

Weekly News

5th October 2025

Harvest Sunday

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

We are celebrating the HARVEST today

Harvest is an opportunity to reflect with thankfulness on all the ways in which the abundant fruitfulness of God's Creation sustains our daily life. Everything is a gift. As we bring and offer our Harvest Bags, contributions to the Harvest Lunch and gifts for the mini-supermarket today, we recognise and remember that the river of God's generosity must continue to flow through us — and not merely to us.

Thank you everyone who has contributed to the richness of this Creationtide season – which culminates in our Harvest celebrations today. We began with the sowing of wild-flower seeds and the announcement that St Peter's has achieved Silver in the Eco Church Award scheme. With this award we set our sights on becoming a community that treasures the natural world and its resources – one which seeks to bless the Earth in our everyday choices.

On the Sundays in between we have thought about 'fruitfulness vs wastefulness' and have been encouraged by the vision of a 'river that draws on deep resources to sustain abundance for all.'

Last Saturday the Creationtide Walk (seen here on the right) provided a shared opportunity to pause in wonder at the beauty of the natural world on our doorstep.

We conclude the season with our Harvest Worship and Harvest Lunch – here in Church at 1:00 pm – where we remind one another that what we offer in thankfulness becomes an act of praise and celebration far greater than the sum of its parts.



Alan Garrow, Vicar of St Peter's Church

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 9th October 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 goes cycling

St Peter's Afternoon Fellowship meets on the first Tuesday of the month from 2:00 - 4:00 pm at Church. On Tuesday 7th October the speaker will be Roy Taylor and afterwards afternoon tea will be served. Please call Leigh Thompson (01423 884 899 or 07824 747 912) if you would like to come.



Treble Clef Concert in Masham

Treble Clef is a group of twelve female singers based in and around Harrogate. They perform a wide range of music - from madrigals to musicals taking in opera, classical and pop along the way. Their next musical concert is on Saturday 18th October at St Mary's Church, Masham. doors will be open at 6:45 pm, refreshments will

be available, and the concert starts at 7:30 pm. Tickets cost £11 (£2 for 5 – 16 year olds) and are available from the Masham Community Office or phone 01765 680 200.



- Well-behaved dogs are welcome.
- Please keep your dog in one place throughout the service.
- Please do not bring your dog to the communion rail.



Well done to everyone involved in the St Peter's Refreshment Day on Saturday 27th September - £674 was raised for Church funds. The book sale held on the same day raised £330. Many thanks to Catherine Medforth (along with her team) and Hannah Beck and team for all your hard work!

The 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 7th October at 2:00 pm. There will be a quiz on 'Women who inspire us'. All welcome.

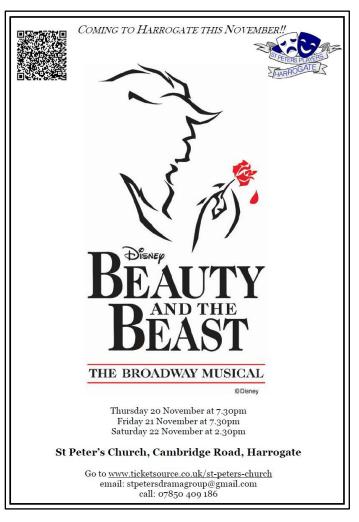


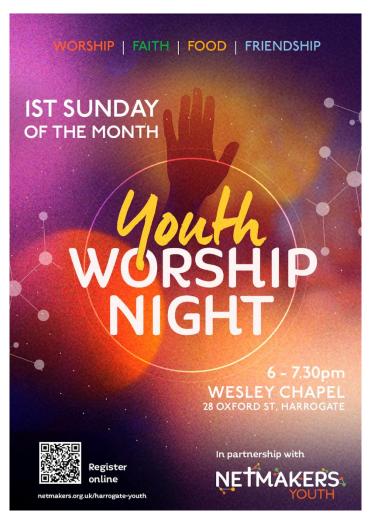


Harrogate School of Theology & Mission Another Advocate: The Emergence of the Holy Spirit in the Writings of the New Testament— a seminar by the Revd Dr Claire Honess

This is on Saturday 25th October at Woodlands Methodist Church on Wetherby Road, starting with breakfast at 9:30 am, followed by a seminar and a group discussion led by Claire Honess. Claire will help us to examine what the New Testament tells us about the Holy Spirit and the Spirit's work using very short close readings from Paul's letters, Luke, and

John. Tickets cost £8, under 18s are free. Booking in advance via *Eventbrite*, visit hstm.org.uk/events for further details.





Today's Services: 5th October 2025

Harvest Sunday

The Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

Today we welcome St Peter's Rainbows, Brownies, Guides and Rangers for their parade service at our 9:30 am Family Communion

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; 664 Beauty

Our Duty Wardens today are:
Siân Lockwood and

Ian and Fiona Birt

for brokenness; Harvest Samba

Reading Mark 4 v 30 - 32

Preacher: Alan Garrow

11:00 Choral Communion

Setting Howells (Collegium Regale)

Hymns 270, 271, 274, 275 **Readings** 2 Timothy 1 v 1 - 14

Mark 4 v 30 - 32

Anthem O taste and see (Vaughan Williams)

Preacher: Hannah Beck

4:15 pm Stepping Stones Service Harvest Service

Preacher: Sarah Martin

6:30 Choral Evensong

Setting Walmisley in D minor

Hymns 274, 273, 251

Psalm 142

Readings Nehemiah 5 v 1 - 13

John 9

Anthem The Wilderness (S S Wesley)

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, 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:

Mon The children sponsored through

Compassion UK

Catharine Davies, Licensed Lay

Minister

Tues St Peter's mini-supermarket

Nigel and Asim, our caretakers

Wed Social care workers, helping

people to live independently
All who read the lessons at our

services

Thurs Hannah Beck, Lay Reader

St Peter's Bellringers

Fri All who are recently bereaved

Those supporting people coping

with grief and loss

Sat Jonathan and Laura on this their

wedding day

Karin Shaw, Curate

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 William Tyndale, Translator

of the Scriptures, Martyr

Psalm 44

Wisdom 11 v 21 – 12 2

Mark 12 v 28 - 34

Tues Psalm 48

Wisdom 12 v 12 - 21 Mark 12 v 35 to end

Wed Psalm 119 v 57 - 80

Wisdom 13 v 1 - 9

Mark 13 v 1 - 13

Thurs Psalm 57

Wisdom 16 v 15 – 17 v 1

Mark 13 v 14 - 23

Fri Paulinus, Bishop of York,

Missionary, 644

Psalm 51

Wisdom 18 v 6 - 19

Mark 13 v 24 - 31

Sat Psalm 68

Wisdom 19

Mark 13 v 32 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 every day except Sundays.

Mon 6th 11:00 am – 1:00 pm *Sit-n-Knit* in Church

1:30 – 3:00 pm The *Thinking about God* group are meeting in the

Undercroft

2:00 pm The U3A Singing Folk group

7:00 – 9:00 pm *Beauty and the Beast* rehearsal in Church

Tues 7th 12:00 – 12:30 pm Healing Service

2:00 – 4:00 pm St Peter's Afternoon Fellowship

7:00 – 9:00 pm *Beauty and the Beast* rehearsal in Church

Wed 8th 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 9th 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 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 11:30 am Wedding in Church

Sun 12th The Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

5:30 – 7:00 pm **Sanctuary**, our Youth Group, are meeting in the

Brostoff Hall to make Christmas tree decorations 7:30 – 8:30 pm AA meeting in the Brostoff Hall

Next Sunday 12th October 2025 The Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

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

Choral Evensong

6:30

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.

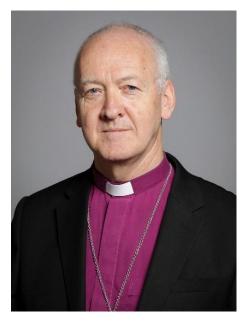
Our mini-supermarket is on Thursdays from 4:20 – 4:40 pm – an opportunity to stock up on tinned, preserved and dried food and toiletries.

A Diocesan Farewell to the Bishop of Leeds

On Sunday 23rd November at Ripon Cathedral there will be a special Diocesan Farewell to the Rt Rev Nick Baines – the first Bishop of Leeds – on his retirement.

The service at 3:30pm, will be attended by a host of VIPs, civic dignitaries and leaders from various faiths from across this vast diocese, as we come together to say goodbye to Bishop Nick and his wife Linda, and to give thanks to God for them.

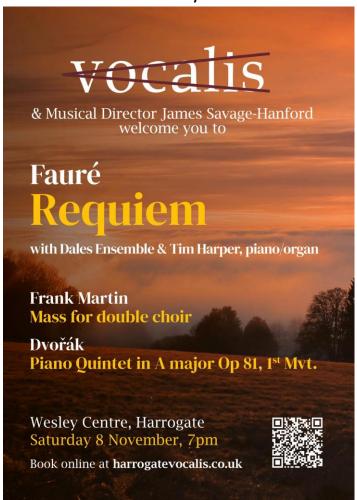
Tickets are free but limited in number. Please book ahead if you would like to come at https://riponcathedral.org.uk/events/a-diocesan-farewell-to-bishop-nick.

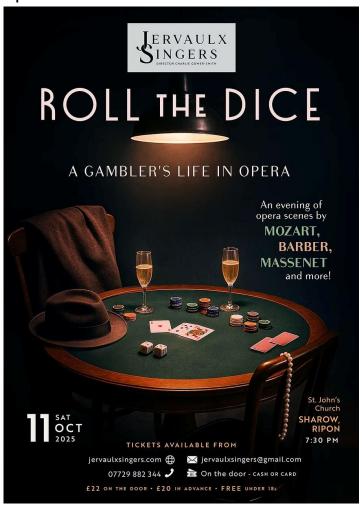


Saying Goodbye: a special service at Bradford Cathedral

When a baby is lost, whether during pregnancy, at birth or in infancy, it is a devastating experience for the parents and the extended family.

The *Saying Goodbye* remembrance services, from bereavement support charity *Mariposa International*, are for people who have suffered the loss of a baby at any stage, whether recently or decades ago. They provide a time and place to acknowledge and remember your baby. The services also welcome anyone grieving the fact that they have been unable to have children. The service at Bradford Cathedral is on Sunday 26th October at 3:30 pm – no need to book.





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









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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

Next Week's Deadline

The deadline for the next edition of the Weekly News (12th October) will be noon on Wednesday 8th October. 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 in the pews and hand it to one of the Clergy.

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