



# Weekly News

## 28<sup>th</sup> September 2025

*The Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity*

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### **Absolutely the most delicious mango we've ever tasted!**

This Fairtrade Fortnight our spotlight is on Burkina Faso where Swiss fair-trade company *Gebana* is investing in people and the environment. Countries like this are often seen as high risk so don't get the investment they need, but *Gebana* has worked here for over 20 years, creating close and supportive links with farmers.

They've also built a factory where the mango is dried and cashews are processed - another way of investing in local people, rather than just shipping the raw product straight out of the country.

Worker safety is really important at the factory. Cashew workers around the world get serious burns from the corrosive liquid inside the shells, but here workers have goggles to protect their eyes and cashew oil for their hands - a natural antidote much more effective than wearing gloves.

*Gebana's* commitment to the environment starts with organic farming but it doesn't stop there. The waste from cashews powers the factory and creates an amazing by product: biochar. When mixed with composted mango skins it creates a fertiliser

that binds carbon into the soil, making it a brilliant tool for fighting climate change. In the UK *Gebana* partners with *Tropical Wholefoods* whose range of dried fruit and nuts we sell in the *Harrogate Fairtrade Shop*. We think their mango is absolutely the most delicious we've ever tasted! And the creamy cashews are just as wonderful. This Fairtrade Fortnight join us in supporting farmers and the environment ... and treat yourself at the same time!



*Fresh mangoes arrive at the Gebana factory in Burkina Faso to be dried*

Vicky Wild, *Harrogate Fairtrade Shop*

## 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. There is usually a speaker, or sometimes an entertainer, and always a delicious afternoon tea. The next meeting is on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> October. 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 9<sup>th</sup> October at 11:30 am after the Holy Communion service. They will be serving hot drinks, homemade soups, fresh sandwiches, scones and delicious cakes!

## Please come to the *Bring and Share Harvest Lunch*

Next Sunday, 5<sup>th</sup> October, is the *Bring and Share Harvest Lunch* at 1:00 pm in Church. If you are able to bring some food or drink to share at this buffet that would be great – all contributions are welcome! Speak to Catherine Medforth (07876 653 765) or Siân Lockwood (07889 616 755) if you have any questions. Please sign up today at the Welcomers' Desk after this morning services or email Carole Raw ([stpeterschurchhqtooffice@gmail.com](mailto:stpeterschurchhqtooffice@gmail.com)) before 1<sup>st</sup> October if you would like to come.

**Everyone is welcome!**





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**DON'T FORGET to bring back your filled *Harvest Gift Bag* next Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> October! Thank you!**

## **St Peter's Evening Fellowship is on 2<sup>nd</sup> October**

The next meeting of Evening Fellowship is a film night on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> October at 7:30 pm in the Brostoff Hall. We will be showing a film entitled **Conclave**, based on the best selling book by Robert Harris, which described the process of selecting a new Pope - with a twist!

Everyone is most welcome. For further information, please contact Paul Medforth ([pamedforth@gmail.com](mailto:pamedforth@gmail.com) or 07710 195 834).



## ***Mothers' Union* celebrates 'Women who inspire us'**

The next meeting of the *Mothers' Union* in Harrogate will be at St Mark's Church on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> October at 2:00 pm. There will be a quiz on 'Women who inspire us'. All welcome.

## ***Resurrection Bikes* offer free bike maintenance checks at St Peter's**



Exciting news! *Resurrection Bikes*, the local cycle charity based at Kairos Church (<https://resurrectionbikes.org.uk>), will be visiting St Peter's Church on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> November. They are offering a free bike maintenance check, and they will be showcasing some of the bikes that they have refurbished and are now FOR SALE. What a great idea for a Christmas present!

If you have a bike that needs some TLC or would like to see what they have for sale, come along (with or without your bike) for coffee, cakes and connection with *Resurrection Bikes*. Proceeds from the refreshments will go to *Resurrection Bikes* and the next *St Peter's Eco Church Group* project.

## **Accommodation needed**

Some of you may remember me, Graham Richards, former member of the Music Group and Children's & Youth Adviser for Richmond Archdeaconry. I retired back to Essex, but 6 years later, my landlord is selling up. I'm looking to move back to the Harrogate area, as my daughter, Connie, and granddaughter, River, are still local. I'm looking to rent a 2-bed property from 1<sup>st</sup> December 2025, ideally with off road parking. I don't need a garden, but a bungalow or ground floor property would be good. Rent up to a maximum £900 pcm. This would be a long-term rental, as I'm not planning on moving again!

If you have a property in Harrogate/Knaresborough, or know of one, please let me know via email: [tadeastman@gmail.com](mailto:tadeastman@gmail.com).

# Today's Services: 28<sup>th</sup> September 2025

*The Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity*

*Creationtide*

**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** May the Peace of the Lord; **40** Be still (For the presence of the Lord); Everyday God; **197** I am a new creation

**Readings** Ezekiel 47 v 1 - 12  
John 7 v 33 - 40

**Preacher:** Stewart Davies

**Our Duty Wardens today are:**

Mike Davies  
and Richard Bion

**11:00 Choral Matins**

**Setting** Smart in F (Jubilate)

**Hymns** 334, 458, 207

**Psalm** 132

**Readings** Ezekiel 47 v 1 - 12  
John 7 v 33 - 40

**Anthem** O Christ who holds the open gate (*Shaw*)

**Preacher:** Stewart Davies

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

**Reading:** 1 Timothy 6 v 6 - 19

**Preacher:** Karin Shaw

**6:30 Choral Evensong**

**Setting** Bairstow in D

**Hymns** 569, 456, 18

**Psalm** 135

**Readings** 2 Kings 6 v 8 - 17  
Matthew 18 v 1 – 6 and 10

**Anthem** O Lorde, the maker of al thing (*Joubert*)

**Preacher:** Hannah Beck

## The Stepping Stones Harvest Service

This service is next Sunday, 5<sup>th</sup> October, at 4:00 pm for a 4:15 pm start and everyone is welcome. Please bring non-perishable food stuffs – teabags, instant coffee, packets of breakfast cereal or biscuits, tins of soup, vegetables or meat; tins of fruit and rice pudding - for the Thursday mini-supermarket.

**Please pray for those who have asked for our prayers:**

Pat Anderson, Ann Campbell, Graham Cornish, Jane Crabtree, Tony Edwards, Louise Emrullahu, Tim Harrison, June Hemmings, Jean Hopper, Trevor Hughes, Joan Kelly, Kim Okell, Sheila Pantin, Celia Preston, Richard Sadler and Michelle Simon.

**Also in our prayers this week:**

<b>Mon</b>	Those who live in danger of violence, persecution and oppression <i>Amnesty International</i> , standing up for human rights
<b>Tues</b>	Victims of domestic abuse Harrogate Women's Refuge
<b>Wed</b>	Sarah Martin, Lay Reader The audio-visual team
<b>Thurs</b>	The 10 <sup>th</sup> Harrogate St Peter's Rainbows and Brownies Wendy Lewis, Safeguarding Officer
<b>Fri</b>	St Peter's PCC Our Deanery Representatives
<b>Sat</b>	Harrogate School of Theology & Mission Steve Gibbin, Curate at St Peter's Church

**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:*

<b>Mon</b>	<b><i>Michael and all Angels</i></b> Psalm 34 Daniel 12 v 1 - 4 Acts 12 v 1 - 11
<b>Tues</b>	Psalm 36 Wisdom 7 v 1 - 14 Mark 11 v 12 - 26
<b>Wed</b>	Psalm 34 Wisdom 7 v 15 – 8 v 4 Mark 11 v 27 to end
<b>Thurs</b>	Psalm 37 Wisdom 8 v 5 - 18 Mark 12 v 1 - 12
<b>Fri</b>	<i>George Bell, Bishop of Chichester, Peacemaker, 1958</i> Psalm 31 Wisdom 8 v 21 – 9 to end Mark 12 v 13 - 17
<b>Sat</b>	<i>Francis of Assisi, Founder of the Franciscan Order, 1226</i> Psalm 42 Wisdom 10 v 15 – 11 v 10 Mark 12 v 18 - 27

**The Collect for The Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity**

(Common Worship)

Lord God, defend your Church from all false teaching and give to your people knowledge of your truth, that we may enjoy eternal life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

**The Collect for The Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity** (Book of Common Prayer)

Keep, we beseech thee, O Lord, thy Church with thy perpetual mercy; and, because the frailty of man without thee cannot but fall, keep us ever by thy help from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; 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.*

*Fairtrade Fortnight runs from 22<sup>nd</sup> September to 5<sup>th</sup> October*

<b>Mon 29<sup>th</sup></b>	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 are meeting in the Undercroft 2:00 pm The U3A Singing Folk group 7:00 – 9:00 pm <i>Beauty and the Beast</i> rehearsal in Church
<b>Tues 30<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>12:00 – 12:30 pm Healing Service</b>
<b>Wed 1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>10:30 – 11:00 am Café RefleXions</b> 2:00 – 3:30 pm Art Class for Adults with Helena 7:30 pm Harrogate Harmony Men's Chorus
<b>Thurs 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	9:30 – 11:00 am The Toddler Group at St Peter's <b>9:30 am St Peter's CE Primary School's Harvest Festival</b> <b>11:00 am Holy Communion</b> 7:30 pm St Peter's Choir Practice 7:30 pm St Peter's Evening Fellowship
<b>Fri 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	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
<b>Sat 4<sup>th</sup></b>	<b><i>Creationtide ends</i></b> PCC Thinking Day in the Brostoff Hall 10:00 am – 3:30 pm <i>Papyrus</i> (charity for the prevention of young suicide) and <i>Andy's Man Club</i> are holding a Refreshment Day
<b>Sun 5<sup>th</sup></b>	<b><i>Harvest Sunday</i></b> ( <i>The Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity</i> ) 1:00 pm Harvest <i>Bring and Share Lunch</i> 5:30 – 7:00 pm <b>Sanctuary</b> , our Youth Group, are meeting in the Brostoff Hall for junk modelling 7:30 – 8:30 pm AA meeting in the Brostoff Hall

## Next Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2025

### ***Harvest Sunday***

*The Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity*

8:30	Holy Communion
9:30	Family Communion
11:00	Choral Matins
4:15	Stepping Stones Service – <i>Harvest Service</i>
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.





**CRAFT FAIR** raising much needed funds for a girls' refuge run by the Women's Development Centre near Kandy, Sri Lanka.

Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> October from 10:00 am – 2:30 pm

Moortown Baptist Church, 204 King Lane, Moortown, Leeds

Contact Lesley: [admin@moortownbaptistchurch.org.uk](mailto:admin@moortownbaptistchurch.org.uk) for a table.

## Vacancy at St Peter's Church

We have a vacancy for a Saturday afternoon General Assistant at St Peter's as our lovely student Emily is leaving Harrogate. The position is available from the end of September, hours are normally 3.00 - 5.00 pm, or by arrangement, and the salary is £12.60 per hour for over 18s. If you would like to know more about the role, please contact Carole Raw on [stpeterschurchhgtoffice@gmail.com](mailto:stpeterschurchhgtoffice@gmail.com) or 07425 161 425.

## Fairtrade Fortnight

### Taking Action for Fairer Tea

As part of Fairtrade Fortnight, we're asking the UK government to **Brew it Fair**. Like all of us, the people growing and picking our tea deserve to be able to plan for their futures, and to protect themselves from the impacts of climate change. Take action by signing our petition and asking your MP to **Brew it Fair**. To find out more visit the [Fairtrade Foundation website](https://www.fairtrade.org.uk/fairtrade-foundation-website) or follow the QR code on the poster below.

## Dates for St Peter's Christmas Tree Festival 2025 announced!

Our popular Christmas Tree Festival will be held in Church from Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> to Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2025. Entry forms will be available soon!

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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.

## 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 (5<sup>th</sup> October) will  
be noon on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> October.  
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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