



Weekly News

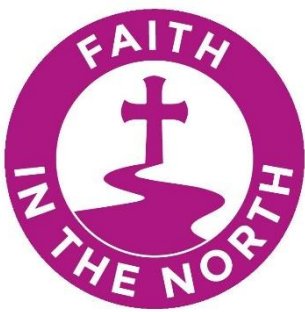
2nd August 2026

The Ninth Sunday after Trinity

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

Faith in the North: Aidan – preaching to rich and poor alike



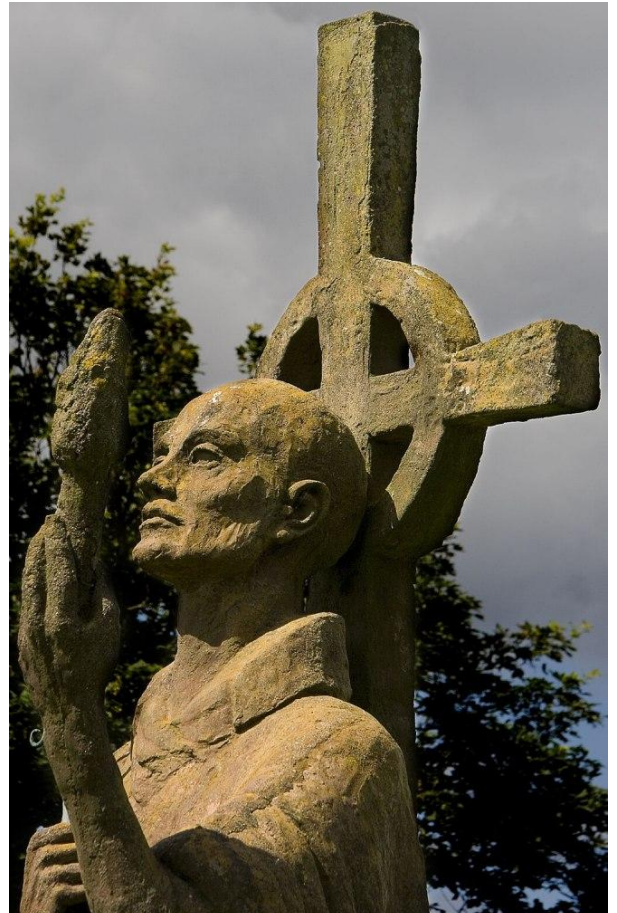
Each of us has our own story, but we are also part of bigger stories. The greatest story ever told is that of God becoming human in Jesus to offer us a transforming relationship with Him. Through the lives of the Northern Saints, we see how this amazing story took root in Anglo-Saxon England, and how they not only changed the world around them, but can still challenge, inspire, and encourage us today.

Aidan was an Irish monk from the monastery Columba had founded on the island of Iona. Also on the island were Oswald and his brothers, living in exile, nephews of King Edwin. They had been converted to Christianity and when Oswald became King of Northumbria in 633, he sent messages to Iona asking for missionary monks to come and minister to his people and Aidan, with twelve of his brothers, were sent.

Oswald gave the island of Lindisfarne, just north of Bamburgh, to Aidan and his monks. The monastery he founded there grew and became a centre of learning and training for those who would continue to spread the Christian gospel all over England: Chad, Cedd, Eata, Caelin and Cynibil were all taught by Aidan.

Aidan preached widely throughout Northumbria, travelling on foot, so that he could readily talk to everyone he met. The historian

Bede praised Aidan for his charity, humility, and simple life. After his death, Aidan's body was buried at Lindisfarne, beneath the abbey that he had helped found. His feast day is 31st August.



Statue of Aidan on Lindisfarne

A Thanksgiving Service for the life of Graham Shaw

There will be a Thanksgiving Service at 1:30 pm on Thursday 6th August at St John's Church, Bilton, HG1 3DT, followed by cakes in the Church Hall. This will follow a private cremation at Stonefall Cemetery earlier in the day. Just come as you feel comfortable - whether it is in dark clothes or rainbow sparkles or anything in between. We are just pleased to see you as you are.

Karin Shaw, Curate at St Peter's Church

Anyone wishing to donate cake for Graham's Thanksgiving, please ring or text Debs Pritchard on 07801 535 341.

Say it with Flowers

Why not mark a special occasion, such as an anniversary, a new baby or a birthday, by making a donation towards the flowers in Church? The St Peter's Flower Team will make an arrangement on the pedestal to the right of the altar, and you will also receive a mention in the Weekly News. Please speak directly to Sue Heapy for further details (07540 355 305).

Say it with flowers



Two ways to support Saint Michael's Hospice



Saint Michael's Hospice is our local hospice care charity supporting people affected by terminal illness and bereavement. Saint Michael's relies entirely on the kindness and generosity of the community. By making a donation, fundraising or volunteering, you can help them provide expert care, comfort, and dignity to people living with terminal illness, and vital support for their loved ones. Here are two ideas for fundraising that you might like to try:

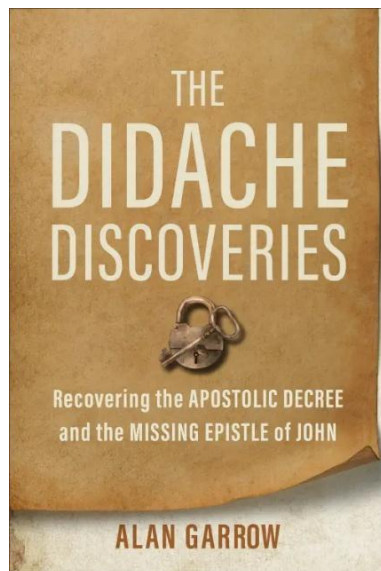
- **Host a Great Yorkshire Brew** in August - Saint Michael's are supporting local residents, groups, and workplaces to host their very own tea party. Once you register, they'll send you a free fundraising pack with everything you need to make your event a success and raise vital funds!
- **Take on The Lake District Challenge** – Join the team on 19th September to bike 10 miles through Grizedale Forest; hike 5 miles up the Old Man of Conistone; and kayak 2 miles across Conistone Water. Enjoy a great day outdoors, while supporting this amazing charity!



To find out more and sign up for one or both events go to:

<https://saintmichaelsospice.org/events/>.

Book Launch – The Didache Discoveries by Alan Garrow



We are delighted to announce that Alan Garrow has published his latest book – *The Didache Discoveries, Recovering the Apostolic Decree and the Missing Epistle of John*. Alan delivered a [fascinating lecture in November 2024](#) at Harrogate School of Theology & Mission on the subject, and his book is now available to buy at www.Eden.co.uk. Alan will be launching this book at an 'Ask Me Anything' (AMA) event on Reddit on 6th August from 8:00 – 10:00 pm. Come and ask him about his work and research on the Didache, Synoptic Problem or any of his other interests. A video of an interview will be posted 24 hrs in advance.

For further details, including the interview when it is posted, and to join this event, please use this link:

https://www.reddit.com/r/AcademicBiblical/comments/1ucevxz/ama_announcement_6th_august_alan_garrow/

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 13th August at 11:30 am after the Holy Communion service. They will be serving hot drinks, homemade soups, fresh sandwiches, scones and delicious cakes!



Harrogate U3A Photography Group

Photography Exhibition 2026

Monday 17th – Saturday 22nd August

St. Peter's Church, Cambridge Street,
Harrogate: OPEN 10am - 4pm



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Spend 15 minutes in a sunny spot and gather vital data to save butterflies and moths.

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Today's Services: 2nd August 2026

The Ninth Sunday after Trinity
The Ninth Sunday after Trinity (BCP)

8:30 Holy Communion

9:30 Family Communion

Sunday Club is closed for the Summer, 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 Today is the day we've been given; **646** All I once held dear; **865** Jesus Christ (Once again); **830** I, the Lord of sea and sky (v 1 and 3)

Reading Daniel 3 v 15 - 18
Matthew 14 v 13 - 21

Preacher: Pete Hallam

Our Duty Wardens today are:

Sarah Holmes, Helen Camm
and Richard Bion

11:00 Choral Communion

Setting Sumsion in F
Hymns 325, 460, 516, 277
Readings 1 Corinthians 1 v 26 to end
Matthew 14 v 13 - 21
Anthem Ave Maria (*Lindley*)
Preacher: Hannah Beck

6:30 Choral Evensong

Setting Plainsong
Hymns 386, 617, 22
Psalm 80
Readings 1 Kings 10 v 1 - 13
Acts 13 v 1 - 13
Anthem Let thy merciful ears (*Mudd*)
Preacher: Phyllis Sopp

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, Peternella Clarkson, Graham Cornish, Jane Crabtree, Tony Edwards, Margaret Farrar, Jenny Gardiner, Tim Harrison, Jean Hopper, Trevor Hughes, Christine Jepson, Miriam Jones, Joan Kelly, Bill and Margaret Osborne, Sheila Pantin, Sue Pearce, Celia Preston, Michelle Simon and Sally Sneddon.

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 St Peter's Welcomers Team
Wed	Local hospitality businesses The Artizan Café
Thurs	All the patients at Harrogate Hospital The Hospital Chaplaincy Team
Fri	The safety and security of all MPs, their families and staff His Majesty's Government and Official Opposition
Sat	Harrogate School of Theology & Mission Steve Gibbin, Curate

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	Psalm 44 1 Samuel 19 v 1 - 18 John 14 v 1 - 7
Tues	Psalm 48 1 Samuel 20 v 1 - 17 John 14 v 8 - 14
Wed	<i>Oswald, King of Northumbria, Martyr, 642</i> Psalm 119 v 57 - 80 1 Samuel 20 v 18 to end John 14 v 15 - 24
Thurs	THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD Psalm 27 1 Kings 19 v 1 - 16 John 14 v 25 - 31
Fri	Psalm 51 1 Samuel 22 v 6 to end John 15 v 1 - 6
Sat	<i>Dominic, Priest, Founder of the Order of Preachers, 1221</i> Psalm 68 1 Samuel 23 John 15 v 7 - 17

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

Gracious Father, revive your Church in our day, and make her holy, strong and faithful, for your glory's sake in Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

Grant to us, Lord, we beseech thee, the spirit to think and do always such things as be rightful; that we, who cannot do any thing that is good without thee, may by thee be enabled to live according to thy will; 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.

Mon 3rd	11:00 am – 1:00 pm <i>Sit-n-Knit</i> in Church 2:00 pm The U3A Singing Folk group
Tues 4th	12:00 – 12:30 pm Healing Service
Wed 5th	10:30 – 11:00 am Café Reflexions 2:00 – 3:30 pm Art Class for Adults with Helena 7:30 pm Harrogate Harmony Men's Chorus
Thurs 6th	9:30 – 11:00 am The Toddler Group at St Peter's 11:00 am Holy Communion 8:00 – 10:00 pm 'Ask Me Anything' (AMA) event on Reddit to launch Alan Garrow's new book (<i>follow the link on page 3</i>) No Choir Practice tonight
Fri 7th	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 8th	
Sun 9th	<i>The Tenth Sunday after Trinity</i> 7:30 – 8:30 pm AA meeting in the Brostoff Hall

The Table Project: making space for all

To view a video of the presentation that Alan Garrow gave at the meeting in Church on 26th July, please visit our Facebook page [St Peter's Church, Harrogate](#).

How can we best arrange the seating in St Peter's to serve our vision?

The video sets out the background to this question and the options we are considering. There is also a display board with the four main options in Church. We'd love to have your comments, questions, insights and experience as the Parochial Church Council prepares to decide at its September meeting.

Next Sunday 9th August 2026

The Tenth Sunday after Trinity

8:30	Holy Communion
9:30	Family Communion
11:00	Choral Matins
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.

Harrogate School of Theology and Mission 2026/27 Programme



We are delighted to confirm our dates and speakers for the **2026/27 Live Lecture programme:**

- 19/09/2026 – John Bell: *The imagination as a key to unlocking scripture*
- 21/11/2026 – Paul Kunert: *Jesus died to save the planet*
- 23/01/2027 – Alex Harris: *Unhindered – from Acts to today*
- 13/03/2027 – Chine McDonald: *Theological and religious thinking*

All lectures will be held at St Mark's Church, Leeds Road, Harrogate. Full details and booking information to follow.

Seminars 2026/27

We are also planning to continue our in-person seminar series. Having local speakers and theologians leading our sessions for the past few years has been excellent, and we are continuing with this:

- 24/10/2026 - *Forgiveness*, with Emma Walters
- 05/12/2026 – *Doing Discipleship with Job*, with David Allen
- 27/02/2027 – *Good religion, good politics?* with Andrew Carruthers
- 18/04/2027 – *Philosophy and Religion*, with Shaun Stevenson

The seminars will be held at Woodlands Methodist Church, Wetherby Road, Harrogate. Again, full details and booking information to follow.

Gospel of John – Starting October 2026

We are planning to run our very popular and much appreciated Gospel of John study groups again from October 2026. Find out and sign up via the link below:

[Re-reading the Gospel of John : A 6-month journey in 2026/27](#)

COSTS - the price of our tickets remains the same this year.

Lectures (including breakfast and refreshments) will cost £10 per session (students £7, under 18s free). Zoom live-stream £5 per person.

Seminars cost £8 per session (under 18s free).

Visit <https://hstm.org.uk> for further details.

Children's Summer Activity Mornings at Ripon Cathedral

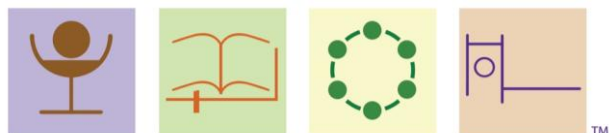
Come to Ripon Cathedral every Tuesday morning from 10:30 am –to 12:00 pm during the summer holidays for a series of creative activity sessions inspired by the theme of pilgrimage. The next session is – *The Lord is My Strength* – on 4th August, when you can craft your own shields and make 'strengthening' potions. Children must be accompanied by an adult. £4 per child, under 2s free. Book online or email Beth Wickenden bethwickenden@riponcathedral.org.uk for details.



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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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 www.parishgiving.org.uk or give them a call on 0333 002 1260. St Peter's PGS number is: **460646304**

The Next Deadline

The deadline for the next edition of the Weekly News (9th August) will be noon on Wednesday 5th August. 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.

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