



Weekly News

13th April 2025

Palm Sunday

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

Bach in Harrogate

In recent years St. Peter's has marked the Wednesday of Holy Week by offering a performance of one of the great sacred masterpieces of classical music, something we are privileged to be able to do. This year we are giving Bach's St Matthew Passion, which we last performed in 2022. We invite you to spend the evening of Wednesday 16th April starting at 7:00 pm listening to the musicians of this Church, supported by Vocalis, six eminent professional soloists and a professional orchestra, telling the story of Jesus celebrating the last supper, his betrayal, arrest, trial, crucifixion, death and burial through the music of JS Bach. This musical setting, probably composed in 1727, has captured the imagination of performers and audiences alike for nearly 300 years.

We are performing it in an English translation which aims to combine the imagery of the original German with minimal alteration to Bach's music. We hope that our audience will experience this well-known story anew via the words and music. All the words of the text will be printed in the concert programme.

Bach's musicians were paid for by the Leipzig City Council; unfortunately we in Harrogate have to be self-funding, so tickets (£18) are available from St. Peter's Parish Office (cash or cheque only), Eventbrite (no booking fee) or on the door (credit cards accepted). Please come!

John Longstaff, *Director of Music, St. Peter's Church*



 St. Peter's Church
Harrogate

JOHANN SEBASTIAN BACH
ST MATTHEW
PASSION

(English translation by John Longstaff
and Andrew Greenan)

Toby Ward	Evangelist
Andrew Greenan	Jesus
Eleonore Cockerham	soprano
Emma Carrington	alto
Charlie Eastwood	tenor
Adam Brown	bass
John Longstaff	director

Choir of St. Peter's Church
Vocalis (director James Savage-Hanford)
Choristers of Leeds Cathedral
Harrogate Bach Players (leader Fiona Love)

WEDNESDAY 16th APRIL 2025
7:00 pm

Tickets: £18.00
from Eventbrite (no booking fee)
or from St. Peter's Parish Office
(cash or cheques only) by calling 07425 161425
or on the door (credit card payments accepted).
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HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

Sunday 13th April

Palm Sunday

Tuesday 15th April

Wednesday 16th April

Thursday 17th April

Maundy Thursday

Friday 18th April

Good Friday

Sunday 20th April

Easter Day

During our services today palm crosses are blessed, and given out to commemorate Christ's entry into Jerusalem

12:00 pm Healing Service

7:00 pm Performance of **Bach St Matthew Passion** with St Peter's Choir, Vocalis, guest singers and an orchestra

11:00 am **Holy Communion**

7:30 pm **Choral Communion commemorating the Last Supper** with St Peter's Choir

9:00 am – 2:00 pm **St Peter's Good Friday Prayer Walk**

10:00 am **Good Friday Family Service** with craft activities

11:00 - 11:30 am **Netmakers Good Friday Service** – join with local churches for a short service at the Cenotaph

2:00 pm **An Hour before the Cross** – meditations and music on the crucifixion of Christ with St Peter's Choir.

Please bring a flower to add to the Easter Flowering Cross

8:30 am **Holy Communion** (BCP)

9:30 am **Family Communion**

11:00 am **Choral Communion** (BCP)

6:30 pm **Choral Evensong** (BCP)

St Peter's Good Friday Prayer Walk 2025

A walk of reflection, meditation and worship

Helen Harrison will be organising a *St Peter's Good Friday Walk* on Friday 18th April. The intention is to do a circular walk to Pannal, starting in St Mary's Chapel at St Peter's Church at 9:00 am and returning to Church by 2:00 pm to attend the 'An Hour before the Cross' service.



As always it will be possible for anyone to choose how far they can walk and pick up/drop off points will be arranged. As we walk, we will pause to pray, share poems and listen to appropriate music, to help us to reflect upon the Good Friday scriptures. Please speak to Helen or contact her on hfhudy5@gmail.com if you would like to join us on this walk.

Men's Breakfast at St Peter's: Saturday 19th April 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.

Please bring flowers for the *Flowering of the Cross* on Easter Day

As part of our Easter Day celebrations, we will observe the centuries-old custom of the *flowering of the cross* next Sunday morning. You will be invited to come forward to the empty cross during the service and decorate the cross with your flowers. The Flower Team usually have spare flowers in case you forget. The Christian custom of *flowering the cross* dates back to the sixth century. It may be linked to the story that the Virgin Mary's tears fell at the foot of the cross and turned into flowers. The flower-bedecked cross will stand at the front of our church to symbolize Christ's victory over death by his resurrection on Easter morning. *Alleluia, Christ is risen!*





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V.E. DAY PROMS

80th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Ripon Cathedral
8th May 2025 at 7.15pm

Artists include
Echo 42 Big Band,
Charlotte Potter,
The Duchy Belles
& Simeon Wood
compered by Mark Sidwell

Tickets £15
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Today's Services: 13th April 2025

Palm Sunday

The Sunday next before Easter (BCP)

During our services today palm crosses are blessed and given out to commemorate Christ's entry into Jerusalem.

8:30 Holy Communion

9:30 Family Communion

*There is **no** Sunday Club for school age children today, but all children and their parents are welcome to gather in the café area, where there are toys and activities to share during our Family Communion Service.*

Hymns **189** Hosanna; **384** Make way; **120** The Servant King; **1404** King of Kings, Majesty

Reading Dramatised Passion reading

Our Duty Wardens today are:

Mo Atkinson and
Paul Medforth

11:00 Choral Matins

Setting Naylor in G (Benedicite)

Hymns 129, 110, 128 (omit *verse)

Psalm 61

Readings Isaiah 50 v 4 – 9a

Luke 22 v 14 – 23 v 56

Anthem Hosanna to the Son of David (*Hutchings*)

4:15 pm Stepping Stones Service *Holy Communion*

Preacher: Chris Clayton

6:30 Choral Evensong

Setting Gibbons (Short Service)

Hymns 122, 557

Psalm 69 v 1 - 20

Readings Isaiah 5 v 1 – 7

Luke 22 v 14 – 23 v 56

Anthem Hosanna to the Son of David (*Weelkes*)

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, Sue Pearce, Lynda Pilmoor, Celia Preston, Richard Sadler, Michelle Simon and Suzanne Simon.

RIP Will Lawson

Also in our prayers this week:

Mon	Those who live in danger of violence, persecution and oppression <i>Amnesty International</i>
Tues	Victims of domestic abuse Harrogate Women's Refuge
Wed	Sarah Martin, Lay Reader All those working in agriculture and food production
Thurs	<i>ARTIZAN International</i> , giving opportunities to people with disabilities in the UK and overseas Wendy Lewis, Safeguarding Officer
Fri	Hannah Beck, Lay Reader St Peter's Bellringers
Sat	Harrogate Deanery Helen Camm, Deanery Synod Secretary

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 41 Lamentations 1 v 1 – 12a Luke 22 v 1 - 23
Tues	Psalm 27 Lamentations 3 v 1 - 18 Luke 22[v 24 – 38] v 39 - 53
Wed	Psalm 102 v 1 - 18 Jeremiah 11 v 18 - 20 Luke 22 v 54 to end
Thurs	<i>Maundy Thursday</i> Psalm 42 Leviticus 16 v 2 - 24 Luke 23 v 1 - 25
Fri	<i>Good Friday</i> Psalm 69 Genesis 22 v 1 - 18 Hebrews 10 v 1 - 10
Sat	<i>Easter Eve</i> Psalm 142 Hosea 6 v 1 - 6 John 2 v 18 - 22

The Collect for the Palm Sunday (Common Worship)

True and humble king,
hailed by the crowd as
Messiah: grant us the faith
to know you and love you,
that we may be found
beside you on the way of
the cross, which is the path
of glory.

The Collect for the Sunday next before Easter (Book of Common Prayer)

Almighty and everlasting God, who, of thy tender love towards mankind, hast sent thy Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ, to take upon him our flesh, and to suffer death upon the cross, that all mankind should follow the example of his great humility: Mercifully grant, that we may both follow the example of his patience, and also be made partakers of his resurrection; through the same 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 14th	11:00 am – 1:00 pm <i>Sit-n-Knit</i> in Church 2:00 pm The U3A Singing Folk group 7:30 – 9:30 pm St Matthew Passion rehearsal in Church
Tues 15th	12:00 – 12:30 pm Healing Service
Wed 16th	10:30 – 11:00 am Café RefleXions 7:00 pm Performance of Bach St Matthew Passion with St Peter's Choir, Vocalis, guest singers and an orchestra
Thurs 17th	<i>Maundy Thursday</i> 9:30 – 11:00 am The Toddler Group at St Peter's 11:00 am Holy Communion 7:30 pm Choral Communion commemorating the Last Supper with St Peter's Choir
Fri 18th	<i>Good Friday</i> 9:00 am – 2:00 pm St Peter's Good Friday Prayer Walk starting at St Peter's Church 9:30 am AA meeting in the Music Room 10:00 am Good Friday Family Service with craft activities 11:00 - 11:30 am Netmakers Good Friday Service – join with local churches for a short service at the Cenotaph 2:00 pm An Hour before the Cross – meditations and music on the crucifixion of Christ with St Peter's Choir
Sat 19th	<i>Easter Eve</i> 8:00 am Men's Breakfast at St Peter's <i>St Peter's Flower Team</i> are decorating the Church for Easter
Sun 20th	<i>Easter Day</i> 7:30 – 8:30 pm AA meeting in the Brostoff Hall

Next Sunday 20th April 2025

Easter Day

8:30	Holy Communion
9:30	Family Communion
11:00	Choral Communion
6:30	Choral Evensong

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*)
- sweet biscuits
- teabags and instant coffee
- microwave rice
- small tins of fruit and vegetables
- baked beans and spaghetti hoops



All donations gratefully received



Have you returned your Electoral Roll application form?

Every six years we have to renew our Electoral Roll and **everyone** needs to fill in a form this time. 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 22nd April 2025, otherwise you will not be eligible to attend or to vote at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting on 20th May 2025.



Electoral Roll

Volunteers needed for Christian Aid Week 11th – 18th May 2025

We are looking for volunteers to deliver envelopes. Then you can choose to call back and collect any donations or simply deliver the envelopes only so that online giving can be made. If you would like to help, please contact Judith Simpson on 01423 564842 or email:

judiannesimpson@btinternet.com

Easter Flowers

St Peter's Flower Team will be decorating our Church for Easter on Saturday and any donations will be most welcome.

If you wish to have a loved one commemorated alongside the Easter Lilies on the High Altar, please give that person's name along with any donation (cash only) directly to Sue Heapy

TODAY – 13th April 2025

Refreshments
are served after
each of our
Sunday morning
services from



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

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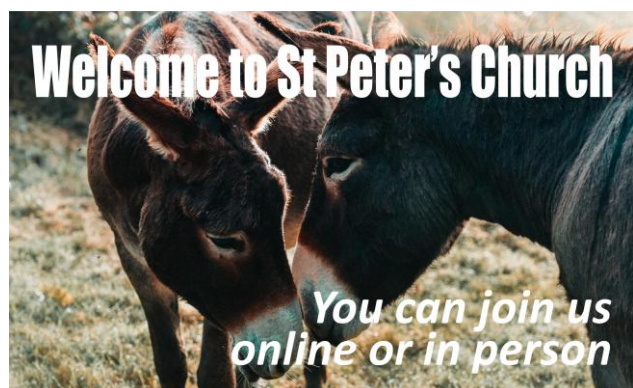
*The banns of marriage are published
between **Elizabeth Gill and Edward
Smith.** And also between **Alice
Sarah Catherine Hannaway and
Nathaniel Prail.***

*Both are 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 (20th April) will be
noon on Wednesday 16th April.
Please send any items to **The Weekly
News Editor**, Marian Chambers, or to
the Vicar, Alan Garrow.



New to St Peter's? Please fill in one
of the welcome cards in the pews
and hand it to one of the Clergy.