



Weekly News

20th September 2026

The Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

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What's God got to do with it?

The Bible may not mention climate change, biodiversity loss or plastic pollution directly, but it has plenty to say about God's love for creation and our responsibility to care for it. From the very beginning, in Genesis (1 v 26 - 31), humanity was given the task of nurturing and caring for the earth, helping all creation to flourish.

Today, that calling feels more relevant than ever. As followers of Jesus, we are invited to play our part in God's ongoing work of renewal. Paul reminds us in Colossians (1 v 15 - 23) that Christ's death and resurrection were for the reconciliation of all creation, not just humanity.

The effects of a changing climate are becoming increasingly visible and are affecting communities around the world. Those with the fewest resources often face the greatest challenges, whether through extreme heat, rising food costs or the impact of severe weather on food production.

It can feel overwhelming, but my top tip is to start with one action a week, or month, to reduce your green-house gas emissions, flipping from being part of problem to the solution. For most of us we can have most impact by looking at our travel (flights and car journeys), our homes (gas/oil heating), our diet (meat, dairy and rice) and our money (pensions or investments in fossil fuel companies).

Locally, [Zero Carbon Harrogate](#) is helping to drive the changes needed to make sustainable living easier and more accessible. Why not explore their work, support their campaigns, or attend one of their events and be part of the solution?



*Jemima Parker is joining us for our morning services. She is Chair of Trustees of local climate action charity **Zero Carbon Harrogate** and was formally a Leeds Diocesan Environment Officer.*



Fundraising Refreshment Day

There is a St Peter's Fundraising Refreshment Day to raise funds for our Church on Saturday 26th September 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!

The new Bishop of Leeds visits *Resurrection Bikes* in Harrogate

The new Bishop of Leeds will be the Rt Revd Dr Toby Howarth, who has served as Area Bishop of Bradford in the Diocese of Leeds since 2014 and has been Acting Bishop of Leeds since the retirement of the Rt Revd Nick Baines in November 2025.

During the autumn, Bishop Toby will be elected to the role of Diocesan Bishop of Leeds following a joint meeting of the Cathedral Colleges of Canons in Ripon and his election will be confirmed by the Archbishop of York at York Minster. Three services of welcome and installation will follow at Bradford, Ripon and Wakefield Cathedrals. Starting in September, Bishop Toby will be undertaking a programme of visits to meet and listen to people from churches, organisations and communities around the Diocese. Recently he visited Kairos Church and the *Resurrection Bikes* project in Harrogate.



St Peter's 150th Anniversary

QUIZ NIGHT

CELEBRATING OUR 150th ANNIVERSARY
ST PETER'S HARROGATE
1876 - 2026

Enjoy Italian-inspired food
Have fun, test your knowledge
Prize for the winning team

**Friday 9th, October
6:00pm**

Tickets £10 (under 16s free)
Available from:
Sian Lockwood, Carole Raw,
Catherine Medforth, Heather Swarbrick

Harvest of hope

Anok, outside her home in South Sudan.

In South Sudan, as floods destroy harvests, farmer Anok is pushing back to provide for her family. With Christian Aid's support, her community built a dyke and she learned new ways to grow food. She says: 'This dyke has shown resilience and hope for the future.'

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Creationtide Walk 2026 – a walk of peace and reflection



Helen Harrison will be organising a *St Peter's Creationtide Walk*, on Saturday 26th September 2026. The plan is to repeat our walk to Harlow Carr Garden leaving Church at approximately 10:30 am. It will aim to be a calm, peaceful reflective walk pausing at various points to listen to appropriate music and songs. It will be a time to enjoy each other's company and wallow in the beauty of creation surrounding us. If you are interested, please contact Helen Harrison on 07879 877 353 or email hfhudy5@gmail.com.

An exhibition by students of ART Classes with Helena



Many thanks to Michael Bell for sending this picture of the art exhibition in the Glass Foyer last week. It featured artwork created by Helena Vyshnevskaya's students at her art classes at St Peter's Church. Every Wednesday, Helena runs art classes for adults from 2:00 – 3:30 pm and for children aged 5+ from 4:15 – 5:15 pm. Come and explore painting with watercolour, acrylic, oil, gouache in a warm and friendly atmosphere. Refreshments are available. Classes cost £20 per session, with all materials included. New students receive 50% off their first class. Contact Helena on 07401 990 158, through [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/firstmile1618) or email her at firstmile1618@gmail.com.

Sharing our hope and our harvest

St Peter's Church will be holding a collection for *Christian Aid* on Sunday 4th October during our Harvest services. This Harvest, our Church can stand in solidarity with farming communities protecting their land, strengthening their livelihoods and planting seeds of hope for the future.



Today's Services: 20th September 2026

Creationtide

The Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

The Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity (BCP)

8:30 Holy Communion

9:30 Family Communion

As it is World Clean-up Day, our Eco Church Group and Sunday Club are holding a Litter-Pick this morning – if you and your child are taking part, then please gather in the café area at the front of Church before the start of this service to collect your gloves and bin bags.

Hymns **14** All things bright and beautiful; **192** How lovely on the mountains; **168** Here is love; **42** Be Thou my vision

Readings Colossian 1 v 15 - 23
Mark 16 v 14 - 15

Preacher: Jemima Parker, *Chair of Zero Carbon Harrogate* and a former *Leeds Diocesan Environment Officer*

11:00 Choral Matins

Setting Howells Collegium Regale (Jubilate)

Hymns 267, 254, 546

Psalm 119 v 97 - 112

Readings Genesis 1 v 26 - 31
Colossian 1 v 15 – 23

Anthem Give us the wings of faith (*Bullock*)

Preacher: Jemima Parker, *Chair of Zero Carbon Harrogate* and a former *Leeds Diocesan Environment Officer*

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

Preacher: Ruth Thompson-Vear

6:30 Choral Communion

Setting Whitlock

Hymns 305, 209, 572, 598

Readings Isaiah 33 v 13 - 17
Matthew 6 v 19 to end

Anthem Thou visitest the earth (*Greene*)

Preacher: Alan Garrow

Our Duty Wardens today are:

Siân Lockwood and
Richard Bion

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, Peternella Clarkson, Graham Cornish, Jane Crabtree, Margaret Farrar, Jenny Gardiner, Jean Hopper, Trevor Hughes, Christine Jepson, Miriam Jones, Joan Kelly, Bill and Margaret Osborne, Sheila Pantin, Sue Pearce, Michelle Simon and Sally Sneddon.

Also in our prayers this week:

Mon	<i>Compassion UK</i> , working in 45 countries to see children released from poverty Catharine Davies, Licensed Lay Minister
Tues	All who work in foodbanks Karin Shaw, Curate
Wed	St Peter's mini-supermarket Nigel and Asim, our caretakers
Thurs	Social care workers, helping people to live independently and with dignity All who lead the prayers at our services
Fri	St Peter's <i>Ladies who Lunch</i> The Friday Cleaning Team
Sat	Harrogate Deanery Helen Camm, Deanery Synod Secretary

The Collect for *The Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity* (Common Worship)

Lord of creation, whose glory is around and within us: open our eyes to your wonders, that we may serve you with reverence and know your peace at our lives' end, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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.

These are the Bible readings we will be using this week:

Mon	MATTHEW, APOSTLE AND EVANGELIST Psalm 49 1 Kings 19 v 15 to end 2 Timothy 3 v 14 to end
Tues	Psalm 48 1 Kings 13 v 11 to end Acts 19 v 21 to end
Wed	Psalm 119 v 57 - 80 1 Kings 17 Acts 20 v 1 - 16
Thurs	Psalm 57 1 Kings 18 v 1 - 20 Acts 20 v 17 to end
Fri	<i>Lancelot Andrewes, Bishop of Winchester, Spiritual Writer, 1626</i> Psalm 51 1 Kings 18 v 21 to end Acts 21 v 1 - 16
Sat	<i>Wilson Carlile, Founder of the Church Army, 1942</i> Psalm 68 1 Kings 19 Acts 21 v 17 - 36

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

O Lord, we beseech thee, let thy continual pity cleanse and defend thy Church; and, because it cannot continue in safety without thy succour, preserve it evermore by thy help and goodness; through 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.

*21st September until 4th October is **Fairtrade Fortnight***

In the Glass Foyer U3A are showcasing all their different groups that you can join.

Mon 21st	11:00 am – 1:00 pm <i>Sit-n-Knit</i> in Church 1:30 – 3:00 pm The <i>Thinking about God</i> discussion group resumes in the Undercroft to study <i>The Acts of the Apostles</i> NO U3A Singing Folk group today 7:00 – 9:00 pm Rehearsal for <i>Jesus Christ, Superstar</i>
Tues 22nd	12:00 – 12:30 pm Healing Service
Wed 23rd	10:30 – 11:00 am Café RefleXions 2:00 – 3:30 pm Art Class for Adults with Helena 4:15 – 5:15 pm Art Class for Children 5+ with Helena 7:30 pm Harrogate Harmony Men's Chorus
Thurs 24th	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 25th	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 26th	10:00 am – 3:30 pm <i>St Peter's Fundraising Refreshment Day</i> – please support! 10:30 am <i>Creationtide</i> Walk 2026
Sun 27th	<i>The Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity</i> Sanctuary , our Youth Group, are meeting for zipwire fun and outdoor games at John Hain's farm. For full details contact Carrie Longstaff (07788 960 264). 7:30 – 8:30 pm AA meeting in the Brostoff Hall

Next Sunday 27th September 2026

The Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

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.

Use your LOAF!

What criteria do you use when you go food shopping? Cost and quality probably come into it. But what about the ethics and, dare I say it, the spirituality, of your shopping sprees? The charity *Christian Ecology Link* suggests we use the acronym **LOAF** to help us remember how to eat in a way that is kinder to the earth and its inhabitants.

You probably follow some of these principles already – why not see which other ones you can use next time you shop?

Local: Try to eat seasonal vegetables and fruit from the UK. Use the local shops, the Farmers' Market, pick your own and grow your own!

Organic: Organic agriculture, so long as it is grown in the UK and not transported from afar, uses less chemicals and produces fewer climate changing gases than intensive farming. It's also the best scheme for animal welfare.

Animal friendly: For some this means going vegan; for some, eating less factory-farmed produce. At least buy British – we have better animal welfare standards than other countries.

Fairtrade: For the things we can't grow here, coffee, tea, bananas, and, of course, chocolate, go Fairtrade for exploitation-free eating!

This article is from the Green Christian website: <https://greenchristian.org.uk/>.





Pastoral Care Learning Community

You are warmly invited to our new Pastoral Care Learning Community

If you're a pastoral care leader or volunteer, this new learning community is for you.

The Pastoral Care Learning Community offers a supportive space to reflect on your role, share good practice, and grow in confidence. Come along to listen, share what's working well, and offer your own experience and encouragement.

It's a great opportunity to learn from one another, encourage each other and strengthen pastoral care across our Churches.

Tuesday 22nd September 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.harrogate deanery.org/encouraging-lay-ministries.html



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NETMAKERS YOUTH

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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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 (27th September) will be noon on Wednesday 23rd 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 at the end of the pews and hand it to one of the Clergy.

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