



Weekly News

27th April 2025

The Second Sunday of Easter

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Could you serve on the Parochial Church Council?

Our Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) takes place on **20th May at 7:00pm in St Peter's Church**. One thing we do at that meeting is elect new members of the Parochial Church Council (PCC). The PCC is the key decision-making body in the life of the Church. It consists of Clergy, Churchwardens and others elected by the APCM. It is responsible for sharing the leadership, management and administration of a parish with the Vicar. To find out more about what it means to be a member of the PCC, and to see minutes of our previous meetings, visit the [Parochial Church Council \(PCC\)](http://www.stpetersharrogate.org.uk/parochial-church-council) page of our church website.

To stand for election to the PCC you need to be an actual communicant, aged 16 or over, and not disqualified (e.g. by conviction of certain offences, disqualification as a company director or entry on a 'barred list') and must be on the church electoral roll (and, unless under 18, have been on the roll for at least six months). We will have space for six new elected council members. If you would



like to find out more, then do talk with one of the Clergy, Churchwardens or existing members of the PCC. The necessary paperwork will be available on the Welcome Desk and the church website in the fortnight prior to the APCM.

A healthy PCC is vital to the stability and vigour of the local church. If you have relevant experience, or you are involved in an aspect of Church life that is currently under-represented, please do consider standing.

Leigh Thompson, *PCC Secretary*,
Alan Garrow, *Vicar of St Peter's Church*



St Peter's Afternoon Fellowship

St Peter's Afternoon Fellowship now meets on the first Tuesday of the month from 2:00 – 4:00 pm at Church. There is usually a speaker, or sometimes an entertainer, and always a delicious afternoon tea. The next meeting is on Tuesday 6th May. Please call Leigh Thompson 01423 884 899 or 07824 747 912 if you would like to come.

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 8th May at 11:30 am after the Holy Communion service. They will be serving hot drinks, homemade soups, fresh sandwiches, scones and delicious cakes!



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 30th April.



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Good Friday at St Peter's Church 2025



Starting with the top picture - **St Peter's Good Friday Prayer Walk** gathering in the Glass Foyer for their walk to Pannal. Above left the **Netmakers Good Friday Service** was held outside St Peter's at the Cenotaph. Above right the **Good Friday Family Service** with Easter craft activities and hot cross buns! Finally, below are members of our Music Group who sang during the Family Service.



Today's Services: 27th April 2025

The Second Sunday of Easter

The First Sunday after Easter (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 Today is the day we've been given; **865** Jesus Christ (Once again); **1120** Will you come and follow Me?; **897** Lord, I lift Your name on high

Readings Acts 5 v 27 - 32
John 20 v 19 to end

Preacher: Sarah Martin

Our Duty Wardens today are:

Siân Lockwood
and Ian Birt

11:00 Choral Matins

Setting Stanford in C (Jubilate)

Hymns 155, 150, 154 (*omit *verse*)

Psalm 136

Readings Exodus 14 v 10 to end and 15 v 20 - 21
John 20 v 19 to end

Anthem This joyful Eastertide (*Wood*)

Preacher: Sarah Martin

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

Preacher: Chris Clayton

6:30 Choral Evensong

Setting Ireland in F

Hymns 141 (*omit *verse*), 159, 149

Psalm 16

Readings Isaiah 52 v 13 – 53 v 12
Luke 24 v 13 - 35

Anthem If we believe that Jesus died (*Goss*)

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 before or 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, Graham Cornish, Jane Crabtree, Tony Edwards, Louise Emrullahu, June Hemmings, Trevor Hughes, Kim Okell, Sheila Pantin, Lynda Pilmoor, Celia Preston, Richard Sadler and Michelle Simon.

RIP: His Holiness, Pope Francis

Also in our prayers this week:

Mon	Support and teaching staff in our schools The Toddler Group at St Peter's
Tues	Those feeling lost, lonely and isolated The Sit-n-Knit group
Wed	Local hospitality and leisure businesses The Artizan Café
Thurs	All the paid and voluntary staff at Harrogate Hospital Hospital Chaplaincy Teams
Fri	Tom Gordon, MP for Harrogate and Knaresborough His Majesty's Official Opposition
Sat	Steve Gibbin, our Curate St Peter's Music Group

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	<i>George , Martyr, patron saint of England (transferred from 23rd April)</i> Psalm 5 Joshua 1 v 1 - 9 Ephesians 6 v 10 - 20
Tues	MARK THE EVANGELIST <i>(transferred from 25th April)</i> Psalm 37 v 23 to end Isaiah 62 v 6 - 10 Acts 12 v 25 – 13 v 13
Wed	Psalm 30 Deuteronomy 3 v 18 to end John 20 v 19 to end
Thurs	PHILIP AND JAMES, Apostles Psalm 139 Proverbs 4 v 10 - 18 James 1 v 1 - 12
Fri	Psalm 61 Deuteronomy 4 v 15 - 31 John 21 v 15 - 19
Sat	Psalm 84 Deuteronomy 4 v 32 - 40 John 21 v 20 to end

The Collect for the Second Sunday of Easter (Common Worship)

Risen Christ, for whom no door is locked, no entrance barred:
open the doors of our hearts, that we may seek the good of others and walk the joyful road of sacrifice and peace, to the praise of God the Father.

The Collect for the First Sunday after Easter (Book of Common Prayer)

Almighty Father, who hast given thine only Son to die for our sins, and to rise again for our justification: Grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness, that we may alway serve thee in pureness of living and truth; through the merits of the same thy Son 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 28th

New Electoral Roll published

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

Tues 29th

Wed 30th

10:30 – 11:00 am Café RefleXions

7:00 – 9:00 pm *Harrogate Bipolar UK Group* meet in the Music Room

7:30 pm Harrogate Harmony Men's Chorus

Thurs 1st

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

7:30 pm St Peter's Evening Fellowship meets in the Brostoff Hall

Fri 2nd

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 3rd

Sun 4th

The Third 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 4th May 2025

The Third 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.

Aurelia's story: holding hope in her hands

This year's *Christian Aid Week* (11th -17th May) is focusing on *Christian Aid's* work in Guatemala, Central America. Guatemala is among the ten countries in the world rated most vulnerable to disasters and climate emergencies.

An inspirational farmer and community leader, Aurelia and her family belong to the indigenous Q'eqchi' community of the Alta Verapaz region in central Guatemala. The climate crisis and industrial plantations have changed their land dramatically. Gruelling heatwaves, savage storms and unpredictable seasons are ravaging their farms. Industrial agriculture is taking over the last of the region's natural resources to feed the world's richest countries. Many of the vital crops that Aurelia depends on were withering and dying before her eyes.

With funding from *Christian Aid*, Congcoop supports communities to return to indigenous farming practices and adopt agroecological approaches that conserve their land, culture and livelihood. Agroecology, put simply, is farming in a sustainable way that works with, not against, nature. It's the application of ecological principles in farming – a blend of ancient and modern wisdom.



Aurelia has enriched the soil with organic fertiliser. *Image: A Sheppey/Christian Aid*

By working with Congcoop, Aurelia's gained the skills and knowledge to cultivate native seeds that are better suited to the changing climate. She's producing her own organic fertiliser, creating nurseries, constructing rainwater collection systems, and making nutritious food and medicine for her chickens. Now she can grow cacao, sugarcane, cinnamon, corn and pineapples. Aurelia's resolute hope has also inspired her to develop and lead other activities in her community, including producing chocolate, establishing a farmers' market, and fighting for women's rights.

Your support is urgently needed to ensure *Christian Aid* can be there for indigenous families who are bearing the full force of the climate crisis.

To find out more about projects like this, visit **caid.org.uk**.

To get involved with *Christian Aid Week*, visit **caweek.org**.

St Peter's Evening Fellowship

Richard Morris's book *Yorkshire* was BBC R4's Book of the Week when it appeared in 2018. At our Evening Fellowship meeting on Thursday 1st May at 7:30pm in the Brostoff Hall, Richard (an archaeologist and member of St Peter's Choir) will give a talk 'Writing *Yorkshire*' in which he tells how the book took shape, shares discoveries during its writing, and reflects on things he would include if he was writing it now. Further details from Richard Bion (07966 073 867 or richardbion9@gmail.com).

Refreshments
are served after
each of our
Sunday morning
services from



the kitchen area at the front of
Church. Please come and join us.

A Prayer for Pope Francis

Father in heaven, we praise your
name for all who have finished this
life loving and trusting you,
For the example of their lives,
the life and grace you gave them
and the peace in which they rest.
We praise you today for your servant
Francis and for all that you did
through him.

Meet us in our sadness and fill our
hearts with praise and thanksgiving,
for the sake of our risen Lord, Jesus
Christ. **Amen.**

Next Week's Deadline

The deadline for the next edition of
the Weekly News (4th May) will be
noon on Wednesday 30th April.
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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