



Weekly News

2nd March 2025

The Sunday next before Lent

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

The renewal of the Church Electoral Roll 2025

Every six years a new Church Electoral Roll is prepared from scratch, so everyone (even if you've been on the roll before) needs to complete a new application form.

The eligibility criteria are as follows:

1. Anyone who has worshipped at St Peter's at least once a month for the past 6 months, is baptised, and over 16 years of age.
2. Anyone who is a resident in the Parish (and over 16) whether they attend worship or not.

Application forms are available on the Welcome Desk or can be downloaded from our [website](#). They should be returned to the box on the Welcome Desk or handed to Carole Raw, Electoral Roll Officer, or returned by email where appropriate.

In accordance with the Church of England rules, all those on the existing 2024 Electoral Roll who have habitually attended worship in the past six months will be contacted by email (if available) or letter (if no email) inviting them to complete an application form. If you've not been on the Roll before, please complete an application if you fulfil the criteria above.

The closing date for receiving completed forms is **22nd April** and the new Roll will be published on 28th April 2025. No names added or amendments can take place once the Roll has been published until after the APCM on 20th May 2025.

Carole Raw – *St Peter's Electoral Roll Officer*



Your last chance to have your say!

Have you taken part in the survey about St Peter's Food Ministry? There are questionnaires on the Welcome Desk or you can download a copy from our website. To access the online version please follow [this link](#) or use this QR code. Please post your questionnaires in the post box at the Welcome Desk by this **Wednesday 5th March 2025**.



St Peter's Evening Fellowship



The next meeting will be on Thursday 6th March at which we will be holding our AGM followed by a talk entitled '*Montenegro- The Black Mountain Country*' by Sue and Bryn Heapy following their recent visit to the country. You are most welcome to join us, current member or not. For further details contact the Secretary, Richard Bion (07966 073 867 or richardbion9@gmail.com).

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

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. The speaker on Tuesday 4th March is Samantha Clayton and she'll be talking about her experience of training to become a priest in the Church of England. Please call Leigh Thompson 01423 884 899 or 07824 747 912 if you would like to come.



Harrogate School of Theology & Mission

Professor Nicola Slee, Director of Research at the Queen's Foundation, Birmingham and Professor of Feminist Practical Research at the Vrije Universiteit, Amsterdam, speaks on 'Abba Amma: Improvisations on the Lord's Prayer'

The Lord's Prayer unites Christians of all traditions. It is the first and perhaps only prayer that people learn by heart. However, its patriarchal and kingdom imagery do not resonate universally today. How do we pray the prayer Jesus taught us in ways which are authentic and life-giving?

This live lecture is at St Mark's Church on Saturday 22nd March, starting with breakfast served from 9:30 am, then the lecture from 10:00 am – 12:00 pm. Tickets cost £8 per session (students £5 and under 18s free) including breakfast and refreshments. For full details and to book tickets visit <https://hstm.org.uk/>.

The Imposition of the Ashes

On Ash Wednesday, Roman Catholic, Anglican and some other churches hold special services at which worshippers are marked on the forehead with a cross of ashes. This service draws on the ancient Biblical traditions of covering one's head with ashes, wearing sackcloth and fasting as signs of repentance. As the minister makes the sign of the cross on each person's forehead these words are said:



Remember you are dust and unto dust you shall return.

Turn away from sin and be faithful to Christ

Please come to the Communion Service with the Imposition of the Ashes at 11:00 am on Ash Wednesday here at St Peter's as the season of Lent begins.



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St Peter's Players need a Stage Manager

St Peter's Players, our drama group, are looking for new members to join them on and off stage for their production this November. Perhaps you could be their Stage Manager working side by side with the Director and artistic team to ensure that rehearsals and performances run smoothly? Please email the Director, John Hain (jmhain@gmail.com), if you are interested in joining them.

Women Winning.

 FRIDAY, 7TH MARCH

 2:30PM

 ST PETER'S CHURCH
CAMBRIDGE ROAD,
HARROGATE

101 year-old WWII veteran, Sheila Pantin, will be sharing her inspirational life story - from her childhood as the daughter of a local businessman, to being one of the first British service women to enter a German concentration camp. She is pin-sharp and a brilliant raconteur. Even if you have heard this talk, she still has more to tell in this rich and sprawling memoir.

THIS TALK WILL LAUNCH "WOMEN WINNING", A 12-MONTH PROJECT FOR INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY 2025, THE AIM BEING TO BRING INSPIRATIONAL WOMEN FROM ALL WALKS OF LIFE INTO THE SPOTLIGHT.

FREE, NO BOOKING REQUIRED

PIE AND PEA SUPPER

Date:

Saturday 8th
March 2025

6.30 for
7.00pm

Place:

St Peter's
Church
Cambridge
Road
Harrogate
HG1 1PB



*You are warmly invited to join in a meal with us to raise funds for the work of **Christian Aid***

Shepherd's Pie and Peas (catering for all requirements)
followed by Trifle

Tickets **£7.50** (limited availability) can be purchased after the Sunday services from Judith Simpson at the Welcomers' Desk, or tel. 01423 564842, email: judianesimpson@btinternet.com
Also available by arrangement from Carole in the office (cheque or cash please) tel 07425 161425.

Entertainment from Duncan and Fran Goodwin



Today's Services: 2nd March 2025

The Sunday next before Lent

Quinquagesima (BCP)

8:30 Holy Communion

9:30 Family Communion

*As it is the first Sunday of the month, 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 10 All heaven declares; 40 Be still (For the presence of the Lord);
164 He is exalted; Light of the world

Reading Luke 9 v 28 - 36

Preacher: Steve Gibbin

Our Duty Wardens today are:

Mike Davies and

Carrie Longstaff

11:00 Choral Communion

Setting Leighton in D

Hymns 248, 271, 278, 427

Readings 2 Corinthians 3 v 12 – 4 v 2
Luke 8 v 22 - 43a

Anthem Lord for thy tender mercies's sake (*Farrant*)

Preacher: Hannah Beck

4:15 pm Stepping Stones Service *Celtic Worship*

Preacher: Sarah Martin

6:30 Choral Evensong by candlelight

Setting Alcock in B flat

Hymns 268, 489, 250 (*omit verses 5 and 6*)

Psalm 89 v 1 - 19

Readings Exodus 3 v 1 - 6
John 12 v 27 - 36a

Anthem O where shall wisdom be found? (*Boyce*)

Preacher: John Longstaff



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, Graham Cornish, Jane Crabtree, Nicole Crane, Tony Edwards, Louise Emrullahu, June Hemmings, Trevor Hughes, Kim Okell, Sheila Pantin, Lynda Pilmoor, Matthew Pindell, Celia Preston, Richard Sadler, Michelle Simon and Suzanne Simon.

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 retail businesses
The Fairtrade Shop at St Peter's
- Thurs** All the patients at Harrogate Hospital
Hospital Chaplaincy Teams
- Fri** The safety and security of all MPs, their families and staff
The Prime Minister, Keir Starmer
- Sat** *International Women's Day* being celebrated today
All those working to quicken the pace of progress for women's rights and empowerment

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** Psalm 80
Jeremiah 1
John 3 v 1 - 21
- Tues** Psalm 89 v 1 - 18
Jeremiah 2 v 1 - 13
John 3 v 22 to end
- Wed** *Ash Wednesday*
Psalm 38
Daniel 9 v 3 – 6, 17 - 19
1 Timothy 6 v 6 - 19
- Thurs** Psalm 92
Jeremiah 2 v 14 - 32
John 4 v 1 - 26
- Fri** *Perpetua, Felicity and their companions, Martyrs at Carthage, 203*
Psalm 3
Jeremiah 3 v 6 - 22
John 4 v 27 - 42
- Sat** *Edward King, Bishop of Lincoln, 1910*
Psalm 71
Jeremiah 4 v 1 - 18
John 4 v 43 to end

The Collect for The Sunday next before Lent (Common Worship)

Holy God, you know the disorder of our sinful lives: set straight our crooked hearts, and bend our wills to love your goodness and your glory in Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Collect for The Sunday called

Quinquagesima (Book of Common Prayer)
O Lord, who hast taught us that all our doings without charity are nothing worth: Send thy Holy Ghost, and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of charity, the very bond of peace and of all virtues, without which whosoever liveth is counted dead before thee. Grant this for thine only Son Jesus Christ's sake.

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 3rd** 11:00 am – 1:00 pm *Sit-n-Knit* in Church
1:30 – 3:00 pm *The Thinking about God* group
2:00 pm The U3A Singing Folk group
- Tues 4th** ***Shrove Tuesday*** (Pancake Day)
12:00 – 12:30 pm Healing Service
2:00 – 4:00 pm St Peter's Afternoon Fellowship
6:00 – 7:30 pm The Pancake Party – flipping marvellous pancakes from Bill Carter and Chris Clayton
- Wed 5th** ***Ash Wednesday***
10:30 – 11:00 am Café Reflexions
11:00 am Holy Communion with the Imposition of the Ashes
7:15 – 8:45 pm *Being With* online course. Week Six: *Mission*
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
7:30 pm St Peter's Evening Fellowship AGM
7:30 pm St Peter's Choir Practice
- Fri 7th** 9:30 am AA meeting in the Music Room
10:00 am – 12:00 pm St Peter's Cleaning Team
2:30 pm 'A conversation with Sheila Pantin'
7:00 – 8:15 pm Bellringing Practice at St Peter's
- Sat 8th** ***International Women's Day***
10:00 am - 2:00 pm *Ripon Operatic Society* Refreshment Day
6:30 pm *A Pie and Pea Supper* to raise funds for *Christian Aid*
- Sun 9th** ***The First Sunday of Lent***
5:30 – 7:00 pm Sanctuary, our youth group, are having a Karate lesson in the Brostoff Hall – KI-AI!
7:15 – 8:45 pm *Being With* online course. Week Seven: *Cross*
7:30 – 8:30 pm AA meeting in the Brostoff Hall

Next Sunday 9th March 2025

The First Sunday of Lent

- 8:30 Holy Communion
9:30 Family Communion
11:00 Choral Matins
4:15 Stepping Stones Service
– *Holy Communion*
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 4:30 – 4:50 pm – an opportunity to stock up on tinned, preserved and dried food and toiletries.

There is to be a PANCAKE PARTY on Tuesday 4th March from 6:00 – 7:00 pm, with games, fun and - pancakes. Open to everyone, donations welcome!

The Mothers' Union are holding their AGM on 4th March

The next meeting of the Mothers' Union in Harrogate will be on Tuesday 4th March at 2:00 pm at St Mark's Church on the Leeds Road. There will be a Communion Service followed by the AGM and then refreshments. All welcome.

Join us to become part of the great wave of prayer

World Day of Prayer: Friday 7th March 2:00 pm at the Wesley Centre



The service this year shares the stories of three generations of Christian women from the Cook Islands. They tell of their struggles during COVID-19, of devaluation of their culture and of the improvements in obstetric health care. Based on the words of Psalm 139 – *I made you wonderful* – this worship service invites us to recognise that God created each one of us

with great attention and loving care. By engaging in the annual service, you become part of a huge wave of prayer which encircles the Earth from Western Samoa at dawn to American Samoa at dusk on Friday 7th March.

Approaching Lent...Quinquagesima

Having put ourselves into the hand of God, knowing that we will be defended and strengthened, we can live out our lives relying on the love of God to encourage us in our love for him and for one another. This essential virtue of love, or charity in the language of the seventeenth century, is the focus of the collect for Quinquagesima:

O Lord, who hast taught us that all our doings without charity are nothing worth: Send thy Holy Ghost, and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of charity, the very bond of peace and of all virtues, without which whosoever liveth is counted dead before thee. Grant this for thine only Son Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

So, we come to the final days before Lent. On Shrove Tuesday we make sure that we are shaven (forgiven) for our sins, and on Ash Wednesday we remember that we are dust and that we must turn away from sin and towards Christ. Whatever we do during our time of penitence and renewal during Lent, we are reminded that there is no worth in any of our endeavours unless they are underpinned by love.

Need help with your energy bills?

If you are on benefits, in temporary accommodation, elderly with energy concerns,

or in ill health with energy concerns, then you could be eligible for support. Warm & Well in North Yorkshire offer help with energy debt, switching suppliers, energy efficiency and emergency money for fuel top-ups. Call the Helpline on 01609 767 555 (Monday to Friday 9:00 am to 4:30 pm) or make an online referral at www.cany.org.uk/warmandwell/referrals.

Warm & Well

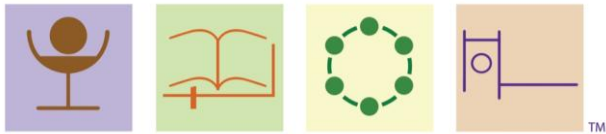
in North Yorkshire

Refreshments are served after each of our Sunday morning services from



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

Join the Parish Giving Scheme



PARISHGIVINGSCHEME

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**

Next Week's Deadline

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