



Weekly News

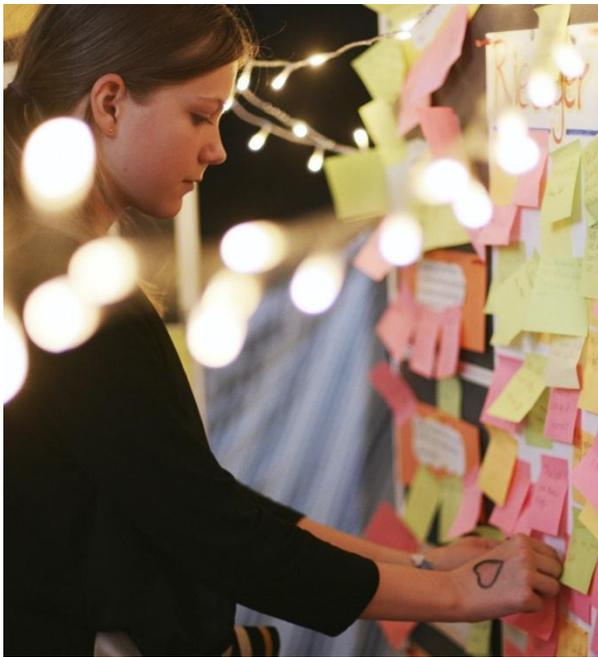
15th March 2026

Mothers Sunday

www.stpetersharrogate.org.uk

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

Prayer Spaces in Schools 2026



We are delighted to be working with St Paul's URC to create a dedicated prayer space at St Peter's Primary School for Key Stage 2 children. We believe spiritual wellbeing is an important part of a child's development, and we are excited to offer this experience within our parish school community.

The project will run from 16th-20th of March. Small groups of up to 15 children will be invited into a carefully prepared space designed to encourage stillness, reflection and gentle exploration of prayer. The room will include a variety of interactive prayer and reflection

stations, allowing children to move at their own pace and engage in ways that feel meaningful to them.

Through the creative use of colour, soft lighting, visual imagery and thoughtfully chosen scripture prompts, the space will spark imagination and encourage deeper thinking. By engaging the senses as well as the mind, we hope to create an inviting environment where children can reflect on themes such as gratitude, hope, peace, and the safe expression of worries or questions.

The space is designed to be inclusive and welcoming to children of all faiths including children of no faith who just want to explore, ensuring every child feels valued and able to participate. Our hope is that this prayer space will provide a calm and nurturing pause within the school week, a place where children can reflect, feel supported, and know that their thoughts and feelings matter, as well as explore spirituality.

Louise Emery, St Peter's Ministry Intern

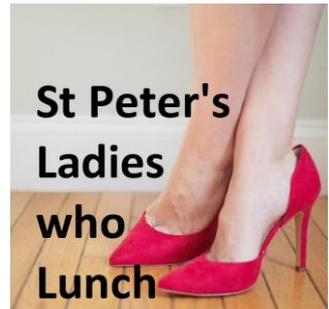
Bakers needed for the next St Peter's Fundraising Refreshment Day



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 28th March. 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 Ladies who Lunch

The March meeting of the **Ladies who Lunch** has been postponed until **April**. Full details of time and venue will be available soon. Contact Sue Heapy (07540 355 305) or brynsusie@hotmail.com



Men's Breakfast at St Peter's: Saturday 21st March 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 Fisher Singers with orchestra and soloists

W. A. Mozart

Requiem

& Coronation Mass

Conducted by John Longstaff

Saturday 28th March 2026 at 7.30pm

St Wilfrid's Church, Harrogate HG1 2EY
TICKETS £15/£8 under 18s
Tel. 07958665410/07411258713
Also available on the door.

St Peter's Church Harrogate

J S Bach

St John Passion

(New English translation by Andrew Greenan and John Longstaff)



Toby Ward	Evangelist
Andrew Greenan	Jesus
Richard Cressall	Pilate
Jennifer Clark	soprano
Yvonne Howard	alto
Alex Grainger	tenor
John Longstaff	director

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

Wednesday 1st April 2026 at 7:15pm

Tickets £18 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).



Easter Flowers

St Peter's Flower Team will be decorating our Church for Easter, 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 before Palm Sunday, 29th March.

The annual BIG DEEP-CLEAN of St Peter's Church kitchen

Our Church kitchen is well used! While the Breakfast Club Team and Church Maintenance Team keep on top of daily cleaning, we carry out a deep clean of the Church kitchen every year. We normally get together a team of volunteers on a Saturday when there are no other events and blitz the kitchen together. This year the next free Saturday is Saturday 11th April (the Saturday after Easter). If you can help, please contact Siân Lockwood (either in Church or by telephoning her mobile 07889 616 755). The more of us the merrier!

Siân Lockwood, *Churchwarden*

A message of thanks from St Andrew's Children's Home, Chosica, Peru.

St Peter's supports St Andrew's Children's home near Lima. It was founded in 1989 by Brian and Betty Attwell for orphans and children with disabilities. Here is an excerpt from a recent newsletter:

"All the boys and girls are keeping well for which we are most thankful to God.

Those who are old enough attend school, which they enjoy, and the Mission provides the school uniforms, sports kit and text books essential for their lessons.

The children are encouraged to read books to improve their literacy skills in the Spanish language.

The Day Nursery within the school is greatly appreciated by the single mothers. They bring their babies and toddlers to the Home early in the morning to work on the many markets and stalls in the town. This is a free service but if they can afford to, some mothers make a contribution towards the meals etc for their children.



Thank you to St Peter's for your generous support in gifts and prayers".

Today's Services: 15th March 2026

Mothering Sunday

The Fourth Sunday in Lent (BCP)

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 393 Morning has broken; Mothering God, you gave me birth ;27 As the deer; 357 Lord Jesus Christ

Readings Proverbs 4 v 1 - 9
John 19 v 25b - 27

Preacher: Karin Shaw

11:00 Choral Matins

Setting Jackson in G (Benedicite)

Hymns 238, 517, 469

Psalm 19

Readings Proverbs 4 v 1 - 9
John 19 v 25b - 27

Anthem To my request and earnest cry (S S Wesley)

Preacher: Hannah Beck

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

Preacher: Ruth Thompson-Vear

6:30 Choral Communion

Setting Harris in C (Kyrie, Sanctus, Benedictus, Agnus), Longstaff (Creed)

Hymns 11, 106, 308, 277

Readings James 5
John 3 v 14 - 21

Anthem Tantum ergo (*de Séverac*)

Preacher: Alan Garrow

A BIG THANK YOU!

to the Guides and
Brownies for making
today's Mothering
Sunday posies!

Our Duty Wardens today are:

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

Also in our prayers this week:

Mon The 10th Harrogate St Peter's Rainbows and Brownies
Our Lay Baptism Team

Tues Harrogate *Bipolar UK* Support Group
Men's Breakfast at St Peter's

Wed Siân Lockwood, Churchwarden
All those serving refreshments after our services

Thurs The 999 and NHS 111 call centre staff
The Market Day Café

Fri Hannah Beck, Lay Reader
Café RefleXions

Sat Harrogate Deanery
Helen Camm, Deanery Synod Secretary

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 77
Exodus 2 v 11 - 22
John 8 v 39 - 45

Tues *Patrick, Bishop, Patron of Ireland, c 460*
Psalm 79
Exodus 2 v 23 – 3 v 20
John 8 v 46 - 59

Wed Psalm 90
Exodus 4 v 1 - 23
John 9 v 1 - 12

Thurs ***Joseph of Nazareth***
Psalm 25
Isaiah 11 v 1 - 10
John 9 v 13 - 25

Fri *Cuthbert, Bishop of Lindisfarne, Missionary, 687*
Psalm 144
Exodus 6 v 2 - 13
John 9 v 26 - 34

Sat *Thomas Cranmer, Archbishop of Canterbury, Reformation Martyr, 1556*
Psalm 32
Exodus 7 v 8 to end
John 9 v 35 - 41

The Collect for *Mothering Sunday* (Common Worship)
God of love, passionate and strong, tender and careful: watch over us and hold us all the days of our life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Collect for *the Fourth Sunday in Lent* (Book of Common Prayer)
Grant, we beseech thee, Almighty God, that we, who for our evil deeds do worthily deserve to be punished, by the comfort of thy grace may mercifully be relieved; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

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 16th** 11:00 am – 1:00 pm *Sit-n-Knit* in Church
1:30 – 3:00 pm The *Thinking about God* group is meeting in the Undercroft
2:00 pm The U3A Singing Folk group
- Tues 17th** ***St Patrick's Day***
12:00 – 12:30 pm Healing Service
- Wed 18th** **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 19th** 9:30 – 11:00 am The Toddler Group at St Peter's
9:30 – 10:45 am *Meeting God in John – Lent Course* in the Gallery. Week 5
11:00 am Holy Communion
11:30 am – 1:30 pm '*Write for Rights*' Amnesty International UK
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
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 *Ripon Amateur Operatic Society* are holding a Refreshment Day in Church
- Sun 22nd** ***The Fifth Sunday of Lent***
5:30 – 7:00 pm **Sanctuary**, our Youth Group, are having an Easter Egg Hunt
7:15 – 8:45 pm *Meeting God in John **online***. Week 5
7:30 – 8:30 pm AA meeting in the Brostoff Hall

Next Sunday 22nd March 2026

The Fifth Sunday of Lent

- 8:30 Holy Communion
9:30 Family Communion
11:00 Choral Matins
4:15 Stepping Stones Service
– *Service of the Word*
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.

Harrogate School of Theology & Mission



Theologian, the Revd Canon Janet Williams, currently Vice Principal of St Hild College, speaks on: *Julian of Norwich and the Last Judgement*

This live lecture is at St Mark's Church on Saturday 28th March, starting with breakfast served from 9:30 am, then the lecture from 10:00 am – 12:00 pm. Tickets cost £10 (students £7 per and under 18s free) including breakfast and refreshments. Zoom live stream is £5 per person and must be purchased online in advance. Visit <https://hstm.org.uk> to book.

An exciting opportunity at Resurrected Bites: Resurrected Bites is looking for someone ideally with an active Christian faith to take on the role of Chief Exec. Could this be you or someone you know? Please see here for more information:

<https://resurrectedbites.co.uk/news/8yy55dq56pe0k7qhjc16b7pgjm4mqg> or email Michelle ceo@resurrectedbites.co.uk Please can you also pray for us to discern the right person for this role.

WRITE FOR RIGHTS

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A LETTER FROM YOU COULD CHANGE SOMEONE'S LIFE

'The amount of messages I received from Amnesty activists gives me a lot of hope despite all the challenges.'

Azza Hilal Ahmad Suleiman, Egypt

The local group of Amnesty International UK hold a Write for Rights session on the third Thursday of the month from 11:30 am - 1:00 pm in St Peter's Church.

Amnesty International www.amnesty.org.uk/write

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CREATION

HARROGATE CHORAL SOCIETY

National Festival Orchestra
Conducted by **David Lawrence**

21st March 2026, 3pm
Soothill Hall, Ashville College,
Harrogate

Tickets £18
Students and U16s £5
Box Office 01423 502116 - also on the door

Or book online at
www.harrogatetheatre.co.uk

Charity No 1164776

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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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 March) will be noon on Wednesday 18th March. 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.