



Weekly News

15th February 2026

The Sunday next before Lent

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Our Link with the Diocese of Hong Kong Island

In January, the Rt Revd Arun Arora, Bishop of Kirkstall, and the Revd David Ho Young, Rector of Moor Allerton and Shadwell, paid a visit to the Diocese of Hong Kong Island, which is one of three dioceses in the Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui (Anglican Church of Hong Kong).



The Diocese of Hong Kong Island comprises of Hong Kong Island, Lantau Island and other Island Districts. The Diocese has sixteen churches, including St John's Cathedral. The visit was at the invitation of Bishop Matthias Der, the Bishop of Hong Kong Island, (*pictured here with Bishop Arun and David Ho Young*) and is the first step in developing a link between the Diocese of Leeds and the Diocese of Hong Kong Island. Bishop Matthias, his wife, and two of his clergy will be making a visit to our Diocese in April and we look forward to welcoming them.

新年快樂

Happy Chinese New Year

The Lunar New Year celebrations start on Tuesday of this week, and we wish all in the Diocese of Hong Kong Island and all the families from Hong Kong who worship at St Peter's: 'A Happy and Prosperous New Year'.

The King receives the new Archbishop of Canterbury

On 4th February 2026 King Charles III met the newly confirmed Archbishop of Canterbury, the Rt Revd Dame Sarah Mullally, during an audience at Buckingham Palace. King Charles received the oath of allegiance from Archbishop Sarah acknowledging the King as the supreme governor of the Church of England. The next day she met with the Prince and Princess of Wales at Lambeth Palace. Her Installation will take place at Canterbury Cathedral on 25th March 2026.



The Imposition of the Ashes



On Ash Wednesday, Roman Catholic, Anglican and some other churches hold special services at which worshippers are marked on the forehead with a cross of ashes. This service draws on the ancient Biblical traditions of covering one's head with ashes, wearing sackcloth and fasting as signs of repentance. As the minister makes the sign of the cross on each person's forehead these words are said:

Remember you are dust and unto dust you shall return.

Turn away from sin and be faithful to Christ

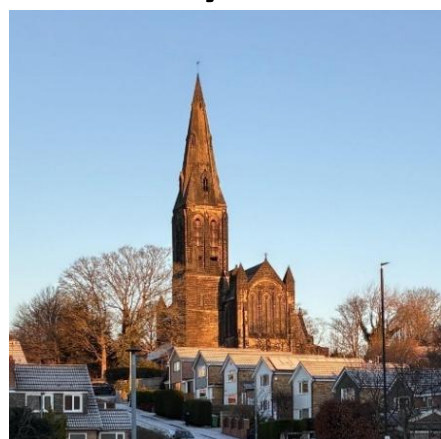
Please come to the Communion Service with the Imposition of the Ashes at 11:00 am on Ash Wednesday, 18th February, here at St Peter's as the season of Lent begins.

Men's Breakfast at St Peter's: Saturday 21st February 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.



Chris Clayton is being licensed at St Margaret's, Horsforth



As you know, our Associate Vicar, Chris Clayton has been appointed as Priest in Charge of the Abbeylands Benefice in the Leeds area. The Bishop of Kirkstall, Arun Arora, will welcome and institute Chris on Wednesday 25th February at 7:00 pm at St Margaret's Church, Church Lane, Horsforth, Leeds, LS18 5LA. Parking is apparently very limited, so we are asked to car share where possible. Refreshments will be served afterwards. All are welcome!



A Fundraising Refreshment Day for our Church

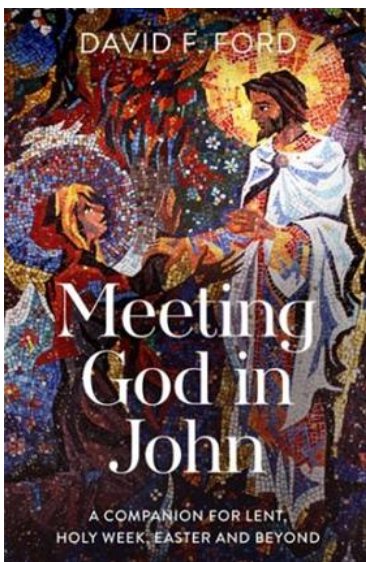
There is a St Peter's Fundraising Refreshment Day to raise funds for our Church on Saturday 21st February from 10:00 am until 3:30 pm. They will be serving morning coffee, light lunches and afternoon teas. If you are in town on Saturday, please come and support this fundraising event in Church. Thank you!

Harrogate School of Theology & Mission

Unlocking the wisdom of John's Gospel: an introduction to David Ford's Theological Commentary on John's Gospel – a seminar led by the Revd Ian Johnston, a leader of Bible Studies based on this remarkable work

This is on Saturday 28th February at Woodlands Methodist Church on Wetherby Road, starting with breakfast at 9:30 am, followed by the seminar and time for discussion.

Participants will be sent, in advance, a pdf copy of the chapter on John 3, which Ian will use to introduce the main theses of the Commentary and to stimulate group discussion. It will be helpful if participants read this material beforehand. *You are therefore encouraged on this occasion to register via Eventbrite – there is the option to pay on the day, visit hstm.org.uk/events for further details.* Tickets cost £8, under 18s are free.



Our Lent Courses start this week

This year's Lent courses are being run in person and online. On **Thursday mornings** in the Gallery at St Peter's from 9:30 – 10:45 am starting on 19th February (NB this course is already full); and on **Sunday evenings** online from 7:15 - 8:45 pm starting on 22nd February. As part of our 'Year of John' the book *Meeting God in John: a companion for Lent, Holy Week, Easter and beyond* by David Ford is the resource we are using. Purchase of the book is recommended, but not essential. Contact Stewart Davies (stewart.davies@leeds.anglican.org) or Alan Garrow (alan.garrow@gmail.com) with any questions.

St Peter's Ladies who Lunch

The **Ladies who Lunch** are meeting again at 12:45 pm on Friday 20th February 2026 at the Nomad Café on Beulah Street, which offers vegetarian, vegan and gluten free options. If you would like to join them for food and fellowship, then please contact Sue Heapy (brynsusie@hotmail.com or 07540 355 305), so she can book you a place at their table.



Today's Services: 15th February 2026

The Sunday next before Lent

Quinquagesima (BCP)

8:30 Holy Communion

9:30 Family Communion

*As it is half-term, 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 **379** Majesty; 189 Hosanna; **302** Jesus shall take the highest honour; **418** O Jesus, I have promised

Readings Isaiah 56 v 1 - 12
John 3 v 16 - 21

Preacher: Catharine Davies

11:00 Choral Matins

Setting Moeran in E flat (Jubilate)

Hymns 268, 489, 250 (omit v 5 and 6)

Psalm 72

Readings Isaiah 56 v 1 - 12
John 3 v 16 - 21

Anthem Turn back, O man (*Holst*)

Preacher: Catharine Davies

Our Duty Wardens today are:
Leigh Thompson, Helen Camm
and Richard Bion

4:15 pm Stepping Stones Service Crafternoon Church
(arrivals and refreshments 3:45 pm)

Preacher: Ruth Thompson-Vear

6:30 Choral Communion

Settings Stanford in Bflat (Gloria Credo Sanctus)
Stanford in F (Benedictus, Agnus Dei)

Hymns 248, 271, 278, 427

Readings Ecclesiasticus 48 v 1 - 10
Matthew 17 v 9 - 23

Anthem Ave Maria (*Lindley*)

Preacher: Karin Shaw

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, Robert Bickford, Ann Campbell, Graham Cornish, Richard Couzens, Jane Crabtree, Tony Edwards, Margaret Farrar, Jenny Gardiner, Tim Harrison, June Hemmings, Jean Hopper, Trevor Hughes, Joan Kelly, Kim Okell, Sheila Pantin, Sue Pearce, Celia Preston, Richard Sadler, Michelle Simon and Sally Sneddon.

Also in our prayers this week:

Mon	Vulnerable children with safeguarding and welfare needs Looked-after children and children in care
Tues	All who are housebound Jan Edwards, Lay Pastoral Minister
Wed	Those living in poverty The children in the UK affected by malnutrition
Thurs	GP surgeries and health centres All attending our Healing Service
Fri	The Queen and the Royal Family All those supporting survivors of rape and sexual assault
Sat	Those who are close to death <i>St Michael's Hospice</i>

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 44 Genesis 37 v 1 - 11 John 4 v 15 - 26
Tues	<i>Janani Luwum, Archbishop of Uganda, Martyr, 1977</i> Psalm 48 Genesis 37 v 12 to end John 4 v 27 - 42
Wed	<i>Ash Wednesday</i> Psalm 38 Daniel 9 v 3 – 6, 17 - 19 John 4 v 43 - 54
Thurs	Psalm 57 Genesis 39 John 5 v 1 - 18
Fri	Psalm 3 Genesis 40 John 5 v 19 - 29
Sat	Psalm 71 Genesis 41 v 1 - 24 John 5 v 30 – 38

The Collect for *The Sunday next before Lent* (Common Worship)

Holy God, you know the disorder of our sinful lives: set straight our crooked hearts, and bend our wills to love your goodness and your glory in Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Collect for *The Sunday called Quinquagesima* (Book of Common Prayer)

O Lord, who hast taught us that all our doings without charity are nothing worth: Send thy Holy Ghost, and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of charity, the very bond of peace and of all virtues, without which whosoever liveth is counted dead before thee. Grant this for thine only Son Jesus Christ's sake.

What's on This Week

St Peter's Church is open to visitors from 9:30 am – 3:30 pm every day except Sundays.

*There will be a **BOOK SALE** in the Glass Foyer from 19th – 21st February.*

Mon 16th	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 in the Undercroft 2:00 pm The U3A Singing Folk group
Tues 17th	<i>Shrove Tuesday</i> (<i>Lunar New Year begins</i>) 12:00 – 12:30 pm Healing Service
Wed 18th	<i>Ash Wednesday</i> 10:30 – 11:00 am Café RefleXions 11:00 am Holy Communion <i>with the Imposition of the Ashes</i> 2:00 – 3:30 pm Art Class for Adults with Helena 7:30 pm Harrogate Harmony Men's Chorus
Thurs 19th	9:30 – 11:00 am The Toddler Group at St Peter's 9:30 – 10:45 am <i>Meeting God in John – a Lent Course for 2026</i> in the Gallery. Week 1 11:00 am Holy Communion 11:30 am – 1:00 pm Join our local <i>Amnesty International UK</i> group for a <i>Write for Rights</i> session in Church 7:30 pm St Peter's Choir Practice
Fri 20th	9:30 am AA meeting in the Music Room 10:00 am – 12:00 pm St Peter's Cleaning Team 12:45 pm St Peter's <i>Ladies who Lunch</i> meet at Nomad Café Beulah Street for food and fellowship 7:00 – 8:15 pm Bellringing Practice at St Peter's
Sat 21st	8:00 am Men's Breakfast at St Peter's 10:00 am – 3:30 pm St Peter's Fundraising Refreshment Day
Sun 22nd	<i>The First Sunday of Lent</i> 7:15 – 8:45 pm <i>Meeting God in John</i> online . Week 1 7:30 – 8:30 pm AA meeting in the Brostoff Hall

Next Sunday 22nd February 2026

The First Sunday of Lent

8:30	Holy Communion
9:30	Family Communion
11:00	Choral Matins
4:15	Stepping Stones Service – <i>Service of the Word</i>
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.

Draw Near: Life-giving habits for Lent



Draw Near is the Church of England's theme for Lent 2026.

The booklet for adults invites you to develop a rhythm of life that will help you grow as a disciple of Christ. Each week explores an activity central to Christian discipleship as expressed in a summary of the *Christian Way* from *Common Worship*: **worship, prayer, exploring the Bible, communion, service to others and sharing the good news**. For each day of Lent, it offers Bible readings, short reflections, prayers and practical responses.

The booklet for children encourages younger readers to build a habit of generosity with the help of **40acts**. Many people choose to 'give something up' for Lent. Draw Near with **40acts** invites you to turn that on its head: give things away, give time, give encouragement, and discover the joy of walking in generosity. As well as an act of generosity, each day also offers a simple Bible verse, reflection and prayer ideal for families, children, school and church groups to do together.

Discover more about **Draw Near** and the **40acts** challenge at cofe.io/DrawNear.

AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL



On 19th February our local group are holding a **Write for Rights** session from 11:30 am – 1:00 pm in St Peter's Church



The flowers in Church today
are in memory of
Tawanda Chinyoka-Hey

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

A service for everyone!

Friday 6 March

I will give you rest, come

**Mowbray Community
Church**

**Westmoreland Street
Harrogate, HG1 5AT
at 2:00 pm**

The offering is shared between
many international charities
helping women
and children



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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 JUST WANT TO SAY... **THANK YOU!**

Thank you so much

if you remembered to bring
some groceries, toiletries or
treats to put in the hamper
today! Your donation will help
someone who is
hungry or in need.

The Next Deadline

The deadline for the next edition of
the Weekly News (22nd February) will
be noon on Wednesday 18th
February. 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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