



Weekly News

12th July 2026

Sea Sunday

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Sea Sunday: Carrying world trade and carrying the risks



Most of us rarely think about the people who bring us the goods we rely on every day. Yet around 90% of world trade travels by sea. The food on our shelves, the fuel that heats our homes, the products we use every day — all depend upon seafarers. Seafarers survived the isolation of Covid, they continue to survive piracy attacks, abandonment and false imprisonment. But since February, many seafarers have faced extraordinary challenges in and around the Strait of Hormuz - they describe watching drones and missiles fly at low altitudes, critical shortages of food and water, crewmates dying through lack of medical attention, and communication blackouts cutting them off from their families. What was worse was that as the days became weeks, and weeks months, there were almost weekly announcements of potential release. This brought a glimmer of hope that was just as regularly dashed.

Throughout, *The Mission to Seafarers* has continued to do what it has always done: support seafarers, especially when conditions are most difficult. Their network of port chaplains, ship visitors, and welfare workers – operating across more than 200 ports in 50 countries – remained active throughout the crisis, providing counselling, ship visits, and practical assistance to stranded crews (*continued overleaf*).

Seafarers affected by the crisis were encouraged to connect with the *Mission's* teams in the Middle East directly, ensuring that even those unable to disembark had a lifeline to emotional and pastoral support. They have continued to work with partners across the Gulf and the wider shipping industry to ensure that those serving at sea receive the support, reassurance, and practical assistance they need. And as the situation continues, it's vital the industry take stock of the welfare gaps this conflict has exposed. To find out more or to make a donation to *the Mission to Seafarers*, visit www.missiontoseafarers.org. Thank you!

Editor's Note: the latest estimates suggest 8,500 seafarers remain stranded in the Strait of Hormuz. The US and Iran agreed on 17th June to reopen the Strait to all shipping, but since then a container ship and an oil tanker have been attacked. Amidst further threats from both sides an evacuation by the UN's International Maritime Organization was paused on 25th June. This week hostilities have resumed after fresh attacks on a further three vessels.

Today we welcome *The Harrogate Branch of the Merchant Navy Association*

The Merchant Navy Association (www.mna.org.uk) is a maritime charity that represents all seafarers in the UK with branches in forty locations. Most branches meet monthly to catch up on local activities, enjoy the company of fellow mariners, exchange stories, and, more often than not, share a friendly drink. Branches also play an active role in their communities — attending local and national events, giving talks, promoting maritime awareness, and representing the Merchant Navy at remembrance and commemorative occasions. Membership is open to all those who have served — and still serve — in the Merchant Navy across every type of vessel and in every rank.



Fundraising Refreshment Day and Book Sale



There is a St Peter's Fundraising Refreshment Day and Book Sale to raise funds for our Church on Saturday 18th July from 10:00 am until 3:30 pm. They will be serving morning coffee, light lunches and afternoon teas. A great selection of books will be available to buy in the Glass Foyer. If you are in town on Saturday, please come and support these fundraising events in Church. Thank you!

Men's Breakfast at St Peter's: Saturday 18th July 2026

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.



The Vicarage Garden Party 2026



In glorious weather members of all our congregations came together to celebrate St Peter's patronal festival with a garden party at the Vicarage on Sunday 28th June. Thanks to the generous donation of all the food, £594 was raised for St Peter's Church funds. With thanks to all involved.

Pictured left: Louise Emery and Emma Garrow serving tea and cakes

St Peter's *Ladies who Lunch*

The ***Ladies who Lunch*** are meeting again at 12:45 pm on Wednesday 29th July 2026 at the Nomad Café on Beulah Street, which caters for various dietary requirements. If you would like to join them for food and fellowship, then please contact Sue Heapy (07540 355 305 or brynsusie@hotmail.com), to book a place at their table.



What's happening with St Peter's Church Building?

Given our vision, and the activities we would like to develop in pursuit of that vision, what changes do we need to make, if any, to St Peter's church building? Following the consultations earlier this year, and the ideas for activities this generated, the Parochial Church Council (PCC) has been considering possible implications for the layout of our building - including the pews and the dias. To help us in this discernment process, we invite members of all our congregations to a gathering at 12:00 noon on Sunday 26th July in Church. This will be an opportunity to consider options and ask questions - with the ultimate goal of helping the PCC discern a way forward. Your contribution matters. Please note this date in your diary. Thank you!

Today's Services: 12th July 2026

SEA SUNDAY

The Sixth Sunday after Trinity

The Sixth Sunday after Trinity (BCP)

8:30 Holy Communion

9:30 Family Communion

Today is the last Sunday Club before the Summer holidays begin - please gather in the café area at the front of Church at the start of the service.

Hymns **379** Majesty; **250** Isn't He beautiful?; **40** Be still (For the presence of the Lord); **418** O Jesus, I have promised

Readings Isaiah 55 v 10 - 13a
John 10 v 22 - 40

Preacher: Juliet Balme

11:00 Choral Matins for Sea Sunday

Today we welcome members of *The Harrogate Branch of the Merchant Navy Association* to our Sea Sunday Service at St Peter's

Setting Jackson in G (Benedicite)

Hymns *Please see separate Order of Service*

Psalm 106 v 1 - 10

Readings Isaiah 55 v 10 - 13a
John 10 v 22 - 40

Anthem They that go down to the sea (*Sumsion*)

Preacher: Richard Morris

4:15 pm Stepping Stones Service *Discovery Service*
(arrivals and refreshments 3:45 pm)

Preacher: Louise Emery

6:30 Choral Evensong

Setting Harris in A

Hymns 222, 385, 18

Psalm 60

Readings 2 Samuel 7 v 18 to end
Luke 19 v 41 – 20 v 8

Anthem Insanae et vanae curae (*Haydn*)

Preacher: Tony Shepherd

Our Duty Wardens today are:

Heather Swarbrick and

Rachel Fell

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, Peternella Clarkson, Graham Cornish, Jane Crabtree, Tony Edwards, Margaret Farrar, Jenny Gardiner, Jenny Harris, Tim Harrison, Jean Hopper, Trevor Hughes, Gail Hunter, Christine Jepson, Miriam Jones, Joan Kelly, Bill and Margaret Osborne, Graham Shaw, Sheila Pantin, Sue Pearce, Celia Preston, Michelle Simon and Sally Sneddon.

Also in our prayers this week:

Mon	Those who live in danger of violence, persecution and oppression <i>Amnesty International</i> , standing up for human rights
Tues	Men's Breakfast at St Peter's <i>Horizon Life Training</i> , supporting men in recovery from addiction
Wed	Sarah Martin, Lay Reader The Stepping Stones Services
Thurs	<i>NETMAKERS</i> , Local Churches for Mission Wendy Lewis, our Safeguarding Officer
Fri	Hannah Beck, Lay Reader Café RefleXions
Sat	<i>Wellspring Therapy & Training</i> Andrew and Elena on this their wedding day at All Saints', Wighill

Daily Bible Readings

Morning Prayer is at 8:00 am and is live streamed on Facebook – join in by following the links on our website. As part of our 'Year of John', the New Testament readings are all from the Gospel of John. These are the readings we will be using this week:

Mon	Psalm 126 1 Samuel 5 John 10 v 1 - 10
Tues	<i>John Keble, Priest, Tractarian, Poet, 1866</i> Psalm 132 1 Samuel 6 v 1 - 16 John 10 v 11 - 21
Wed	<i>Swithun, Bishop of Winchester, c 862</i> Psalm 119 v 153 to end 1 Samuel 7 John 10 v 22 - 42
Thurs	<i>Osmund, Bishop of Salisbury, 1099</i> Psalm 143 1 Samuel 8 John 11 v 1 - 16
Fri	Psalm 144 1 Samuel 9 v 1 - 14 John 11 v 17 - 27
Sat	Psalm 147 1 Samuel 9 v 15 – 10 v 1 John 11 v 28 - 35

The Collect for *The Sixth Sunday after Trinity*

(Common Worship)

Creator God, you made us all in your image: may we discern you in all that we see, and serve you in all that we do; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Collect for *Sea Sunday* (BCP)

Almighty God, who has created the earth and the deep, and whose only begotten Son walked on the waters and calmed the raging storms: send your Holy Spirit and anoint all seafarers with the most excellent gift of your grace; that they may have strength of body and soul amidst the raging of the waves; grant this for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

What's on This Week

St Peter's Church is open to visitors from 9:30 am – 3:30 pm Monday to Thursday, and Saturdays, but from 9:30 am – 1:00 pm on Fridays.

- Mon 13th** 11:00 am – 1:00 pm *Sit-n-Knit* in Church
2:00 pm The U3A Singing Folk group
- Tues 14th** **12:00 – 12:30 pm Healing Service**
- Wed 15th** ***St Swithun's Day***
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 16th** 9:30 am – 3:30 pm Book Sale in the Glass Foyer
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 group of *Amnesty International UK* are holding a *Write for Rights* session in Church
7:30 pm St Peter's Choir Practice
- Fri 17th** ***NYC school year ends***
9:30 am – 3:30 pm Book Sale in the Glass Foyer
9:30 am *St Peter's CE Primary School Y6 Leavers' Service*
9:30 am AA meeting in the Music Room
10:00 am – 12:00 pm St Peter's Cleaning Team
11:30 am Funeral of Ann Campbell
7:00 – 8:15 pm Bellringing Practice at St Peter's
- Sat 18th** 8:00 am Men's Breakfast at St Peter's
9:30 am – 3:30 pm Book Sale in the Glass Foyer
10:00 am – 3:30 pm St Peter's Fundraising Refreshment Day
- Sun 19th** ***The Seventh Sunday after Trinity***
5:30 – 7:00 pm **Sanctuary**, our Youth Group, are having a Summer Holiday special
7:30 – 8:30 pm AA meeting in the Brostoff Hall

Next Sunday 19th July 2026

The Seventh Sunday after Trinity

- 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 4:20 – 4:40 pm – an opportunity to stock up on tinned, preserved and dried food and toiletries.

Taking a break for the Summer?

The *Thinking about God discussion group* is already closed for the Summer. Today is the last **Sunday Club** before the school holidays. **Sanctuary**, our Youth Group, have one more meeting on 19th July. If your study, music-making, art or support group are also taking a Summer break, then please let me know the relevant dates.



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Could you sponsor Dmytro under the *Homes for Ukraine* scheme?



To become a sponsor under the UK government's *Homes for Ukraine* scheme, you must be a British or Irish citizen or have settled status in the UK on the date of the visa application, be aged 18 or older, and be able to provide suitable, rent-free accommodation for a minimum of 6 months. Alona is looking for a sponsor for her brother, Dmytro, who is single and has been living in Poland on a student visa. She lives in Knaresborough and is hoping her brother could be placed

nearby. If you think you might be able to help please be in touch with the Parish Office (stpeterschurchhgtoffice@gmail.com or 07425 161 425).

Juliet Balme's Ordination at Bradford Cathedral on 4th July



Juliet with Anna Eltringham, Bishop of Ripon; with Toby Howarth, Bishop of Bradford, and her fellow ordinands (including Sam Clayton); and with Alan Garrow outside the Cathedral

Refreshments
are served after
each of our
Sunday morning
services from



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

**WE NEED
YOUR HELP**

St Peter's gives out food parcels *every day* to those in need. Please, when you do your shopping this week, remember to pick up something extra - toiletries, tinned food, a packet of tea, biscuits - to bring to Church next Sunday to put in the hamper.

The Next Deadline

The deadline for the next edition of the Weekly News (19th July) will be noon on Wednesday 15th July. 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 at the end of the pews and hand it to one of the Clergy.

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