



Weekly News

11th May 2025

The Fourth Sunday of Easter

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Dying crops means food stops

This year's Christian Aid Week (11th -17th May) is focusing on Christian Aid's work in Guatemala, Central America, where the climate crisis is causing the seasons to intensify and shift erratically. As a result, farming communities have to battle devastating floods and intense heatwaves. Water sources are drying up and vital crops are failing, plunging farming families into hunger and poverty.



Amelia with her daughter, Yakelin.

Image: A.Sheppey/Christian Aid

Amelia is a resourceful and determined 24-year-old farmer, and a mother of two, from the Alta Verapaz region. She said the situation is very worrying, "In the past three years, we've been experiencing high heat and a lack of rain. One of the biggest issues is the lack of water ... my plantations have been dying ... and there is no food for my family."

Despite the challenges families like Amelia's are facing, the unstoppable power of hope drives people to look for ways to push back. With training from Christian Aid's partner, Congcoop, Amelia's gaining the skills and knowledge to cultivate native seeds that are better suited to the changing climate. She's planning planting schedules that will deliver multiple harvests throughout the year, making her own organic fertilizer, and constructing rainwater collection systems.

Amelia's also a leader in her community, sharing her knowledge with other households, so that one day, no family will worry about their children going without food.

To find out more about projects like this, visit caid.org.uk.

To get involved with Christian Aid Week, visit caweek.org.



Men's Breakfast at St Peter's: Saturday 17th May 2025

MEN'S BREAKFAST



every 3rd Saturday of the month

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.

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

Please let Catherine Medforth (07876 653 765) or Siân Lockwood (07889 616 755) know if you are willing to bake a cake for our next fundraiser on Saturday 24th 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.



Parish Giving Scheme tokens help us worship



The Collection, or the Offertory, is an important element of our worship. In other parts of the service we sing God's praise, express our belief and trust in him, listen to his ways, and receive his forgiveness, equipping and grace. At the offertory we express our response in a way that connects to the reality of our everyday lives. We want who we are, and what we have to offer, to be put in God's service. We recognise his power to take what we offer and multiply it into something more lasting and extraordinary than we

could imagine. With the rise of online giving, however, that moment of connection and response has become increasingly removed from our worship ... which is where Parish Giving Scheme (PGS) tokens come in. If you are a member of the PGS, may I encourage you to get into the habit of picking up a token as you enter church and then, as you place it in the collection bowl, pray that God would take what you offer and make with it something more than we could imagine.

Alan Garrow, Vicar

Help Needed: St Peter's 150th Anniversary

Next year is the 150th anniversary of the founding of St Peter's and the 100th anniversary of the building of the tower. As we plan communications and events around this momentous pair of dates, we are on the lookout for relevant archive material. Do you have a picture or a pamphlet that might help us tell St Peter's story? Do you have a story to tell that might be of interest to others? If so, please let one of us know. Thank you

Alan Garrow, Paul Harris or Ruth Harris.



The church being refurbished in the 1980's showing the curved lights just before they were removed.

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Today's Services: 11th May 2025

The Fourth Sunday of Easter

The Third Sunday after Easter (BCP)

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 **1419** Light of the World **672** Be Still and Know **1030** The Lord's my Shepherd **1120** Come and Follow me

Readings Acts 9 v 36 to end
John 12 v 1 - 11

Preacher: Alan Garrow

Our Duty Wardens today are:

Kate Blake and
Paul Medforth

11:00 Choral Matins

Setting Smart in F (Jubilate)

Hymns **152, 158, 166**

Psalm 146

Readings Genesis 7 v 1 – 5 and 11 - 18
John 12 v 1 -11

Anthem Lift up your heads (Handel)

Preacher: Alan Garrow

4:15 pm Stepping Stones Service *Holy Communion*

Preacher: Chris Clayton

6:30 Choral Evensong

Setting Dyson in D

Hymns 558, 391, 207

Psalm 113, 114

Readings Isaiah 63 v 7 - 14
John 12 v 1 - 11

Anthem The Spirit of the Lord (Elgar)

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

Also in our prayers this week:

Mon	St Peter's CE Primary School <i>The Children's Society</i> , supporting vulnerable children
Tues	Our retired Clergy: Michael Hunter, Tony Shepherd, David Wheeler, Sue Pearce, Ruth Harris and John Knott St Peter's Afternoon Fellowship
Wed	David Hipkin, our Treasurer Those facing financial hardship
Thurs	Ambulance drivers and paramedics Allied health professionals working to help people protect and improve their health
Fri	St Peter's Environment Action Group St Peter's Flower Team
Sat	Those who are close to death St Michael's Hospice

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 103 Deuteronomy 9 v 1 - 21 Ephesians 4 v 1 - 16
Tues	Psalm 48 Deuteronomy 9 v 23 – 10 v 5 Ephesians 4 v 17 to end
Wed	Psalm 135 Deuteronomy 10 v 12 to end Ephesians 5 v 1 - 14
Thurs	Psalm 57 Deuteronomy 11 v 8 to end Ephesians 5 v 15 to end
Fri	<i>Caroline Chisholm, social reformer, 1877</i> Psalm 51 Deuteronomy 12 v 1 - 14 Ephesians 6 v 1 - 9
Sat	Psalm 34 Deuteronomy 15 v 1 - 18 Ephesians 6 v 10 to end

The Collect for the Fourth Sunday of Easter

(Common Worship)

Risen Christ, faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep:
teach us to hear your voice
and to follow your command,
that all your people may be
gathered into one flock, to
the glory of God the Father.

The Collect for the Third Sunday after Easter

(Book of Common Prayer)

Almighty God, who shewest to them that be in error the light of thy truth, to the intent that they may return into the way of righteousness: Grant unto all them that are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion, that they may eschew those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to 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 12th	11:00 am – 1:00 pm <i>Sit-n-Knit</i> in Church 1:30 – 3:00 pm The <i>Thinking about God</i> group are meeting in the Undercroft to study St Luke's Gospel 2:00 pm The U3A Singing Folk group
Tues 13th	12:00 – 12:30 pm Healing Service
Wed 14th	10:30 – 11:00 am Café RefleXions 7:30 pm Harrogate Harmony Men's Chorus 2:00 – 3:30pm Art with Helena (Brostoff Hall)
Thurs 15th	9:30 – 11:00 am The Toddler Group at St Peter's 11:00 am Holy Communion 11:30 am – 1:00 pm The local branch of <i>Amnesty International UK</i> are holding a ' <i>Write for Rights</i> ' session in Church 4:00 – 5:00 pm Children's Art class with Helena (Brostoff Hall) 7:30 pm St Peter's Choir Practice
Fri 16th	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 17th	8:30 am Men's Breakfast at St Peter's 10:00 am – 3:30 pm <i>10th St Peter's Harrogate Rainbows</i> are holding a Refreshment Day in Church
Sun 18th	<i>The Fifth Sunday of Easter</i> 5:30 – 7:00 pm Sanctuary, our youth group, are meeting in the Brostoff Hall for a Quiz Night 7:30 – 8:30 pm AA meeting in the Brostoff Hall

Next Sunday 18th May 2025

The Fifth Sunday of Easter

8:30	Holy Communion
9:30	Family Communion
11:00	Choral Matins
4:15	Stepping Stones Service – <i>Crafternoon Church</i>
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 4:20 – 4:40 pm – an opportunity to stock up on tinned, preserved and dried food and toiletries.

St Peter's Food Ministry

needs your help!

The *Thursday Supermarket* needs these items:

- breakfast cereals
- tins of soup
- tinned meat (*but not sausages*)
- tinned rice pudding
- teabags and instant coffee
- microwave rice
- small tins of fruit and vegetables
- baked beans and spaghetti hoops



All donations gratefully received



Ripon Theatre Festival 1st – 6th July 2025



Henri Nouwen (1932–1996) was a Dutch Catholic priest and psychologist who reached the heights of academic success before abandoning everything to join the community of L'Arche, in Toronto. He became part of this life-sharing movement, seeking to make known the gifts of people with intellectual disabilities, exploring their unique talents and creating a welcoming home of friendship and belonging. A sought-after preacher and speaker, he also wrote about thirty-five widely read books on the spiritual life.

On the opening night of this year's *Ripon Theatre Festival* there will be a performance of **The Beloved Son**, a play inspired by the life of Henri Nouwen, in Ripon Cathedral. In preparation for this performance, Ripon Cathedral will be hosting two evening discussion groups to explore the life, core themes and writings of Henri Nouwen, led by the Revd Dr Rod Allon-Smith and his wife, Jan. Both **Discovering Nouwen** groups will take place at Thorpe Prebend House.

1: *The Return of the Prodigal Son* on Tuesday 13th May, 7:30 – 9:00 pm

2: *Life of the Beloved* on Thursday 12th June, 7:30 – 9:00 pm

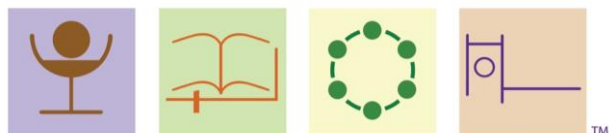
To register your interest and book places, please contact the Cathedral Office on CathedralAdmin@riponcathedral.org.uk or phone 01765 603 462.

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



PARISH GIVING SCHEME

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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
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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 (18th May) will be
noon on Wednesday 14th May.
Please send any items (including
photos) to the Vicar, Alan Garrow:
alan.garrow@gmail.com

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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