



# Weekly News

9<sup>th</sup> March 2025

*The First Sunday of Lent*

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

## *Prayer Spaces in Schools*

**at St Peter's CE Primary School!**



Church members volunteer regularly in many of Harrogate's schools, delivering Collective Worship, supporting phonics, serving as governors and chairs of governors and encouraging initiatives like Transforming Lives for Good ([www.tlg.org.uk](http://www.tlg.org.uk) - bringing hope and a future to struggling children).

A team from St Peter's is adding to this good work by running the first *official Prayer Spaces in Schools* (PSiS) Week. A PSiS leader, Sue Kirby, has recently moved to Harrogate and is working with us. We will transform a space at St Peter's CE School from 10<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> March. It will feel magical. Each day, groups will enter the space to try all kinds of practical reflections in the form of multi-sensory, tactile prayer stations. The feedback from previous groups is extremely positive as children are given time and space to reflect and just 'be'. PSiS is a well-established, international movement and you can find out more here: <https://prayerspacesinschools.com/>. It has influenced prayer for many (not just children) so if you are interested in creative prayer, or find prayer challenging, do check out their site!

Please pray for our PSiS team and the children during this special week. The team is: Sue Kirby, Alan Garrow, Linda McPhee, Chris Clayton, Karin Shaw, Chris Sweeney, Fiona Weare, Ruth Harris and Joseph Amoah (the new minister at St Paul's URC). Perhaps be open to whether God might be calling *you* to join in. It would be lovely if this could become a regular event.



*From the left: Chris Sweeney, Alan Garrow, Ruth Harris, Sue Kirby, Joseph Amoah, Karin Shaw and Chris Clayton at a recent PSiS training event.*

Karin Shaw, Curate at St Peter's Church

# 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 22<sup>nd</sup> 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/>.

## Men's Breakfast at St Peter's: Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> March 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](mailto:brynsusie@hotmail.com).



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**Harrogate Choral Society**

**Mozart  
Requiem**

*Ave Verum Corpus*

**Rory Wainwright Johnson**  
*A Glimpse of the Light*

**Arvo Part**  
*Da Pace Domine*

with  
**The National  
Festival Orchestra**

Conducted by  
**David Lawrence**

**22 March 2025, 3pm**  
**St Wilfrid's Church, Harrogate**

**Tickets £18** (Students and under 16s £5)  
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Well done to everyone involved in the St Peter's Refreshment Day on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> March - £627.50 was raised for Church funds. The book sale held on the same day raised £430.50. Many thanks to Catherine Medforth (along with her team) and Daniel Brewer for all your hard work!

## Confirmation Classes at St Peter's start in May



This year Confirmation Classes will be on Wednesdays at St Peter's, from 7:00 - 8:00 pm, on the following dates: 21<sup>st</sup> May, then 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> June. These classes will be based on the *Start!* course with video clips, exercises, group discussion and time for reflection. The Bishop of Ripon, Anna Eltringham (*left*), will be coming to St Peter's at 6:30 pm on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July to confirm the candidates. If you think you would like to be confirmed or would like to know more contact The Revd Chris Clayton (07407 258 733 or [chris.clayton@leeds.anglican.org](mailto:chris.clayton@leeds.anglican.org)).

## 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, by 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2025.

## St Peter's Players are looking for new members

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 ([jmhhain@gmail.com](mailto:jmhhain@gmail.com)), if you are interested in joining them.



## 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 13<sup>th</sup> March at 11:30 am after the Holy Communion service. They will be serving hot drinks, homemade soups, fresh sandwiches, scones and cakes! Please come and enjoy a lovely lunch while supporting the ministry of St Peter's Church!

# Today's Services: 9<sup>th</sup> March 2025

## *The First Sunday of Lent*

The First Sunday in Lent (BCP)

*The money raised at the Lunar New Year event held by our Hong Kong community in January has been used to purchase the new soft furnishings in St Mary's Chapel, which will be blessed this morning.*

**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** 10,000 reasons; **851** I will offer up my life; **1030** The Lord's my Shepherd; **362** Shine, Jesus, shine

**Readings** Romans 10 v 8b - 13  
Luke 4 v 1 - 13

**Preacher:** Catharine Davies

**Our Duty Wardens today are:**

Siân Lockwood and  
Paul Medforth

**11:00 Choral Matins**

**Setting** Sumsion in B flat (Benedicite)

**Hymns** 95, 97, 538

**Psalm** 50 v 1 - 15

**Readings** Deuteronomy 26 v 1 - 11  
Luke 4 v 1 - 13

**Anthem** Wash me thoroughly (*S S Wesley*)

**Preacher:** Catharine Davies

**4:15 pm Stepping Stones Service** *Holy Communion*

**Preacher:** Anna Boyce

**6:30 Choral Evensong by candlelight**

**Setting** Blow in G

**Hymns** 533, 583, 482

**Psalm** 119 v 65 - 80

**Readings** Jonah 3  
Luke 18 v 9 - 14

**Anthem** The Lamentation (*Bairstow*)

**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, Graham Cornish, Jane Crabtree, Danielle Crane, 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.

**RIP:** Olive Peacock

**Also in our prayers this week:**

- Mon** Vulnerable children with safeguarding and welfare needs  
The *Prayer Spaces in Schools* Week at St Peter's School
- Tues** All who are housebound  
Jan Edwards, Lay Pastoral Minister
- Wed** Those living in poverty  
Children affected by malnutrition
- Thurs** GP surgeries and health centres  
All attending our Healing Service
- Fri** The Queen and the Royal Family  
Those supporting survivors of rape and sexual assault
- Sat** All who are sick in body, mind or spirit  
Addiction Support Agencies

**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 11  
Jeremiah 4 v 19 to end  
John 5 v 1 - 18
- Tues** Psalm 106  
Jeremiah 5 v 1 - 19  
John 5 v 19 - 29
- Wed** Psalm 6  
Jeremiah 5 v 20 to end  
John 5 v 30 to end
- Thurs** Psalm 42  
Jeremiah 6 v 9 - 21  
John 6 v 1 - 15
- Fri** Psalm 22  
Jeremiah 6 v 22 to end  
John 6 v 16 - 27
- Sat** Psalm 63  
Jeremiah 7 v 1 - 20  
John 6 v 27 - 40

**The Collect for the First Sunday of Lent** (Common Worship)

Heavenly Father, your Son battled with the powers of darkness, and grew closer to you in the desert:

help us to use these days to grow in wisdom and prayer that we may witness to your saving love in Jesus Christ our Lord.

**The Collect for the First Sunday in Lent** (Book of Common Prayer)

O Lord, who for our sake didst fast forty days and forty nights: Give us grace to use such abstinence, that, our flesh being subdued to the Spirit, we may ever obey thy godly motions in righteousness and true holiness, to thy honour and glory, who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end.

# 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 10<sup>th</sup>** 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 to study St Luke's Gospel  
2:00 pm The U3A Singing Folk group
- Tues 11<sup>th</sup>** **12:00 – 12:30 pm Healing Service**
- Wed 12<sup>th</sup>** **10:30 – 11:00 am Café Reflexions**  
7:15 – 8:45 pm *Being With* online course. Week Seven: *Cross*  
7:30 pm Harrogate Harmony Men's Chorus
- Thurs 13<sup>th</sup>** 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 14<sup>th</sup>** 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 15<sup>th</sup>** 8:00 am Men's Breakfast at St Peter's  
10:00 am – 3:30 pm Sanctuary, our Youth group, are holding a Refreshment Day in Church
- Sun 16<sup>th</sup>** ***The Second Sunday of Lent***  
5:30 – 7:00 pm Sanctuary, our youth group, are meeting in the Brostoff Hall  
7:15 – 8:45 pm *Being With* online course. Week Eight: *Prayer*  
7:30 – 8:30 pm AA meeting in the Brostoff Hall

## Next Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2025

### ***The Second Sunday of Lent***

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

## Could you be a Breakfast Club Volunteer?

Breakfast Club is a central part of St Peter's food ministry, providing a cooked breakfast Monday to Saturday, 8:15 - 8.45 am, for people in need. We are looking for volunteers to help with 'front of house' jobs and in the kitchen. You need to enjoy:



- getting up early (the team are in Church at or before 7:30 am);
- talking to people from many different kinds of backgrounds;
- working under pressure - it can get busy!

You don't need any prior experience in catering. Most volunteers make a regular weekly commitment, but we also welcome volunteers happy to cover absences. If you are interested then contact Siân Lockwood ([sian.lockwood54@gmail.com](mailto:sian.lockwood54@gmail.com) or 07889 616 755) or Alan Garrow ([alan.garrow@gmail.com](mailto:alan.garrow@gmail.com)).

## Consultation on the nomination of the next Archbishop of Canterbury

The process for the appointment of the next Archbishop of Canterbury is underway and a key part of this is a public consultation. Jonathan Hellewell (the Prime Minister's Appointments Secretary) and Stephen Knott (the Archbishops' Secretary for Appointments) would like to hear from you. You are invited to share your thoughts on what qualities, values, and vision the future Archbishop should embody. Your feedback will play a vital role in shaping the decision-making process as they seek God's guidance on who should be nominated as the next Archbishop. You can send your response by post to: Canon Stephen Knott, The Archbishops' Secretary for Appointments, Canterbury Crown Nominations Commission (CNC), Lambeth Palace, London, SE1 7JU. Or you can submit your views online at [www.churchofengland.org/ABC106Consult](http://www.churchofengland.org/ABC106Consult). The consultation closes on 28<sup>th</sup> March.

## Safe Spaces



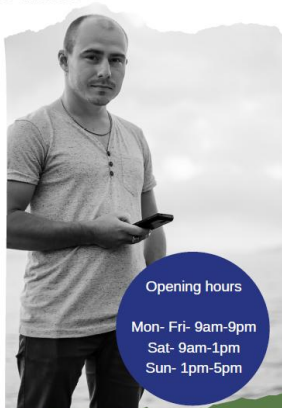
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We are looking forward to holding our

## Spring Food, Home and Garden Fair

Saturday 29th March 2025

10AM-4PM

Refreshments are served after each of our Sunday morning services from



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



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

### Next Week's Deadline

The deadline for the next edition of the Weekly News (16<sup>th</sup> March) will be noon on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> 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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