



# Weekly News

19<sup>th</sup> April 2026

*The Third Sunday of Easter*

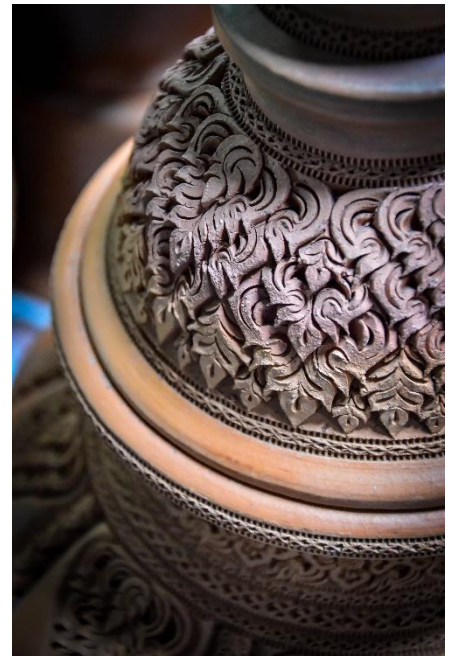
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## **Lay Ministry: *an outpouring of love, time, compassion and presence***

There is a beautiful moment in John's Gospel when Mary kneels at the feet of Jesus and pours out costly perfume in an act that is extravagant, vulnerable, and intensely personal. She does not hold back; she offers all that she has, and the fragrance fills the whole house.

This image invites us to think about our own calling to serve. Lay ministry is, at its heart, an outpouring of love, of time, of compassion, of presence. It is about giving freely from what God has first placed within us. This Eastertide, may we be inspired by Mary's example: to serve generously, to love boldly, and to trust that even simple acts, offered wholeheartedly, can fill our communities with the fragrance of grace.



To discuss your personal lay ministry development, explore ways to encourage conversations about lay ministry within your church community or reserve your place in a learning session please contact Gayle Bryon, *Encouraging Lay Ministries* Co-ordinator [gaylebryon@gmail.com](mailto:gaylebryon@gmail.com).

Gathering as a learning community strengthens our calling and enables us to encourage and support others. This summer term please come along and join an *Encouraging Lay Ministry* Learning Community put on by Harrogate Deanery on Saturday mornings from 10:00 am – 12:00 pm at St Andrew's, Starbeck:

- ❖ 25<sup>th</sup> April                      **Outreach Ministries** Learning Community
- ❖ 16<sup>th</sup> May                        **Churchwardens** Learning Community
- ❖ 6<sup>th</sup> June                         **Preaching** Learning Community
- ❖ 13<sup>th</sup> June                        **Children and Youth** Learning Community

Also, a brand new training - **Neurodiversity and the Church**

led by Natasha Lee, *Intergenerational Mission Lead and Disability Officer*

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June 7:00 – 9:00 pm St Andrew's Starbeck

## Fundraising Refreshment Day and Book Sale



There is a St Peter's Fundraising Refreshment Day to raise funds for our Church on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> April from 10:00 am until 3:30 pm. They will be serving morning coffee, light lunches and afternoon teas. There will also be a Book Sale in the Glass Foyer. If you are in town on Saturday, please come and support these fundraising events in Church. Thank you!

## Ripon Cathedral Thursday Lunchtime Concerts return

The first of this term's free Lunchtime Thursday Concerts will be held on 23<sup>rd</sup> April from 1:00 - 1:50 pm in the stunning medieval quire of Ripon Cathedral. Light refreshments will be served before the performance at 12:30 pm. The performer will be William Campbell, currently the Sub-Organist and Assistant Director of Music at Bradford Cathedral. He started organ lessons at Wellington College aged 14. Since then, he has held posts at Guildford, Canterbury and Leeds Cathedrals as well as Leeds Minster.



## Could you be our next PCC Secretary?

A Parochial Church Council (PCC) Secretary serves as the administrative backbone of the church's governing body, appointed annually to manage meetings, correspondence, and legal compliance. Key duties include preparing agendas, taking and distributing minutes, maintaining records, and acting as the main point of contact for the Diocese. If you think this could be you, please talk with the Vicar or one of the Churchwardens.

## Revision of the Electoral Roll 2026

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) of the Parish of St Peter's High Harrogate will be held on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2026 at 7:00 pm in Church. Before this meeting, we need to bring the Electoral Roll of the Parish up to date. This is the list of names and addresses of all who think of themselves as regular worshippers or attenders of the congregations of St Peter's Church. The Roll will be revised from 14<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> April.



If you are not already on the Electoral Roll but have worshipped regularly at this Church over the past six months, or live in the Parish, you are entitled to enrol – as long as you are over 16 and have been baptised.

Registration forms for the Electoral Roll are available from the Welcome Desk in Church and on St Peter's website. Please return completed forms to Carole Raw in the Parish Office by noon on 30<sup>th</sup> April 2026.

# Easter Flowers 2026



'The Last Supper' made by our Sit-n-Knit Group



# Today's Services: 19<sup>th</sup> April 2026

*The Third Sunday of Easter*

*The Second Sunday after Easter (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.*

*Prayer with members of our Prayer Ministry Team will be available in St Mary's Chapel after Communion this morning*

**Hymns** 851 I will offer up my life; 646 All I once held dear; 762 Here is bread; 830 I, the Lord of sea and sky

**Readings** Isaiah 40 v 1 - 11  
John 21 v 1 - 14

**Preacher:** Alan Garrow

**Our Duty Wardens today are:**

Mike Davies and  
Rachel Fell

**11:00 Choral Matins**

**Setting** Stanford in C (Jubilate)

**Hymns** 144, 148, 162

**Psalm** 23

**Readings** Isaiah 40 v 1 - 11  
John 21 v 1 - 14

**Anthem** This joyful Eastertide (*Wood*)

**Preacher:** Phyllis Sopp

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

**Preacher:** Ruth Thompson-Vear

**6:30 Choral Communion**

**Setting** Darke in F

**Hymns** 151, 328, 311, 398

**Readings** I Corinthians 3 v 10 - 17  
John 2 v 13 - 22

**Anthem** This is the day (*Anon*)

**Preacher:** Alan Garrow

## Young people's Confirmation preparation

If you are in Year 7 or above and are interested in preparing to be Confirmed by Bishop Anna at our big 150<sup>th</sup> celebration service on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> June, then please tell the Vicar, Alan Garrow via email - using the subject line: 'Youth Confirmation'.

**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** St Peter's CE Primary School  
*St Augustine's Evangelistic Trust*, Bradford
- Tues** Our retired Clergy: Ruth Harris, John Knott, Tony Shepherd, Phyl Sopp and David Wheeler  
The *Sit-n-Knit* group
- Wed** Those facing financial hardship  
David Hipkin, our Treasurer
- Thurs** Ambulance drivers and paramedics  
Osteopaths
- Fri** St Peter's Eco Church Group  
St Peter's Flower Team
- Sat** Those who are close to death  
St Michael's Hospice

**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 96  
Exodus 19  
John 14 v 1 - 7
- Tues** *Anselm, Archbishop of Canterbury, 1109*  
Psalm 98  
Exodus 20 v 1 - 21  
John 14 v 8 - 14
- Wed** Psalm 105  
Exodus 24  
John 14 v 15 - 24
- Thurs** **George, Martyr, Patron of England, c 304**  
Psalm 5  
Joshua 1 v 1 - 9  
John 14 v 25 - 31
- Fri** Psalm 107  
Exodus 28 v 1 – 4a and v 29 - 38  
John 15 v 1 - 6
- Sat** **MARK THE EVANGELIST**  
Psalm 37 v 23 to end  
Isaiah 62 v 6 - 10  
John 15 v 7 - 17

**The Collect for the Third Sunday of Easter**

(Common Worship)

Risen Christ, you filled your disciples with boldness and fresh hope: strengthen us to proclaim your risen life and fill us with your peace, to the glory of God the Father.

**The Collect for the Second Sunday after Easter**  
(Book of Common Prayer)

Almighty God, who hast given thine only Son to be unto us both a sacrifice for sin, and also an ensample of godly life: Give us grace that we may always most thankfully receive that his inestimable benefit, and also daily endeavour ourselves to follow the blessed steps of his most holy life; 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 Monday to Thursday, and Saturdays, but from 9:30 am – 1:00 pm on Fridays.*

**Mon 20<sup>th</sup>** 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 21<sup>st</sup>** **12:00 – 12:30 pm Healing Service**

**Wed 22<sup>nd</sup>** **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 23<sup>rd</sup>** ***St George's Day***  
9:30 – 11:00 am The Toddler Group at St Peter's  
**11:00 am Holy Communion**  
7:30 pm St Peter's Choir Practice

**Fri 24<sup>th</sup>** 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 25<sup>th</sup>** 10:00 am – 3:30 pm St Peter's Fundraising Refreshment Day in Church and Book Sale in the Glass Foyer. Please support!

**Sun 26<sup>th</sup>** ***The Fourth Sunday of Easter***  
5:30 – 7:00 pm **Sanctuary**, our Youth Group, are meeting in the Brostoff Hall  
7:30 – 8:30 pm AA meeting in the Brostoff Hall

## **Next Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2026**

### ***The Fourth Sunday of Easter***

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.

## ***What's the buzz? Tell me what's a-happening***

As part of celebrations for St Peter's 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary, St Peter's Players are preparing to put on the high energy 'rock opera' ***Jesus Christ Superstar*** in November 2026, with a live band and using radio mikes. If you or your child would like to be involved on or off stage, please email John Hain ([jmhain@gmail.com](mailto:jmhain@gmail.com)) - singers, stage managers, chaperones and front of house staff – lots of roles need to be filled! We especially need a proficient **bass or lead guitarist**. We will have a sing-through in Church at 7:00 pm on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June, then full rehearsals start on Monday evenings in September, with Monday and Tuesday evenings in October.

## **Health in Harrogate:200 years**

This free exhibition at the West Park Centre, Victoria Avenue, showcases the fascinating story of health and wellbeing in Harrogate – from the opening of the first hospital, through Victorian and Edwardian medicine, to modern healthcare and future perspectives. ***Health in Harrogate: 200 Years*** runs until 16<sup>th</sup> May and is open every Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday, 10:30am – 3:00pm; with no booking required. Full details of the supporting programme of events are available at [St Peter's Church website](#).

## ***Start snapping says Heather Swarbrick from St Peter's Eco Church Group***

Cherry blossom is everywhere now. In the bleakness of deepening gloom in world affairs, we can take comfort in the beauty of trees to lift our spirits. Many of us may have a favourite tree that gives us joy through the year, changing colour and shape as leaves come and go. But they are also vital to our planet, storing carbon, filtering air pollutants and creating habitat for a wide range of wildlife. We are blessed in Harrogate, with the Stray, Valley Gardens and Hookstone Woods all within reach. *St Peter's Eco Church Group* invites you to focus on trees as we are holding a photographic competition in November to choose 'St Peter's Favourite Tree'. Take photos of your favourite throughout the seasons and in November, submit four of your best shots to our competition. Start snapping!



The flowers in Church today are  
in memory of  
**Keith Helsby**  
whose anniversary falls on 20<sup>th</sup> April

**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.

Refreshments  
are served after  
each of our



Sunday morning  
services from the kitchen area at the  
front of Church. Please come and  
join us.

## Banns of Marriage



*The banns of marriage are published  
between **Christine Helen Holbrook**  
and **Robert Ian Taylor**.*

*This is 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.*

## The Next Deadline

The deadline for the next edition of  
the Weekly News (26<sup>th</sup> April) will be  
noon on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April.  
Please send any items (including  
photos) 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 at the end of  
the pews and hand it to one of the  
Clergy.

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