



Weekly News

14th September 2025

The Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

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New Intern starts at St Peter's soon!

I am Louise Emery and I am delighted to start my internship placement at St Peter's!



I am from Harrogate, and my faith journey began six years ago. I worshipped at St Wilfrid's, where I served in the children's ministry team and am a Brownie leader. I am married to Keith, and we have five children. Previously I was a community carer for elderly and disabled people.

The Church of England's internship scheme is for anyone over 18. It helps people explore God's calling and gain ministry experience, serving parishes throughout England. It helps people grow in faith and knowledge, discovering our gifts. The programme runs from September to July. Every Monday I will meet other interns for worship, training and study and I will serve St Peter's for three days a week. I will pop up to help in a variety of ways and places!

I hope to gain some spiritual direction in my life this year. Now my youngest child is starting school, I want to gain confidence to prepare for working again. I'm not sure what's next, but I'd like God to be a big part of it.

I also want to gain confidence in sharing my faith and love for Jesus more openly because that means so much to me; I just want to share it.

I really look forward to getting to know you all and hearing and sharing stories of faith with you; I can't wait!

Louise Emery, *our Leeds Diocesan Intern*

Harvest Gift Bags – how you can help

This year we are inviting you once again to fill a Harvest Gift Bag, which will be available from Carole Raw at the Welcome Desk **after the Sunday morning services on Sunday 21st September** and during the preceding week Monday to Friday from the Parish Office. This year we are supporting those living in care homes, residential homes or the elderly living at home. All the information you need will be printed on the card attached to your bag.



The filled bag and card should be returned to Church on **Sunday 5th October** at any of the morning services. They will be distributed by our delivery teams the following day, so please return your bag on time! We hope you enjoy taking part in our Harvest Giving Project!

Carole Raw, *Parish Administrator*, and Jan Edwards, *Lay Pastoral Minister*

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 27th September. 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!

St Peter's Food Ministry

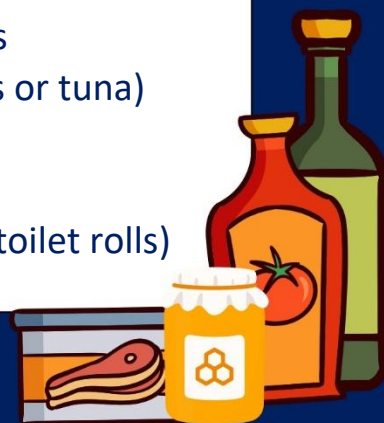
needs your help!

The *Thursday Supermarket* needs these items:

- teabags and jars of instant coffee
- packets of biscuits and breakfast cereals
- tins of soup
- tins of vegetables, tomatoes or baked beans
- tins of meat or fish (**not** meatballs, sausages or tuna)
- tins of fruit and rice pudding
- small bottles of washing-up liquid
- toiletries (toothpaste/brushes; shower gel, toilet rolls)



All donations gratefully received



St Peter's wins Eco Church Silver Award!



From left to right: The Vicar, Alan Garrow, with Heather Swarbrick and Stewart Davies

St Peter's Eco Church Group is delighted to announce that St Peter's has been awarded the Eco Church Silver Award by A Rocha UK (the Christian conservation charity). This involved making every effort to improve our focus on ways in which we can conserve energy, raise awareness of our responsibility for the environment and increase our connections with nature. We now aim to 'Go for Gold'. This will involve ensuring that our energy is supplied by renewables or carbon offset energy suppliers and much more besides. More on this in coming months.

Heather Swarbrick, St Peter's Eco Church Group



Celebrate Harvest at St Peter's Church

Come to the **Bring and Share Harvest Lunch** on Harvest Sunday, 5th October, at 1:00 pm in Church. We hope it will be a buffet that reflects the many different heritages and cultures that make up our congregations, as they come together to share good food and fellowship. If you are able to bring some food or drink to share that would be great – all contributions are welcome! Speak to Catherine Medforth (07876 653 765) or Siân Lockwood (07889

616 755) if you have any questions. This morning there are sign-up lists available at the Welcomers' Desk after the services. **Everyone is invited!**

The Thinking about God Discussion Group restarts tomorrow

The group restarts after the summer break on Monday 15th September. We will spend a few weeks looking at Christian Ethics and then go on to study John's Gospel. We meet 1:30 - 3:00 pm every Monday in The Undercroft. There are limited places for new members so if you think that you might be interested, please contact Paul Gill for more details (GillsNo6@aol.com).



Today's Services: 14th September 2025

Creationtide

The Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

Education Sunday

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 **14** All things bright and beautiful; **192** Our God reigns (How lovely on the mountains); **168** Here is love; **64** Colours of day

Readings Philippians 2 v 6 - 11
 Luke 13 v 6 - 9

Preacher: Alan Garrow

Our Duty Wardens today are:

Mo Atkinson and
Rachel Fell

11:00 Choral Matins

Setting Sanders in Bflat (Jubilate)

Hymns 555, 599, 474

Psalms 126, 127

Readings Numbers 21 v 4 - 9
 Luke 13 v 6 - 9

Anthem O clap your hands (*Rutter*)

Preacher: Alan Garrow

1:30 pm Wedding in Church

4:15 pm Stepping Stones Service *Holy Communion*

Reading: Philippians 2 v 5 – 11

Preacher: Pete Hallam

6:30 Choral Evensong

Setting Noble in B minor

Hymns 427, 520, 543

Psalms 124, 125

Readings Isaiah 63 v 1 - 16
 1 Corinthians 1 v 18 - 25

Anthem Though I speak with the tongues of men (*Bairstow*)

Preacher: Alan Garrow

Creationtide Walk 2025 – a walk of reflection, meditation and worship

St Peter's Creationtide Walk takes place this Saturday 20th September 2025 starting in St Mary's Chapel at St Peter's Church at 10:30 am and returning to Church mid-afternoon. Please speak to Helen Harrison (hfhudy5@gmail.com) if you would like to join her for all or some of this walk.

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	Western Primary School St Peter's Sunday Club at the start of the new school year
Tues	Rough sleepers and the homeless St Peter's Breakfast Club
Wed	St Peter's Sacristans The Weekly News Editorial Team
Thurs	Our armed forces serving at home and overseas The new intake at the Army Foundation College, Harrogate
Fri	Mike Davies, Churchwarden St Peter's Players, busy rehearsing for their next production
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 126 Proverbs 25 v 1 - 14 Mark 8 v 11 - 21
Tues	<i>Ninian, Bishop of Galloway, Apostle of the Picts, c 432</i> Psalm 132 Proverbs 25 v 15 to end Mark 8 v 22 - 26
Wed	<i>Hildegard of Bingen, Visionary, 1179</i> Psalm 119 v 153 to end Proverbs 26 v 12 to end Mark 8 v 27 – 9 v 1
Thurs	Psalm 143 Proverbs 27 v 1 - 22 Mark 9 v 2 - 13
Fri	Psalm 144 Proverbs 30 v 1 – 9 and v 24 - 31 Mark 9 v 14 - 29
Sat	<i>John Coleridge Patteson, Martyr</i> Psalm 147 Proverbs 31 v 10 to end Mark 9 v 30 - 37

The Collect for The Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

(Common Worship)

Almighty God, you search us and know us:

may we rely on you in strength and rest on you in weakness, now and in all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Collect for The Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity (Book of Common Prayer)

Almighty and merciful God, of whose only gift it cometh that thy faithful people do unto thee true and laudable service:

Grant, we beseech thee, that we may so faithfully serve thee in this life, that we fail not finally to attain thy heavenly promises; through the merits of 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 15th	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 meet in the Undercroft 2:00 pm The U3A Singing Folk group 7:00 – 9:00 pm <i>Beauty and the Beast</i> rehearsal in Church
Tues 16th	12:00 – 12:30 pm Healing Service
Wed 17th	10:30 – 11:00 am Café RefleXions 1:30 pm ' <i>The History of St Peter's Church</i> ' by Tony Wilson in the Bramall Gallery 2:00 – 3:30 pm Art Class for Adults with Helena 7:30 pm Harrogate Harmony Men's Chorus
Thurs 18th	9:30 – 11:00 am The Toddler Group at St Peter's 11:00 am Holy Communion 11:30 am - 1:00 pm Amnesty International UK 's <i>Write for Rights</i> 1:30 pm ' <i>A tour of the stained-glass windows</i> ' with Michael Burlison' in the Bramall Gallery 7:30 pm St Peter's Choir Practice
Fri 19th	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 20th	8:30 am Men's Breakfast at St Peter's 10:00 am – 3:30 pm <i>The 20th Harrogate Scouts</i> , who meet at St Mary's Walk, are holding a Refreshment Day in Church 10:30 am St Peter's <i>Creationtide</i> Walk 2025 starts at Church
Sun 21st	<i>The Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity</i> <i>Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist</i> 5:30 – 7:00 pm Sanctuary , are meeting in the Brostoff Hall 7:30 – 8:30 pm AA meeting in the Brostoff Hall

Next Sunday 21st September 2025

Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist

The Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity

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.



2025 LOST AND FOUND

cte.org.uk/educationsunday2025

Today is Education Sunday and Vivienne Royal, Executive Head Teacher of Aspire AP Schools, two alternative provision schools in Birmingham, reflects on this year's theme:

When I began teacher training, the focus was mostly on delivering 'outstanding lessons'. But I soon realised teaching is more than delivering content, and pupils are more than recipients of knowledge. Luke 15 v 1 – 10, the parables of the lost sheep and the lost coin, helped me see a deeper calling. Now, as an executive headteacher of two alternative provision schools, I understand our mission is to seek out those who feel lost in the system and offer them new hope.

We work with vulnerable young people facing complex challenges. Many have undiagnosed SEND needs or struggle with emotionally based school avoidance. Others have faced repeated exclusion and disengagement. National data shows that 20% of young people need mental health support. Persistent absence is at 22%, and students with SEND are more likely to be excluded. Many of our students have also experienced trauma or adverse childhood experiences. Add to this the lingering impact of COVID-19, and it's clear: many young people feel lost.

In the gospel story, the shepherd leaves the 99 to search for the one lost sheep, and the woman turns her house upside down to find the lost coin. These parables show that what's lost matters deeply. The lost sheep may have wandered off, and the coin didn't lose itself, but the point is, someone cared enough to search until they were found. That's what we try to do in alternative provision. Our work is about being relentless in the search: finding the young person who's become disconnected, rebuilding trust, and unlocking the door to learning again. We focus on the individual, and one-to-one pastoral support is key. Like the shepherd and the woman, we search and we keep searching. And like them, we celebrate when the lost are found. We've seen anxious, school-refusing students become our most committed attenders. We've seen young people who were written off go on to gain qualifications. We've seen students learn to regulate their emotions and gain confidence. These aren't just academic wins, but they're signs of hope being restored.

That hope spreads. It touches families, staff, and the wider community. And, as Luke tells us, it causes rejoicing in heaven. We're not just hitting targets; we're part of something redemptive. When we help a young person regain their dignity, agency, and future, we are living out the gospel of restoration. As educators, school leaders, church members, or supporters, we are all invited into this mission. It demands time, intention, emotional resilience — and the grace of God. But when even one young life turns around, we see the kingdom of God at work in our schools. This Education Sunday, may our efforts reflect the heart of the gospel: no one is beyond hope; every life has value; and every recovery brings joy in heaven and on earth.

Refreshments
are served after
each of our
Sunday morning
services from



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

Safe Spaces



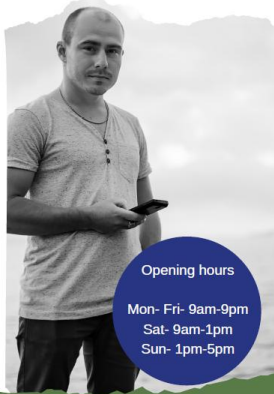
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Next Week's Deadline

The deadline for the next edition of
the Weekly News (21st September)
will be noon on Wednesday 17th
September. 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.