



Weekly News

17th May 2026

The Seventh Sunday of Easter

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Time to take stock

Thank you, everyone, for your regular giving. As illustrated by the reports in this year's Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) booklet (available from the Welcome Desk and from the [PCC page of the church website](#)), St Peter's achieved a great deal in 2025. And, without your giving, none of this would have been possible.

At the same time, as you will see from the Treasurer's Report in that booklet, 2025 was an exceptionally difficult year for us financially. The 2026 situation is different but remains challenging.

As with any big challenge, facing it together is much more effective than attempting to face it alone. Before the end of this month, therefore, please do one of the following, if you've not done so already:

- 1. Join the Parish Giving Scheme** (*details above*).
- 2. Include St Peter's in your Will** (remember we have a special arrangement with Ison Harrison Solicitors in Harrogate – half price wills for those who leave a legacy to St Peter's).
- 3. Review your regular giving to see if the level is right for you.**

If you have questions about our finances, or any other aspect of the life of St Peter's, you are most welcome to the **APCM, on Tuesday 19th May at 7:00 pm in Church.**

Thank you

The Parish Giving Scheme



The simplest and most tax efficient way to support St Peter's financially is via the Parish Giving Scheme (PGS). Using this method saves us a lot of admin and enables us to recover Gift Aid every month!

It's very simple to join (and leave).

Either use their website www.parishgiving.org.uk or give them a call on **0333 002 1260** – they're very helpful.

All you need to know is that you want to give to: **St Peter's Church, Harrogate** and your bank details! (You will also need to cancel your Standing Order for St Peter's once the PGS has begun.)

St Peter's PGS number is: **460646304**

Alan Garrow, Vicar of St Peter's Church

'Beating the Bounds' on Rogation Sunday



Just a few of the intrepid members of our congregation who walked around the three mile Parish Boundary last Sunday. A special 'well done' to Helen Harrison, who led this walk, having successfully finished the 26 mile **Trek26** course in London to raise money for the *Alzheimer's Society* on Saturday! She has raised £1,168 so far!



Amnesty International UK
Harrogate and Knaresborough Group

www.facebook.com/harrogateandknaresborough

invite you to

COME DINE WITH PALESTINE

Enjoy a delicious Palestinian buffet meal and hear the latest from the West Bank, directly from Hilary Davies. Hilary has recently returned from her work as an independent observer there.

Saturday 23rd May, 7.00 for 7.30pm
The Friends Meeting House
12a Queen Parade, Harrogate HG1 5PP

All proceeds to HIRN (Hebron International Resource Network)

Tickets £15 at the door but for catering purposes please reserve your place in advance through Eventbrite, by scanning the QR code below:



Scan me!

WRITE FOR RIGHTS



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



St Peter's Ladies who Lunch

The *Ladies who Lunch* are meeting again at 12:45 pm on Wednesday 27th May 2026 at the Nomad Café on Beulah Street, which caters for various dietary requirements. If you would like to join them for food and fellowship, then please contact Sue Heapy (07540 355 305 or brynsusie@hotmail.com), so she can book you a place at their table.

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 30th May. 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.



Book and Jigsaw Puzzle Sale in the Glass Foyer

There will be a three day book sale in the Glass Foyer on Thursday 28th, Friday 29th and Saturday 30th May to raise funds for St Peter's Church. The organisers are planning a massive jigsaw puzzle sale as well as books – your chance to clear your shelves and buy some new ones. If you have any books or puzzles in good condition to donate, please bring them to Church and leave them under the Tower or phone 07503 186 455 to arrange collection. Many thanks!

St Peter's welcomes visitors from the Diocese of Hong Kong Island

The Bishop of Kirkstall, Arun Arora, and the Revd Canon Dave Ho Young visited Hong Kong in January to develop links with the Anglican church there. In response the Bishop of Hong Kong Island, Matthias Der; his wife, Rachel; the Revd Canon Lam Chun Wai and the Revd Christine Ho paid a return visit to the Diocese of Leeds in April. They were welcomed here to St Peter's by the Vicar, Alan Garrow, where they met Hong Kong members of the congregation and enjoyed afternoon tea at Betty's.



Helen Harrison walks *Trek26* to raise money for the *Alzheimer's Society*

Helen succeeded in walking the full 26 miles through London on Saturday 9th May. If you would like to support her and give to this charity, please follow the [JustGiving link](#). Alternatively, please contact Helen on 07879 877 353 or hfhudy5@gmail.com.

Today's Services: 17th May 2026

The Seventh Sunday of Easter

The Sunday after Ascension Day (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 **629** You are the Vine; **27** As the deer; **399** My peace; **544** There is a Redeemer

Readings Acts 1 v 6 - 14
John 7 v 10 – 18, 28 - 31 and 37 - 39

Preacher: Stewart Davies

Our Duty Wardens today are:

Siân Lockwood and
Mike Davies

11:00 Choral Matins

Setting Britten in C (Jubilate)
Hymns 167, 494, 380 (omit *verse)

Psalm 47

Readings Ezekiel 36 v 24 - 28
John 7 v 10 – 18, 28 - 31 and 37 - 39

Anthem God is gone up (*Croft*)

Preacher: Stewart Davies

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

Preacher: Ruth Thompson-Vear

6:30 Choral Communion

Setting Stanford in Bflat
Hymns 164, 169, 165, 166
Readings Ephesians 1 v 15 to end
Mark 16 v 14 to end

Anthem God is gone up (*Hutchings*)

Preacher: Alan Garrow

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, Ann Campbell, Graham Cornish, Jane Crabtree, Maddison Crane, Tony Edwards, Margaret Farrar, Jenny Gardiner, Jenny Harris, Tim Harrison, Jean Hopper, Trevor Hughes, Joan Kelly, Elaine Manaley, Bill and Margaret Osborne, Sheila Pantin, Sue Pearce, Celia Preston, Michelle Simon, Sally Sneddon and Edward Vear.

Also in our prayers this week:

- Mon** Those who live in danger of violence, persecution and oppression
Amnesty International, standing up for human rights
- Tues** Sarah Martin, Lay Reader
St Peter's APCM in Church tonight!
- Wed** Victims of domestic abuse
Horizon Life Training, providing support to men in recovery from addiction
- Thurs** *NETMAKERS*, Local Churches for Mission
Wendy Lewis, Safeguarding Officer
- Fri** Hannah Beck, Lay Reader
St Peter's Bellringers
- 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 93
Numbers 22 v 1 - 35
John 21 v 1 - 8
- Tues** *Dunstan, Archbishop of Canterbury, 988*
Psalm 99
Numbers 22 v 36 – 23 v 12
John 21 v 9 - 14
- Wed** *Alcuin of York, Deacon, 804*
Psalm 29
Numbers 23 v 13 to end
John 21 v 15 - 19
- Thurs** *Helena, protector of Holy Places*
Psalm 24
Numbers 24
John 21 v 20 - 25
- Fri** Psalm 28
Numbers 27 v 12 to end
John 1 v 1 - 9
- Sat** Psalm 43
Numbers 32 v 1 - 27
John 1 v 10 - 13

The Collect for the Seventh Sunday of Easter

(Common Worship)

Risen, ascended Lord, as we rejoice at your triumph, fill your Church on earth with power and compassion, that all who are estranged by sin may find forgiveness and know your peace, to the glory of God the Father.

The Collect for the Sunday after Ascension Day (Book of Common Prayer)

O God the King of glory, who hast exalted thine only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph unto thy kingdom in heaven: We beseech thee, leave us not comfortless; but send to us thine Holy Ghost to comfort us, and exalt us unto the same place whither our Saviour Christ is gone before, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end.

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 18th** 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 19th** **12:00 – 12:30 pm Healing Service**
7:00 pm St Peter's Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM)
- Wed 20th** **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 21st** 9:30 – 11:00 am The Toddler Group at St Peter's
11:00 am Holy Communion
11:30 am The local group of *Amnesty International UK* are holding a *Write for Rights* session
7:30 pm St Peter's Choir Practice
- Fri 22nd** 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 23rd** 10:00 am – 3:30 pm *Christian Aid* are holding a Refreshment Day in Church.
- Sun 24th** ***Day of Pentecost***
7:30 – 8:30 pm AA meeting in the Brostoff Hall

Next Sunday 24th May 2026

Day of Pentecost

- 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.

**Holding
hope in her
hands**

Christian Aid Week
10-16 May



Christian Aid Week (10th – 16th May)

Thank you if you made a donation to **Christian Aid** at one of our services last Sunday or are returning your envelope today.

Don't forget there will also be a Refreshment Day in St Peter's Church to raise funds for **Christian Aid** on Saturday 23rd May from 10:00 am – 3:30 pm. They will be serving morning coffee, light lunches and afternoon teas. If you could bake a cake for Saturday or come and help on the day, even for just an hour or two, please be in contact with Judith Simpson (01423 564842 or judiannesimpson@btinternet.com). Thank you for all your support!

A Rocha UK's Easy Eco Tips 2026; May - Support pollinators

Nothing says Spring like the buzz of a bee! But these precious pollinators are declining due to habitat loss, climate change and agricultural intensification. Wednesday 20th May is **World Bee Day**, so look around to see how you can improve habitats for bees and other pollinators. Sow a pollinator friendly seed mix, make or buy a bee hotel, let some wildflowers grow in your garden, and don't use pesticides. For more about **World Bee Day** visit: <https://www.fao.org/world-bee-day/en>.



Preaching Learning Community



**You're invited to our Learning Community
for Preachers.**

Our preaching learning community warmly welcomes LLMs, Lay Readers, Occasional Preachers, and anyone exploring this area of ministry.

Join us as we focus on engaging with the biblical narrative in ways that help our congregations encounter the living Word.

We also explore the practice of giving and receiving thoughtful feedback, supporting one another to grow in confidence, develop skills, and cultivate reflective preaching practice.

Saturday 6th June 2026

10 am – 12 pm

St Andrew Church, High Street, Starbeck, Harrogate HG2 7JE
Refreshments will be provided from 9.45am

Please book your place by emailing: Gayle Bryon
Encouraging Lay Ministries Coordinator gaylebryonelm@gmail.com

www.harrogatedeanery.org/encouraging-lay-ministries.html



St Peter's Toddler Group

**Thursday Mornings
9.30am–11.00am**

Cambridge Rd, Harrogate HG1 1PB
01423 161 425

- Nursery rhymes and singing
- Crafts
- Tea/Coffee and biscuits
- Drinks and snacks for children
- Storytime
- Safe warm space to play
- It's **Free!**



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 (24th May) will be noon on Wednesday 20th May. 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 at the end of the pews and hand it to one of the Clergy.