



Weekly News

5th May 2024

The Sixth Sunday of Easter

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

Could you serve on the Parochial Church Council?

Our Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) takes place on Tuesday 21st May at 7:00 pm at 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 page of the 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 6 months). In addition, you will need to undertake around 3 to 4 hours of compulsory safeguarding training and a DBS check.

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 nomination forms will be available from next Sunday at the Welcome Desk and can also be downloaded from the [PCC page of the Church website](#) from then. 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.

Rachel Fell, *Secretary of the PCC*, and Alan Garrow, *Vicar of St Peter's Church*

Well done to everyone involved in the St Peter's Refreshment Day on Saturday 27th April - £680 was raised for Church funds. The book sale held on the same day raised £328.14. Many thanks to Catherine Medforth (along with her team) and the book sale team for all your hard work!



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).

Christian Aid Week 12th – 18th May 2024

Seven days, so many ways - to fundraise lasting change

Could you spare an hour or two and be a volunteer collector for Christian Aid? Judith Simpson is organising house to house collections all around Harrogate. If you can help, please speak to Judith on 01423 564 842 or email judiannesimpson@btinternet.com.



Judith Simpson is also holding a Refreshment Day on Saturday 11th May in Church to raise funds for **Christian Aid**. If you can help on the day - or bake a cake – then please speak to Judith.



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 9th May at 11:30 am after the Holy Communion service. They will be serving hot drinks, homemade soups, fresh sandwiches, scones and cakes!

St Peter's Strollers return

The Strollers are to meet at 10:30 am on Monday 6th May at the main entrance to the Valley Gardens opposite the Royal Pump Room Museum. Please do come and join me if you would like a stroll up this lovely Valley for as far as you can manage with a group of folks who like gentle exercise and a friendly chat. We will culminate with refreshments at the Magnesium Café.



Mo Atkinson, *Churchwarden*

The Mothers' Union in Harrogate

The next meeting of the Harrogate Mothers' Union will be on Tuesday 7th May at 2:00 pm at St Mark's Church, when there will be an illustrated talk entitled 'St Paul in the Mediterranean'. Everyone welcome.



St Peter's Afternoon Fellowship

Afternoon Fellowship meets on the second Tuesday of the month from 2:00 – 4:00 pm at Church. The next meeting is on Tuesday 14th May, when the speaker will be John Knott, with a talk entitled: 'What was it like in the olden days, grandpa?' Afternoon tea will be served afterwards. Please call Leigh Thompson on 01423 884 888 or 07824 747 912 if you would like to come.

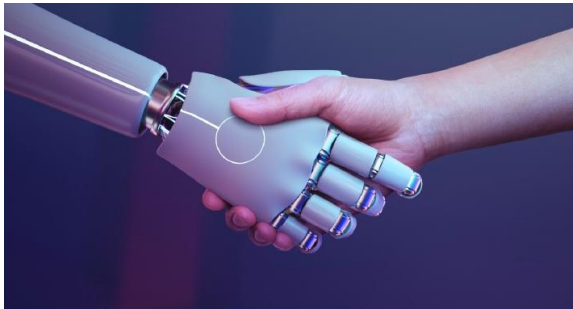
Bakers needed for the next St Peter's Fundraising Refreshment Day

Please let Catherine Medforth (07876 653 765) or Sian Lockwood (07889 616 755) know if you are willing to bake a cake for our next fundraiser on Saturday 18th May. Food supplied, sold or provided at charity or community events, such as fundraisers, must comply with food laws. So that those with food intolerances or allergies can make safe choices we ask that cakes are brought in a clean container with a list of ingredients attached. Thank you.



What does it mean to be human?

Tuesday 14th May 6:30pm for 7pm, St Peter's Church, Harrogate



St Peter's Church, Harrogate, is delighted to be hosting the 2024 Meeting of the Harrogate Medical Society in partnership with Lawyers and Clergy. The talk will examine if there is a distinction between human beings and advanced forms of Artificial Intelligence.

The two-course buffet provided by Afghan Kitchen afterwards is now fully booked, but you are very welcome to attend the talk.

RSVP to administrator@harrogatemedicalsociety.co.uk.

Charitable grants help us to do new things (and help our Church finances)

Sian Lockwood is looking for people with experience in writing successful grant applications to join a new *Grants Group*. This group will write grant applications for new pieces of work as well as for church maintenance projects (our new roof!).



The group (we hope) will develop a tranche of materials that will make grant applications easier in the future. Any church group wanting to apply for money for a new piece of work can come to the *Grants Group* for help. If you feel you can help then speak to Sian in Church or email her at sian.lockwood54@gmail.com.

Today's Services: 5th May 2024

The Sixth Sunday of Easter

The Fifth Sunday after Easter (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 935 My Jesus, my Saviour; 22 A new commandment; 357 Lord Jesus Christ; 418 O Jesus, I have promised

Reading John 15 v 9 - 17

Preacher: Karin Shaw

Our Duty Wardens today are:

Eve Hawkins
and Paul Medforth

11:00 Choral Communion

Setting Darke in F

Hymns 2, 271, 278, 251

Readings Acts 10 v 44 to end
John 15 v 9 - 17

Anthem Renew us by thy goodness (*J S Bach*)

Preacher: Hannah Beck

4:15 pm Stepping Stones Service *Celtic Worship*

Preacher: Sarah Martin

6:30 Choral Evensong

Setting Aston in F

Hymns 253, 379, 424 (omit *verse)

Psalm 24

Readings Song of Solomon 4 v 16 – 5 v 2
Revelation 3 v 14 to end

Anthem God is gone up with a merry noise (*William Croft*)

Preacher: Alan Garrow

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, Robert Bickford, Graham Cornish, Jane Crabtree, Peter Dickinson, Tony Edwards, Louise Emrullahu, Rose Green, June Hemmings, Trevor Hughes, Jackie Kelly, Rachel Looby, Elaine Manaley, Derek Mansfield, Steve Martin, Kim Okell, Sheila Pantin, Matthew Pindell, Richard Sadler and Michelle Simon.

RIP Ian Lewis

Also in our prayers this week:

- Mon** Support and teaching staff in our schools
The Toddler Group at St Peter's
- Tues** The Sit-n-Knit group
St Peter's Welcomers Team
- Wed** Local retail, hospitality and leisure businesses
The Fairtrade Shop at St Peter's
- Thurs** The patients at Harrogate Hospital
All Hospital Chaplaincy Teams
- Fri** All those in authority, that they may work together for the common good
The economic wellbeing of the country
- Sat** All who are sick in body, mind or spirit
Addiction Support Agencies

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

Risen Christ, by the lakeside you renewed your call to your disciples: help your Church to obey your command and draw the nations to the fire of your love, to the glory of God the Father.

Daily Readings

Morning Prayer is at 8:00 am and Evening Prayer at 5:00 pm daily. Both services are livestreamed on Facebook and Zoom – join in by following the links on our website. These are the Bible readings we will be using each morning this week.

- Mon** Psalm 65
Numbers 16 v 1 - 35
Luke 6 v 27 - 38
- Tues** Psalm 126
Numbers 16 v 36 to end
Luke 6 v 39 to end
- Wed** *Julian of Norwich, Spiritual Writer, c 1417*
Psalm 132
Numbers 17 v 1 - 11
Luke 7 v 1 - 10
- Thurs** ***Ascension Day***
Psalm 110
Isaiah 52 v 7 to end
Hebrew 7 [11 – 25] v 26 to end
- Fri** Psalm 81
Numbers 20 v 1 - 13
Luke 7 v 11 - 17
- Sat** *English Saints and Martyrs of the Reformation Era*
Psalm 47
Numbers 21 v 4 - 9
Luke 7 v 18 - 35

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

O Lord, from whom all good things do come: Grant to us thy humble servants, that by thy holy inspiration we may think those things that be good, and by thy merciful guiding may perform the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ.

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 6th** ***May Day Bank Holiday***
10:30 am St Peter's Strollers are meeting at the entrance to Valley Gardens
11:00 am – 1:00 pm *Sit-n-Knit* in Church
- Tues 7th** **12:00 – 12:30 pm Healing Service**
- Wed 8th** **10:30 – 11:00 am Café RefleXions**
1:30 – 3:00 pm Harrogate Wellbeing Choir
7:30 pm Harrogate Harmony Men's Chorus
- Thurs 9th** ***Ascension Day***
9:30 – 11:00 am Adult Confirmation Class in the Undercroft
9:30 – 11:00 am The Toddler Group at St Peter's
11:00 am Holy Communion
11:30 am – 1:30 pm Market Day Café
1:30 – 2:45 pm Handbells
6:00 – 7:15 pm Confirmation Class for children in Church
7:30 pm St Peter's Choir Practice
- Fri 10th** 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 11th** 10:00 am – 3:30 pm *Christian Aid* are holding a Refreshment Day in Church – please support!
- Sun 12th** ***The Seventh Sunday of Easter***
1:00 – 1:30 pm Sunday Lunch
7:30 – 8:30 pm AA meeting in the Brostoff Hall
5:30 – 7:00 pm *Sanctuary*, our youth group, are meeting in the Brostoff Hall for some junk modelling

Next Sunday 12th May

The Seventh Sunday of Easter

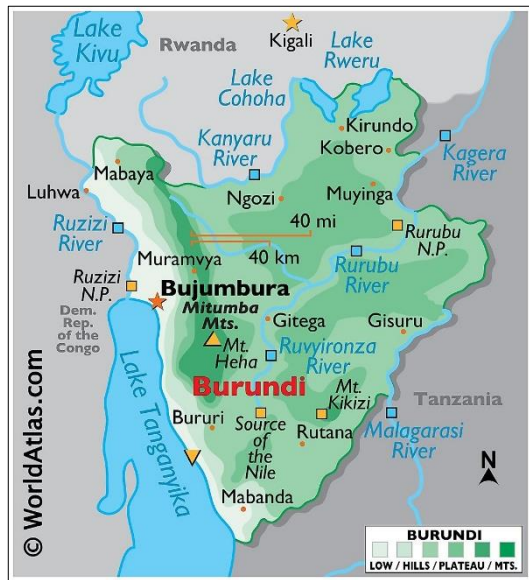
The Sunday after Ascension Day

- 8:30 Holy Communion
9:30 Family Communion
11:00 Choral Matins
4:15 Stepping Stones Service
 – Holy Communion
6:30 Choral Evensong

The Breakfast Club provides a free, hot breakfast from Monday to Saturday (8:15 – 8:45 am) for all those who are hungry or in need. A hot **Sunday lunch** is also served each week at 1:00 pm, except for the third Sunday of the month when it is *Sunday Lunch Club*.

Hot food is available 4:30 – 4:50 pm on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

Our mini Supermarket is on Thursdays 4:30 – 4:50 pm.




Christian Aid Week 12th – 18th May 2024

This year's appeal is focussing on *Christian Aid's* work in Burundi, one of the most densely populated and poorest countries in Africa. Heavily reliant on agriculture, it's also one of the least prepared to combat the effects of climate change, including droughts, floods and landslides. The global cost of living crisis has intensified the challenges: more than 70% of the population live in poverty and more than half of children are chronically malnourished.

Christian Aid has been working in Burundi since 1995

when it first offered humanitarian assistance to people surviving the civil conflict. Now, alongside local partners, the organisation helps establish Village Savings and Loans Associations (VSLAs). These community-led groups mean people can save and borrow money, making small businesses possible, offering reliable and diverse incomes so families can eat regularly, get medicine when they need it, and build safer homes.

At St Peter's please come and support the Refreshment Day on Saturday 11th May in Church to raise funds for *Christian Aid*. And on Sunday 12th May there will be a Church collection - please place your filled envelope on the collection plate or in the Donations Box. You can find out more about *Christian Aid Week* and also make a donation online at www.christianaid.org.uk.



'Come with me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest.'
Mark 6:31

Christian Retreat Days for People Affected by Cancer


'The God Who Sees'
Saturday 18th May 2024, 10am to 4pm
 Hollins House, Weetwood Avenue, Headingley, Leeds, West Yorkshire, LS16 5NG

Saturday 13th July, 10am to 4pm
 Sutton Coldfield Baptist Church, Trinity Hill, The Parade,

Our Firm Roots retreats are an opportunity for anyone affected by cancer to get away from the busyness of life and medical intervention, and to spend some time and space in God's presence. The retreat days are led by Rev Helen Jones who has worked in NHS cancer services for ten years, had cancer herself and is a curate at Holy Trinity Church, Huddersfield. The retreat days are free, though you are welcome to make a donation.

Further information at www.firmroots.org.uk or email Helen.Jones@firmroots.co.uk.

Retreat Booking at this link:
<https://forms.office.com/e/agazfskfSG>




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As we continue to discover more about whole-life discipleship, Dr John Kirkby CBE founder of CAP and i61m, will join us for a cross-church evening event where we'll explore faith-sharing in a non-cringe way.

Officially Dr John Kirkby CBE, but much prefers 'Johnny Boy'. Three times winner Sunday Times best leader. Honorary Doctor of Bradford Uni. Founder of Isaiah 61 Movement and Christians Against Poverty.

Thursday
9th May
7:15 - 9pm

St John's
Church,
Bilton


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Previously known as the Harrogate Hub





Refreshments are served after each of our Sunday morning services from the kitchen area at the front of Church. Please come and join us.



Thank you so much if you remembered to bring some groceries or toiletries to put in the hamper today!



**Tuesday 21st May at 7:00 pm
at St Peter's Church**

Next Week's Deadline

The deadline for the next edition of the Weekly News (12th May) will be noon on Wednesday 8th May. Please send any items (including photos) to **The Weekly News Editor**, Marian Chambers, or to the Vicar, Alan Garrow.



The flowers in Church today are in memory of **Kevin Ramsey**

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