



Weekly News

4th October 2026

HARVEST SUNDAY

www.stpetersharrogate.org.uk

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

Celebrating our Anniversary and the Harvest



Harvest of hope

In South Sudan, as floods destroy harvests, farmer Anok is pushing back to provide for her family. With Christian Aid's support, her community built a dyke and she learned new ways to grow food. She says: 'This dyke has shown resilience and hope for the future.'

Share your hope and your harvest with people living in poverty.

Scan to donate or visit caid.org.uk/HarvestOfHope to get involved.

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Anok, outside her home in South Sudan.

Two different celebrations come together this weekend. The full peal attempt on Saturday 3rd October marks the centenary of the tower and the 150th anniversary of the Church.

On Sunday 4th at the 9:30 am Harvest Family Communion service we welcome members of our Girlguiding groups. At this parade service, and throughout the day, we will be making a Church collection for the *Christian Aid Harvest Appeal* (*please put your filled envelope on the collection plate today or bring it back to Church next Sunday*).

"Two celebrations come together"

Tickets are also on sale today for the 150th Anniversary Quiz Night at 6:00 pm on Friday 9th October – come as a family, or a team of eight, or ready to join a team on the night.

At the same time, our other activities continue as usual. If you'd like to know more about what goes on at St Peter's, then do fill in a Welcome Card (on the ends of the pews) and I'll be glad to help you find where you might make a fuller connection with this multi-faceted Christian community.

St Peter's 150th Anniversary

QUIZ NIGHT



Enjoy Italian-inspired food
Have fun, test your knowledge
Prize for the winning team

**Friday 9th, October
6:00pm**

Tickets £10 (under 16s free)

Available from:
Sian Lockwood, Carole Raw,
Catherine Medforth, Heather Swarbrick

Alan Garrow, Vicar of St Peter's Church

The Mothers' Union in Harrogate will meet on 6th October at St Mark's Church at 2:00pm. There will be no speaker, but you are asked to bring a favourite Bible reading, prayer, hymn or poem to share. All welcome. Refreshments provided.

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).

The Market Day Café is on Thursday

The *Market Day Café* is on the second Thursday of each month. The next one is this week on Thursday 8th October at 11:30 am after the Holy Communion service. They will be serving hot drinks, homemade soups, fresh sandwiches, scones and delicious cakes!



Harrogate School of Theology & Mission

Forgiveness – a seminar led by the Revd Emma Walters, who is studying forgiveness as a part of her MA in Theology.

This is on Saturday 24th October at Woodlands Methodist Church on Wetherby Road, starting with breakfast at 9:30 am, followed by the seminar and time for discussion. Tickets cost £8, under 18s are free. Booking in advance via *Eventbrite*, visit hstm.org.uk/events for further details.

The bells ring out for God

Today we are celebrating a hundred years since the tower was dedicated, and sixty-three years since our present ring of bells were hung.

Harvest is an appropriate time, as each time the bells ring, they remind everyone of the presence of a living church worshipping a living God. People's thoughts and minds are turned God-wards, and regularly, as they go out of Church, newcomers and visitors say, "We came because we heard the bells ringing."

So, what goes on up the bell tower, three times every Sunday, and at Friday practices? Usually, the number of bells you can hear ringing is the same as the number of ringers in the tower, sometimes we have extra, and we do different methods (or patterns of bells) with different ringers with different levels of skills.

The most important aspect of ringing is the fact that we all depend on each other. Each ringer is only as good as the team, as we join together to ring. This dependency means that we support each other in other aspects too – we have had blind ringers, disabled ringers, very old ringers, and very young ringers, some who have only just come to this country, some on short term contracts, but we all 'pull together'.

By working together for God, we are given the opportunity to bring out the best in each one of us, to welcome visiting ringers to the town, to celebrate with wedding couples, to mourn with those who are grieving. The bells ring out for God.

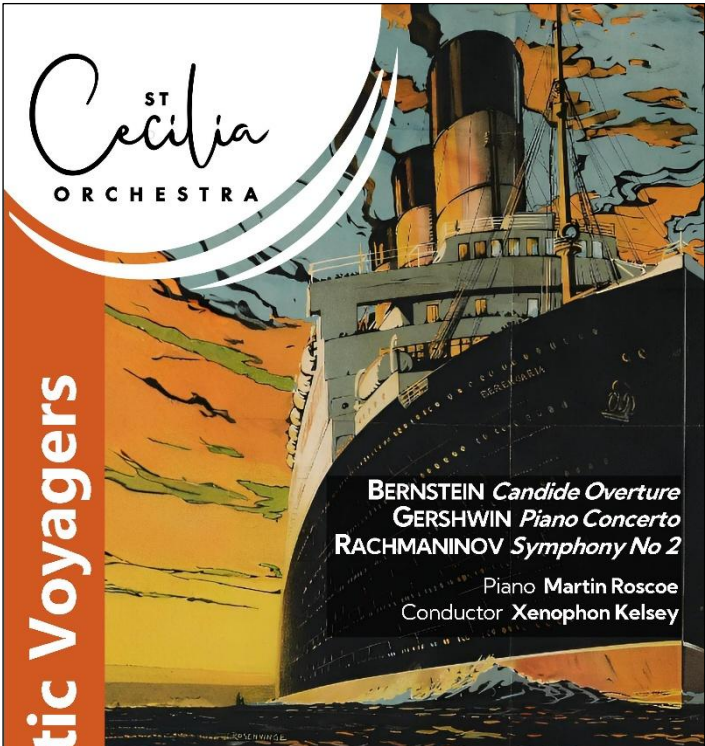
Hannah Beck, *Bellringer and Lay Reader at St Peter's Church*

How to enter *St Peter's Favourite Tree Photographic Competition*

1. There are two age categories: under 12s and over 12s.
2. You can submit one photograph with a maximum 20 word description of why it is your favourite tree. Your photo can be monochrome or colour.
3. Entries will be displayed anonymously in the Glass Foyer with voting slips for people to vote for their favourite photograph.
4. The winning photograph in each category will receive a book token AND will be framed and displayed.
5. Winners will be announced on 28th November at St Peter's Christmas Market.
6. Your entry must arrive before 6:00 pm on Thursday 5th November 2026.
7. Entries can be submitted with your description either digitally to stpeterschurchhqtooffice@gmail.com, or as a 4 x 6" or 7 x 5" print to the Parish Office in an envelope labelled, MY FAVOURITE TREE COMPETITION. Don't forget to include your name, contact details (and age if you are under 12).

St Mary's Chapel at St Peter's – a haven for peace and prayer

Please take the time to spend a moment in St Mary's Chapel, our own 'space within a place'. Volunteers Helen Harrison and Pauline Harrison have created an environment for peaceful prayer and reflection with beautiful, illustrated prayer cards reflecting a theme. Currently, this is the 2026 Creationtide theme - **Living Water**. The cards are available at the Chapel entrance and use the words of Ezekiel to stimulate our reflections on the precious nature of water. *'Wherever the water goes it brings health and life teems wherever the river flows.'* (Ezekiel 47 v 1 - 9, 12).



ST Cecilia ORCHESTRA

Bernstein *Candide Overture*
Gershwin *Piano Concerto*
Rachmaninov *Symphony No 2*

Piano **Martin Roscoe**
Conductor **Xenophon Kelsey**

Sat 17 October - 7.30 pm
RIPON CATHEDRAL
www.st-cecilia.org.uk

Tickets: £20/£28/£35 for Adults; FREE for Under 18s
Reserved seating tickets online only. Unreserved seating tickets also from the Little Ripon Bookshop, Harrogate Theatre, on the door, or by phone: 01423 531062.



WHAT'S ON YOUR MIND?

Icons: PURPOSE, 2AM THOUGHTS, DEEP CHATS ONLY, LIFE, FAITH, BRAIN DUMP, LOWKEY COMING FOR THE SNACKS, OPEN FILE, TRY ALPHA YOUTH, OK.

All young people in Year 10-13 are welcome

5th Oct at 7:15pm - 8:45pm Harlow Hill Methodist Church
8th Oct at 7:15pm - 8:45pm St Andrew's Church

YOUTH

Today's Services: 4th October 2026

*Creationtide
Harvest Sunday*

The Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity (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 **585** We plough the fields and scatter; Harvest Hymn (*Give thanks for the harvest*); **14** All things bright and beautiful; Harvest Samba (*Cabbages and greens, Broccoli and beans,*)

Reading John 15 v 16 - 17

Preacher: Steve Gibbin

Our Duty Wardens today are:

Mike Davies and
Richard Bion

11:00 Choral Communion

Setting Ireland in C

Hymns 272, 271, 274, 444

Readings 2 Corinthians 9 v 6 to end
John 15 v 16 - 17

Anthem O taste and see (*Vaughan Williams*)

Preacher: Hannah Beck

4:15 pm Stepping Stones Service Celtic Worship
(arrivals and refreshments 3:45 pm)

Preacher: Sarah Martin

6:30 Choral Evensong

Setting Smart in Bflat

Hymns 275, 410, 251

Psalm 136

Readings Jeremiah 7 v 1 - 11
1 Corinthians 3 v 9 - 17

Anthem O how glorious (*Harwood*)

Preacher: Phyl 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, Graham Cornish, Jane Crabtree, Margaret Farrar, Jenny Gardiner, Jean Hopper, Trevor Hughes, Christine Jepson, Miriam Jones, Joan Kelly, Bill and Margaret Osborne, Sheila Pantin, Sue Pearce, 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	The Conservative Party Conference in Birmingham The Artizan Shop in Oxford Street
Thurs	All the staff at Harrogate Hospital The Hospital Chaplaincy Team
Fri	Tom Gordon, MP for Harrogate and Knaresborough The Prime Minister, Andy Burnham
Sat	All who are sick in body, mind or spirit Addiction Support Agencies

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.

These are the Bible readings we will be using this week:

Mon	Psalms 80 2 Kings 5 Acts 24 v 1 - 23
Tues	<i>William Tyndale, Translator of Scriptures, Reformation Martyr, 1536</i> Psalms 89 v 1 - 18 2 Kings 6 v 1 - 23 Acts 26 v 24 to end
Wed	Psalms 119 v 105 - 128 2 Kings 9 v 1 - 16 Acts 27 v 1 - 26
Thurs	Psalms 92 2 Kings 9 v 17 to end Acts 27 v 27 to end
Fri	<i>Denys, Bishop of Paris, and his Companions, Martyrs c 250</i> Psalms 88 2 Kings 12 v 1 - 19 Acts 28 v 1 - 16
Sat	<i>Paulinus, Bishop of York, Missionary, 644</i> Psalms 97 2 Kings 17 v 1 - 23 Acts 28 v 17 to end

The Collect for *Harvest Thanksgiving* (CW)

Creator God, you made the goodness of the land, the riches of the sea and the rhythm of the seasons; as we thank you for the harvest, may we cherish and respect this planet and its peoples, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Collect for *Harvest Thanksgiving* (BCP)

Eternal God, you crown the year with your goodness and you give us the fruits of the earth in their season:
grant that we may use them to your glory, for the relief of those in need and for our own well-being;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

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 5th** 11:00 am – 1:00 pm *Sit-n-Knit* in Church
2:00 pm The U3A Singing Folk group
7:00 – 9:00 pm Rehearsal for *Jesus Christ, Superstar*
- Tues 6th** **12:00 – 12:30 pm Healing Service**
7:00 – 9:00 pm Rehearsal for *Jesus Christ, Superstar*
- Wed 7th** **10:30 – 11:00 am Café RefleXions**
2:00 – 3:30 pm Art Class for Adults with Helena
4:15 – 5:15 pm Art Class for Children 5+ with Helena
7:30 pm Harrogate Harmony Men's Chorus
- Thurs 8th** 9:30 – 11:00 am The Toddler Group at St Peter's
11:00 am Holy Communion
11:30 am – 1:30 pm The Market Day Café
7:30 pm St Peter's Choir Practice
- Fri 9th** 9:30 am AA meeting in the Music Room
10:00 am – 12:00 pm St Peter's Cleaning Team
6:00 pm St Peter's 150th Anniversary Quiz Night
7:00 – 8:15 pm Bellringing Practice at St Peter's
- Sat 10th** 10:00 am – 3:30 pm Local chamber choir, *Vocalis*, are holding a Refreshment Day in Church
- Sun 11th** ***The Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity***
Sanctuary, our Youth Group, are going on a Sponsored Walk this afternoon
2:30 pm Baptism in Church
7:30 – 8:30 pm AA meeting in the Brostoff Hall

Next Sunday 11th October 2026

The Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity

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



Today is International Chorister Day 2026

The Royal School of Church Music (RSCM) hold an *International Chorister Day* to celebrate the amazing opportunities that being a chorister provides, at all levels from our great cathedrals to small parish churches. Becoming a chorister means gaining singing skills and a musical education and inspires a love of choral music. But there are other skills you gain that are valuable and transfer to a range of other contexts: **self-discipline,**

commitment, teamwork, organisational skills. Please pray for the choristers in our own Choir here at St Peter's. This prayer comes from the RSCM:

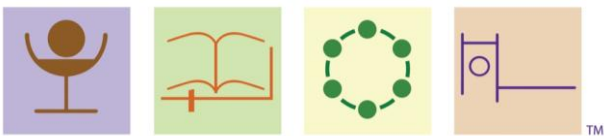
Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ taught us to sing hymns and psalms to the glory of your name: bless all those who fill your Church with the gifts of music and song; nourish them on their journey of faith, and sustain them as they lift our prayers to heaven; may their voices always be ready to sing your glory and their hearts be ever tuned for praise; both now and evermore. Amen.

Baby Loss Awareness Week starts this Friday 9th October

Baby Loss Awareness Week runs from 9th - 15th October every year and is an opportunity for those affected by pregnancy and baby loss and their families and friends to unite with others across the world to commemorate their babies' lives and lost pregnancies. An initiative started by a group of parents in 2002; it has now evolved into an alliance of over 140 dedicated pregnancy and baby loss organisations. *Baby Loss Awareness Week* will draw to a close at 7: 00 pm on 15th October when candles for all our babies gone too soon are left burning for one hour during the global *Wave of Light*, with many joining together online, creating a trending moment of connection and collective remembrance across the UK.

Find out ways you can get involved at <https://babyloss-awareness.org>.

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**

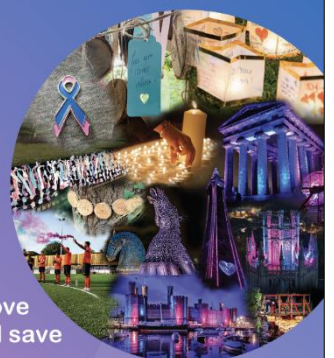
#BLAW

 **Baby Loss Awareness Week**
9-15 October

We are supporting Baby Loss Awareness Week

Together, we:

-  Remember our babies
-  Raise awareness of the support available
-  Drive change to improve care and support, and save more babies' lives



Refreshments
are served after
each of our
Sunday morning



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



*The banns of marriage are published
between **Georgina Elizabeth
Snowden** and **Angus William McRae**
both of this Parish. This is for the
first 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 (11th October) will
be noon on Wednesday 7th 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 at the end of
the pews and hand it to one of the
Clergy.

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