



Weekly News

9th February 2025

The Fourth Sunday before Lent

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Introducing Wendy Lewis: Parish Safeguarding Officer (PSO)

Last November, on Safeguarding Sunday, I mentioned that we were in the process of appointing a new PSO – now that Kate Blake is stepping down. Kate, who has served in this role for more than six years, has brought a wealth of wisdom and experience to support our safeguarding at St Peter's. We are grateful for all she has done and everything she has enabled in this role.



Our new PSO is Wendy Lewis, and I am delighted to be commissioning her at our 9:30 am and 11:00 am services this Sunday. Wendy qualified as a Social Worker in the 1990's and has twenty years' experience in Child Protection. She also has extensive experience as a leader in the Guide movement.

At St Peter's children are involved in multiple areas of Church life: Sunday worship, Sunday Club, Toddlers, Sanctuary Youth, and St Peter's Players. We also engage with vulnerable adults through Breakfast Club and the work of the Pastoral Care Team.

This complexity means that safeguarding can only be effective if we recognised it as a whole church responsibility – not simply that of the PSO.

If you have a safeguarding concern, now or in the future. Please contact Wendy on 07564 806 738 or wendylewis943@btinternet.com. Her contact details can also be found on the Church website, on the back page the Weekly News, and on the Parochial Church Council noticeboard at the back of Church.

Alan Garrow, Vicar of St Peter's Church

Well done to everyone involved in the St Peter's Refreshment Day on Saturday 1st February - £515 was raised for Church funds. The book sale held on the same day raised £375.10. Many thanks to Catherine Medforth (along with her team) and Daniel Brewer (and his team) for all your hard work!

Harrogate School of Theology & Mission

Christian considerations of potential changes in law regarding 'assisted dying' – a live seminar by David Hanson



This is on Saturday 22nd February at Woodlands Methodist Church on Wetherby Road, starting with breakfast at 9:30 am, followed by the seminar and a group discussion from 10:00 am – 12:00 pm. David's career as a consultant surgeon included senior lectureship at the University of Leeds. He is a trustee of the *Thinking Faith Network* <https://thinkfaith.net/about>. Tickets cost £5, under 18s are free. Booking in advance via *Eventbrite*, visit hstm.org.uk/events for further details.

The BIG Conversation About Food at St Peter's

Don't forget to collect a copy of the survey *The BIG Conversation About Food at St Peter's* – there are printed 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. The questions are designed to capture your opinions, aspirations, ideas and willingness to help with our Food Ministry going forward. Please return your responses by Wednesday 5th March 2025 – there's a post box at the Welcome Desk.



Inspirational Women highlighted for International Women's Day

Harrogate has many inspirational women, and thanks to a new local partnership between Harrogate Film Society, Harrogate Town AFC and Soroptimist International of Harrogate and District, a yearlong programme of events is being planned to celebrate this year's *International Women's Day* on 8th March.

As a pre-launch event, Harrogate Film Society will be screening *Copa '71 The Forgotten Women's World Cup* at the Odeon Cinema at 7:30 pm on Monday 3rd March. It will be introduced by Sarah Barry Chief Executive of Harrogate Town AFC and Kate Donan, Head of Women's Football. Visit www.harrogatefilmsociety.org for more details and to book tickets.

Our own inspirational WW2 veteran, 101 year-old Sheila Pantin, will launch *Harrogate's International Women's Day* when she will be 'In Conversation' at St Peter's Church at 2:30 pm on Friday 7th March.

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



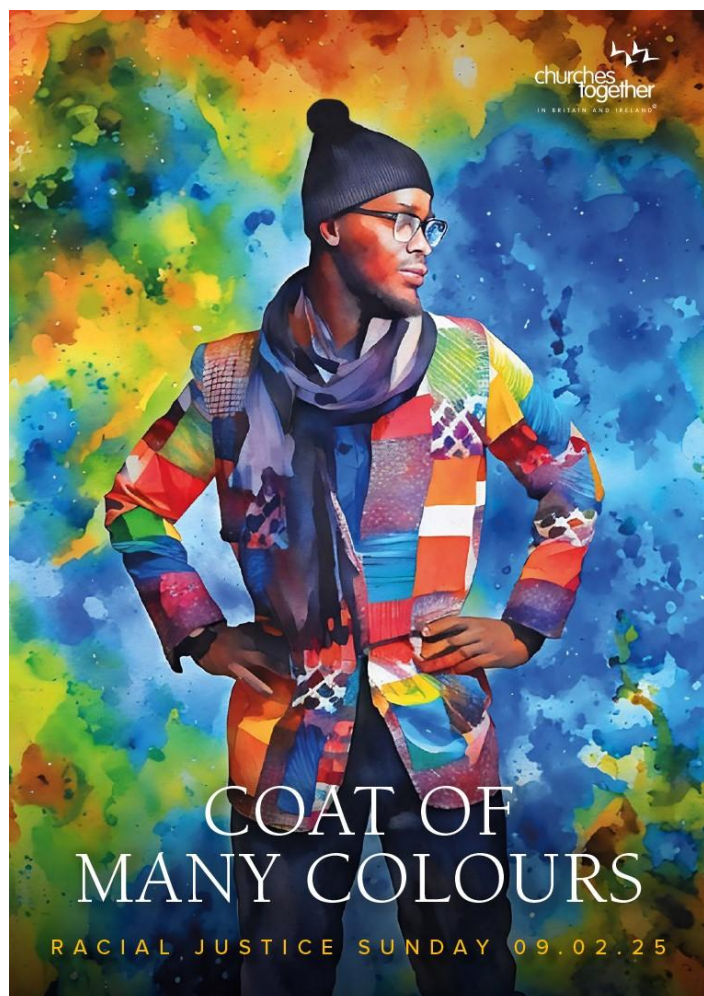
Leeds voices in new resources for Racial Justice Sunday 2025

Leeds Church Institute has compiled resources including local voices for Racial Justice Sunday on 9th February, which is now in its 30th year. Racial Justice Sunday was established by the Methodist Church in 1995 following the tragic racist murder of black teenager Stephen Lawrence in London in April 1993. This year's theme is '*Coat of Many Colours*', reflecting the increasing diversity that exists in the churches in Britain and Ireland. Yet, inequality still exists in the church, with too many people of Global Majority backgrounds feeling marginalised. Visit <https://lcileeds.org/racial-justice-sunday-2025> to find out more.

Men's Breakfast at St Peter's: Saturday 15th February 2025



Beginning with Morning Prayers at 8:00 am for those who wish to take part, and breakfast from 8:30 to 9:00 am, followed by an informal discussion session in The Gallery for perhaps 30 minutes or so. Please text Bryn Heapy on 07561 889 076 if you are planning to come or email him at brynsusie@hotmail.com.



Today's Services: 9th February 2025

The Fourth Sunday before Lent

The Fifth Sunday after Epiphany (BCP)

Racial Justice Sunday

8:30 Holy Communion

9:30 Family Communion

There is Sunday Club for school age children today - please gather in the café area at the front of Church at the start of the service. Pre-schoolers and their parents are welcome to stay in this area, where there are Activity Bags to share.

Hymns 1541 There is a higher throne; 1575 Wait for the Lord; 1674 Your love; 1407 King of the ages

Readings 1 Corinthians 15 v 1 - 11
Luke 5 v 1 - 11

Preacher: Alan Garrow

Our Duty Wardens today are:

Sue Heapy and
Paul Medforth

11:00 Choral Matins

Setting Moeran in E flat (Te Deum)

Hymns 1, 347, 507

Psalm 4

Readings Isaiah 6. 1 - 8
Luke 5 v 1 - 11

Anthem How lovely are the messengers (*Mendelssohn*)

Preacher: Alan Garrow

4:15 pm Stepping Stones Service *Holy Communion*

Preacher: Sarah Martin

6:30 Choral Evensong by candlelight

Setting Sumsion in G

Hymns 492, 391, 368

Psalm 2

Readings Wisdom 6 v 1 - 21
Colossians 3 v 1 - 22

Anthem The heavens are telling (*Haydn*)

Preacher: Michael Hunter



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, Tony Edwards, Louise Emrullahu, June Hemmings, Trevor Hughes, Kim Okell, Sheila Pantin, Lynda Pilmoor, Matthew Pindell, Celia Preston, Richard Sadler and Michelle Simon.

Also in our prayers this week:

Mon	Western Primary School St Peter's Sunday Club
Tues	Victims of domestic abuse Harrogate Women's Refuge
Wed	The unemployed and all who are helping them to return to work Those facing financial hardship
Thurs	The 10 th Harrogate St Peter's Rainbows and Brownies Wendy Lewis, our new Safeguarding Officer
Fri	Hannah Beck, Lay Reader Café RefleXions
Sat	St Peter's Music Group Anna Boyce and Sam Clayton, students on placement

Daily Readings

Morning Prayer is at 8:00 am and Evening Prayer is at 5:00 pm daily and 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	<i>Scolastica, sister of Benedict, Abbess</i> Psalm 30 Joel 1 v 1 - 14 John 15 v 1 - 11
Tues	Psalm 36 Joel 1 v 15 to end John 15 v 12 - 17
Wed	Psalm 34 Joel 2 v 1 - 17 John 15 v 18 to end
Thurs	<i>Valentine, Martyr at Rome</i> Psalm 37 Joel 2 v 18 - 27 John 16 v 1 - 15
Fri	Psalm 31 Joel 2 v 28 to end John 16 v 16 - 22
Sat	<i>Sigfrid, Bishop, Apostle of Sweden, 1045</i> Psalm 42 Joel 3 v 1 – 3, v 9 to end John 16 v 23 to end

The Collect for *The Fourth Sunday before Lent* (Common Worship)

Lord of the hosts of heaven, our salvation and our strength, without you we are lost: guard us from all that harms or hurts and raise us when we fall; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Collect for *The Fifth Sunday after Epiphany* (Book of Common Prayer)

O Lord, we beseech thee to keep thy Church and household continually in thy true religion; that they who do lean only upon the hope of thy heavenly grace may evermore be defended by thy mighty power; 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 every day except Sundays.

- Mon 10th** 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 Gallery to study St Luke's Gospel
2:00 pm The U3A Singing Folk group
- Tues 11th** **12:00 – 12:30 pm Healing Service**
- Wed 12th** **10:30 – 11:00 am Café Reflexions**
7:15 – 8:45 pm *Being With* online course. Week Three: *Jesus*
7:30 pm Harrogate Harmony Men's Chorus
- Thurs 13th** 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
7:00 pm 'Ethics Matters' last of six weekly lectures with Dr Peter Vardy: 6. *Artificial Intelligence*
7:30 pm St Peter's Choir Practice
- Fri 14th** ***St Valentine's Day***
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 15th** 8:00 – 9:30 am Men's Breakfast at St Peter's
10:00 am – 3:30 pm *Christian Aid* are holding a Refreshment Day in aid of their work with the *Disasters Emergency Committee* in Gaza
- Sun 16th** ***The Third Sunday before Lent***
7:15 – 8:45 pm *Being With* online course. Week Four: *Church*
7:30 – 8:30 pm AA meeting in the Brostoff Hall

Next Sunday 16th February 2025

The Third Sunday before Lent

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

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.

Christian Aid works in Gaza with the *Disasters Emergency Committee*

DEC/Arete/Abdallah Alsayed



As a founding member, *Christian Aid* brings decades of experience and local knowledge to the Disaster Emergency Committee (DEC) responses. Their role is to ensure that funding is used effectively to provide:

- **Immediate relief** including food, water and medical supplies.
- **Emergency shelter** for displaced families.
- **Long-term recovery** helping communities rebuild their lives.

When the DEC launched the **Middle East Humanitarian Appeal**, *Christian Aid* were on the ground working with trusted partners to deliver essential aid. Now that a ceasefire is in place, DEC charities are supporting those returning to their homes and those who have nowhere to go. But they urgently need more funds.

This Saturday 15th February our local *Christian Aid* group are planning a **Refreshment Day in Church to raise money for the people of Gaza and Lebanon**. They would very much appreciate offers of homemade cakes, soup or biscuits to sell on the day. Please contact Judith Simpson (01423 564 84 or judiannesimpson@btinternet.com). And if you are in town on Saturday please come and support them.

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Living Hope – resources for Lent 2025

The Church of England's Lent theme for 2025 is *Living Hope*. It invites you to explore the hope God offers us – not wishful thinking, but something real, robust, alive. Each week it considers the idea of hope from a different angle as we journey with Jesus on the road that leads to the cross – and beyond, to

the transforming hope of Easter Day. Find out more at churchofengland.org.

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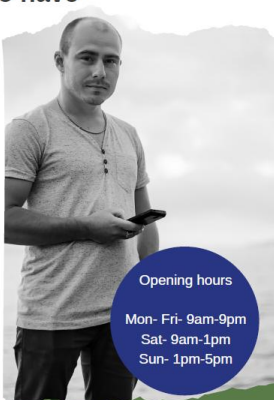
is an independent and confidential support service for adults who have been abused by someone in the Church.

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Opening hours

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Sat- 9am-1pm
Sun- 1pm-5pm

www.safespacesenglandandwales.org.uk



St Peter's is continuing to give out food to those in need. Please, when you do your shopping this week, remember to pick up a few tins, jars, packets or toiletries to bring to Church next week to put in the hamper. **Thank you!**

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



Banns of Marriage



*The banns of marriage are published between **Cecille Beswyan Callisen** and **Robert James Cadiogen**. This is for the second time of asking. If any of you know any reason in law why they may not marry each other you are to declare it.*

Next Week's Deadline

The deadline for the next edition of the Weekly News (16th February) will be noon on Wednesday 12th February. 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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