 139
Proverbs 4 v 10 - 18
John 17 v 1 – 11a
- Sat** Psalm 34
Exodus 40 v 17 to end
John 17 v 11b - 19

The Collect for the Fourth Sunday of Easter

(Common Worship)

Risen Christ, faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep:
teach us to hear your voice and to follow your command, that all your people may be gathered into one flock, to the glory of God the Father.

The Collect for the Third Sunday after Easter

(Book of Common Prayer)

Almighty God, who shewest to them that be in error the light of thy truth, to the intent that they may return into the way of righteousness: Grant unto all them that are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion, that they may eschew those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ.

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.

- Mon 27th** 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 28th** **12:00 – 12:30 pm Healing Service**
- Wed 29th** **10:30 – 11:00 am Café RefleXions**
2:00 – 3:30 pm Art Class for Adults with Helena
7:00 – 9:00 pm Harrogate *Bipolar UK* Support Group at St Peter's in the Music Room
7:30 pm Harrogate Harmony Men's Chorus
- Thurs 30th** 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 1st** 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 2nd**
- Sun 3rd** ***The Fifth Sunday of Easter***
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 3rd May 2026

The Fifth Sunday of Easter

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

Christian Aid Week 10th – 16th May

This **Christian Aid Week**, your support could help mothers in Nairobi, Kenya, facing the devastating reality of urban poverty and the daily struggle to feed their children. By funding urban farming projects alongside specialist training from their partner *Beacon of Hope*, **Christian Aid** can help parents fight food insecurity, grow fresh vegetables in small city spaces and earn an income to support their families.

This May, you are invited to help mothers like Fridah Moraa and Belinda Kasudi living in crowded informal settlements so they can protect their children from hunger and grow a more hopeful future. To read their stories and to find out more visit <https://caw.christianaid.org.uk/uk/about/what-christian-aid-week>.

'God with us' the theme for *Thy Kingdom Come 2026*



This year's *Thy Kingdom Come* is all about the presence of God through His Spirit. Just like the early church who waited for the promised Holy Spirit to come - over the eleven days we will explore a different Bible story each day, which demonstrates God's transformative presence, power and love at work in the lives of people and places. The hope is that as we pray for our five chosen people, they will also experience the life-changing love of God and choose to follow Him. Visit thykingdomcome.global to find out more!

A concert poster for 'HAYDN: THE CREATION'. It features a white dove in flight against a sunset sky. The text includes: 'Knareborough Choral Society', 'St. Asaph Choral Society', 'Harrogate Philharmonic Orchestra', 'HAYDN: THE CREATION', '40th Anniversary Celebration', 'DANIEL RODRIGUEZ - CONDUCTOR', 'Eleonore Cockerham Toby Ward Andrew Greenan', 'RIPON CATHEDRAL', 'Saturday 23rd May, 7:30pm'. A circular badge at the bottom right says 'Tickets available on website', '£22 early bird', '£25 at the door', 'Students Free', and 'www.knareboroughchoralsociety.com'. A '40' anniversary logo is in the bottom left. At the bottom, it says 'Registered charity no. 1057498'.

A poster for Christian Aid Week. It features a woman holding a young child in front of a laundry line. The text reads: 'Share joy', 'Grow hope', 'Fight hunger'. Below this, it says: 'Join the fun this Christian Aid Week, 10-16 May, and put **hope into action.**' A red-bordered box contains the text: 'Could you deliver **Christian Aid** envelopes in your area?', 'Could you bake a cake for a **Christian Aid Refreshment Day** on Saturday 23rd May at St Peter's or come and help on the day?', 'Please contact Judith Simpson (01423 564842). Thank you for your support.' At the bottom, there is a 'christian aid' logo, the text 'Together we can support someone like Fridah to grow food, protect their children from hunger and nurture hope.', the hashtag '#7DaysToMakeADifference', and the 'FR' logo for the Fundraising Regulator. Small text at the bottom right provides details about Christian Aid's status as a registered charity.

Refreshments
are served after
each of our

Sunday morning
services from the kitchen area at the
front of Church. Please come and
join us.



Banns of Marriage



*The banns of marriage are published
between **Christine Helen Holbrook**
and **Robert Ian Taylor**.*

*This is for the third time of asking.
If any of you know any reason in law
why they may not marry each other
you are to declare it.*

The Next Deadline

The deadline for the next edition of
the Weekly News (3rd May) will be
noon on Wednesday 29th April.
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.

Key Contacts

Vicar:

The Revd Canon Alan Garrow,
St Peter's Vicarage,
13 Beech Grove,
Harrogate,
HG2 0ET.

tel: 07761 017 658

alan.garrow@gmail.com

Curates

The Revd Karin Shaw
karinmshaw@googlemail.com

The Revd Steve Gibbin

steve.gibbin@leeds.anglican.org

Lay Pastoral Minister:

Jan Edwards

stpastoralcareteam@gmail.com

Parish Administrator:

Carole Raw,

tel: 07425 161 425

stpeterschurchhgtoffice@gmail.com

Churchwardens:

Mike Davies

tel: 07740 173 951

mikej.mjd@gmail.com

Siân Lockwood OBE

tel: 07889 616 755

sian.lockwood54@gmail.com

Parish Safeguarding Officer:

Wendy Lewis

tel: 07564 806 738

wendylewis943@btinternet.com

The Weekly News Editor:

Marian Chambers

marian.chambers41@gmail.com