



Weekly News

12th October 2025

The Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

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Your Giving Counts

One of the things I love about St Peter's is that it is a community of participants rather than passengers. An extraordinarily high proportion of our worshipping community is engaged, in one way or another, in a vast range of different acts of service – in ways that fit with their health, time of life, family circumstances, working hours, skills and experience. From praying daily to cleaning the church weekly; from serving coffee to preparing the building for worship; from serving on the church council to counting gift aid envelopes. The list is endless. All these contributions combine to create a worshipping community of Jesus-followers that is open to everyone, generous with time and resources, and engaged with the needs of others. All this is possible because we are a community of participants – a place where every contribution counts.

The same is true with our financial giving. In recent years, however, our financial giving has not kept up with our costs. As a result, we now face a deficit for 2025 of more than £100,000. In previous years this underlying deficit has been masked by large legacies and a series of very generous one-off donations. These exceptional gifts have enabled us, up until now, to more than pay our way. But not this year. This year we face the prospect of having to ask other churches to help pay for our clergy — where previously this has always been the other way around.

St Peter's is unusual in terms of the range of people's financial resources. Some of our members are among the poorest in North Yorkshire, while others are among the wealthiest. This makes it especially important that each one of us listens to what God has to say to us about our giving – this is not a time to compare ourselves with the person sitting next to us. At the same time, I hope it is helpful to explain that, to meet our costs and obligations, we need average weekly donations of £20 per week per adult. At present that average is £14.51 per adult.

I conclude with a thank you and a please. Thank you for everything you have given, in acts of service and in financial giving, to enable St Peter's to stand at the centre of the town's commercial district and witness to a different set of values – the values of Jesus. (*continued overleaf*)

To help us maintain and strengthen that witness, please prayerfully consider your current giving. Can you help us reduce our deficit? And as you consider this question, please remember that every contribution counts.

Alan Garrow, Vicar of St Peter's Church

To find out all the ways you can give money to St Peter's Church please visit our Church website: <https://stpetersharrogate.org.uk/about-stpeters/financial-giving>. Be aware that the PGS website will be closed for planned maintenance from 13th – 30th October – a great reason to review the value of your current gift **TODAY!**

A Creationtide Walk to open our eyes, our ears and awaken our minds



Just a few of the thirteen people who took part in the Creationtide Walk that started with prayers and music in St Mary's Chapel, with ten 'pause points' on the way to focus on the beauty of God's creation and how to protect it. Thank you to Helen Harrison for arranging this calm and refreshing walk on such a beautiful Autumn day!

Your Harvest Gift Bags are bringing so much joy – thank you!

Thank you for the wonderful and generous response to our Harvest Gift Bag appeal. Having already delivered several bags, I cannot begin to tell you how much joy these bring - that of receiving gifts from our Church family; opening the bags and seeing what treats they have in store; and knowing that they are not forgotten and are still cared about. We endeavour to meet the needs of everyone to whom we deliver the bags: those in their own homes unable to access Church, care homes, sheltered housing or independent living with 24 hour care. We also give gifts to those who have found themselves in a one-off difficult situation, possibly through an illness or personal circumstance, and have requested pastoral care. And sometimes we give to those whom we treasure who have been members of our congregation for a very long time. Your kindness and gifts are all part of the pastoral care that our Church provides, and by the end of this week they will all have been distributed and well received. Thank you!

Jan Edwards and the Pastoral Care Team.



Harvest 2025

St Peter's Flower Team leader, Sue Heapy, says, "Special thanks to Alice Thompson and Ellie Gaster-Woods for completing these flower displays."



Men's Breakfast at St Peter's: Saturday 18th October 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.

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 25th October. Food sold at charity or community events 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.



St Peter's Strollers are meeting on Tuesday 14th October at 10:30 am at the entrance to the NYC horticultural nursery on Harlow Moor Road, to walk to the tipi walker's café at Birk Crag. Please contact Mo Atkinson (07846 440 193) for further details

Today's Services: 12th October 2025

The Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

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 **646** All I once held dear; **875** Jesus remember me; I will sing a song of love; **728** Give me oil in my lamp

Readings 2 Timothy 2 v 8 - 15
Luke 17 v 11 - 19

Preacher: Alan Garrow

Our Duty Wardens today are:

Eve Hawkins and
Rachel Fell

11:00 Choral Matins

Setting Howells Collegium Regale (Te Deum)

Hymns 445, 267, 230

Psalm 143

Readings 2 Kings 5 v 1 – 3 and 7 - 15c
Luke 17 v 11 - 19

Anthem For the beauty of the earth (*Philip Stopford*)

Preacher: Alan Garrow

4:15 pm Stepping Stones Service *Holy Communion*

Preacher: Alan Garrow

6:30 Choral Evensong

Setting The Jesus Service (*Mathias*)

Hymns 347, 379, 400

Psalm 144

Readings Nehemiah 6 v 1 - 16
John 15 v 12 to end

Anthem Let the people praise thee (*Mathias*)

Preacher: Alan Garrow



Thank you for your Harvest Gifts

Thanks to the amazing generosity of St Peter's School and all attending our Harvest Sunday services, the store for our mini-supermarket is overflowing!

This picture is of the bountiful donations brought to the Stepping Stones service. This relaxed and informal service takes place on Sunday afternoons from 4:15 – 5:00 pm at St Peter's with plenty of opportunity for children to join in! Everyone is welcome!

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	Sarah Mullally, Archbishop of Canterbury designate The Toddler Group at St Peter's
Tues	Those feeling lost, lonely and isolated The Sit-n-Knit group
Wed	Local retail businesses The Artizan Shop in Oxford Street
Thurs	The Heaton Park Hebrew Congregation synagogue in Manchester All who mourn Adrian Daulby and Melvin Cravitz, who died defending others
Fri	St Peter's <i>Ladies who Lunch</i> St Peter's Evening Fellowship
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	<i>Edward the Confessor, King of England, 1066</i> Psalm 71 1 Maccabees 1 v 1 - 19 Mark 14 v 1 - 11
Tues	Psalm 73 1 Maccabees 1 v 20 - 40 Mark 14 v 12 - 25
Wed	<i>Teresa of Avila, Teacher</i> Psalm 77 1 Maccabees 1 v 41 to end Mark 14 v 26 - 42
Thurs	Psalm 78 1 Maccabees 2 v 1 - 28 Mark 14 v 43 - 52
Fri	<i>Ignatius, Bishop of Antioch, Martyr, c 107</i> Psalm 55 1 Maccabees 2 v 29 - 48 Mark 14 v 53 - 65
Sat	<i>Luke the Evangelist</i> Psalm 145 Isaiah 55 Luke 1 v 1 - 4

The Collect for The Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

(Common Worship)

Gracious God, you call us to fullness of life: deliver us from unbelief and banish our anxieties with the liberating love of Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Collect for The Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

(Book of Common Prayer)

Lord, we pray thee that thy grace may always prevent and follow us, and make us continually to be given to all good works; 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 13th** 11:00 am – 1:00 pm *Sit-n-Knit* in Church
2:00 pm The U3A Singing Folk group
7:00 – 9:00 pm *Beauty and the Beast* rehearsal in Church
- Tues 14th** **12:00 – 12:30 pm Healing Service**
10:30 am *St Peter's Strollers* are meeting at the entrance to the NYC horticultural nursery on Harlow Moor Road to walk through the woods to the tipi at Birk Crag
7:00 – 9:00 pm *Beauty and the Beast* rehearsal in Church
- Wed 15th** **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 – 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** 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 18th** 8:00 am Men's Breakfast
10:00 am – 3:30 pm *Vocalis*, the chamber choir in Harrogate, are holding a Refreshment Day in Church
- Sun 19th** ***The Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity***
5:30 – 7:00 pm **Sanctuary**, our Youth Group, are meeting in the Brostoff Hall to say goodbye to Jorda, who is now 18!
7:30 – 8:30 pm AA meeting in the Brostoff Hall

Next Sunday 19th October 2025

The Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity

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| 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 Players are still looking for a volunteer to coordinate the raffle at their upcoming production of *Beauty and the Beast* on 20th and 21st November at 7:30 pm and a matinee on Saturday 22nd November at 2:30 pm. Please contact John Hain (jmhhain@gmail.com) if you can help. Thank you.

Dame Sarah Mullally named as the next Archbishop of Canterbury



On 3rd October 2025, Downing Street announced that the Rt Revd and Rt Hon Dame Sarah Mullally would become the next Archbishop of Canterbury, in succession to Justin Welby; as such she will be Primate of All England and the metropolitan bishop of the Province of Canterbury. She will be the first woman to hold the post. Her election by the College of Canons is expected before Christmas, with legal confirmation at St Paul's

Cathedral on 28th January 2026. She will then be formally installed at Canterbury Cathedral in March, marking the start of her ministry as Archbishop of Canterbury.

Born in Woking in 1962, Bishop Sarah became a Christian at the age of 16. Before being ordained, Bishop Sarah worked as a nurse in the National Health Service, where she specialised as a cancer nurse and, at the age of 37, became the Government's Chief Nursing Officer for England, the youngest person ever to be appointed to the post. Bishop Sarah was made a Dame Commander of the Order of the British Empire in recognition of her outstanding contribution to nursing.

She was ordained in 2001 and served her curacy in the Diocese of Southwark, initially as a self-supporting minister, before leaving her government post in 2004. In 2012, she was installed as Canon Treasurer at Salisbury Cathedral and three years later took the role as Suffragan Bishop of Crediton in the Diocese of Exeter. On 12th May 2018, Bishop Sarah was installed as the 133rd Bishop of London at St Paul's Cathedral, the first woman to hold the role. Bishop Sarah is married to Eamonn, and they have two grown-up children, Liam and Grace.

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. The 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.



Refreshments
are served after
each of our
Sunday morning
services from



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



The flowers in Church today are to
celebrate the wedding of Jonathan
and Laura Binder on 11th October
2025 and in remembrance of
Jonathan's grandparents,
Carol and Rex Ackroyd.

Next Week's Deadline

The deadline for the next edition of
the Weekly News (19th October) will
be noon on Wednesday 15th October.
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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