



Weekly News

22nd March 2026

The Fifth Sunday of Lent

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

We Need You!

We want to hear your voice in the open consultation taking place in the Glass Foyer from 22nd - 29th March. It will include an explanation of the context – we are facing significant costs to fix our roof – and the need to paint a compelling picture of what our building will be used for in the future as we apply for grants and seek the support of the wider community.

There will be some information about what we do now, alongside an invitation to suggest further activities. What could we also do that might help more fully realise our vision to 'feed hungry people' for a wider range of people?

So, here's the challenge. Please prayerfully consider what you would like to see at St Peter's for:

Children and young people

On weekdays

Music and drama

Quiet space

And, as you consider these questions for yourself, please also ask your friends and neighbours what *they* would like to see happening at St Peter's.

And, if they come and write their answers themselves, they might even get some free tea and cake!

Alan Garrow,

Vicar of St Peter's Church

In the evenings

On Saturdays

For groups

Other things that come to mind!



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.

Could you help at the Fundraising Refreshment Day on Saturday?

There is a St Peter's Fundraising Refreshment Day to raise funds for our Church on Saturday 28th March from 10:00 am until 3:30 pm. They will be serving morning coffee, light lunches and afternoon teas.

Catherine Medforth is asking for volunteers to join the *St Peter's Refreshment Team* and especially for this Refreshment Day on Saturday for an hour or two after 12:00 pm.

Please call Catherine (07876 653 765) if you are able to help.

And, if you are in town on Saturday, please come and support this fundraising event in Church. Thank you!



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, please) directly to Sue Heapy before Palm Sunday, 29th March.

A Rocha UK's Eco Tips Calendar – March

Take part in a local litter pick or beach clean during **The Great British Spring Clean** (Friday 13th – Sunday 29th March), the nation's biggest mass-action environmental

campaign. Litter picking benefits the environment by removing rubbish that can be hazardous for wildlife and helps bring people together. See if there's a litter pick in your local area or consider organising your own. Pray for your local area as you do the litter pick and ask God for opportunities to share why you are doing it. Find out more and pledge to pick up a bag at www.keepbritain tidy.org.





HOLY WEEK AT ST PETER'S

Sunday 29th March

Palm Sunday

Tuesday 31st March

Wednesday 1st April

Thursday 2nd April

Maundy Thursday

Friday 3rd April

Good Friday

Sunday 5th April

Easter Day

During our services today palm crosses are blessed, and given out to commemorate Christ's entry into Jerusalem

12:00 pm Healing Service

7:15 pm Performance of **Bach St John Passion** with St Peter's Choir, Vocalis, guest singers and an orchestra

11:00 am **Holy Communion**

7:30 pm **Choral Communion commemorating the Last Supper** with St Peter's Choir

10:00 am **Good Friday Family Service** with craft activities

11:00 - 11:30 am **Netmakers Good Friday Service** – join with local churches for a short service at the Cenotaph

2:00 pm **An Hour before the Cross** – meditations and music on the crucifixion of Christ with St Peter's Choir.

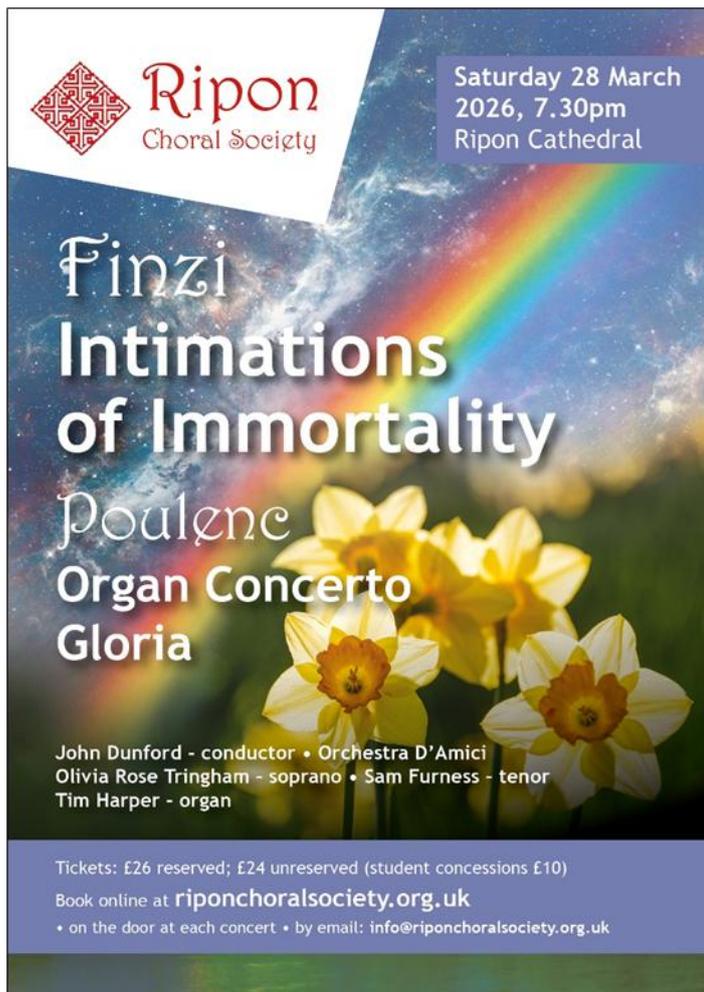
Please bring a flower to add to the Easter Flowering Cross

8:30 am **Holy Communion (BCP)**

9:30 am **Family Communion**

11:00 am **Choral Communion (BCP)**

6:30 pm **Choral Evensong** with Holy Communion (BCP)



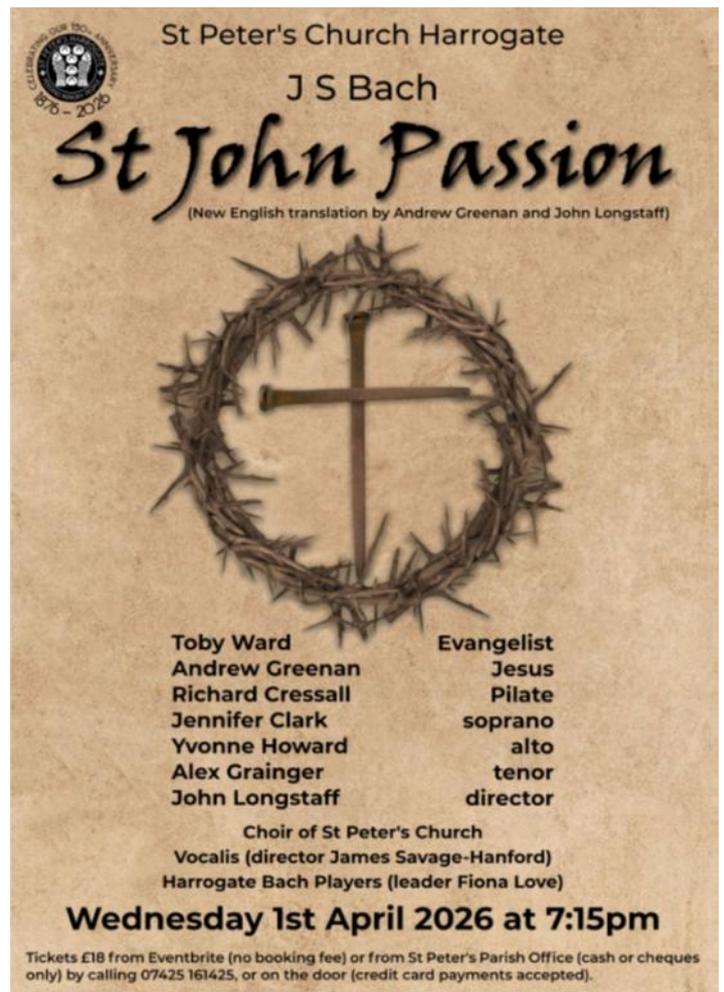
 **Ripon**
Choral Society

Saturday 28 March
2026, 7.30pm
Ripon Cathedral

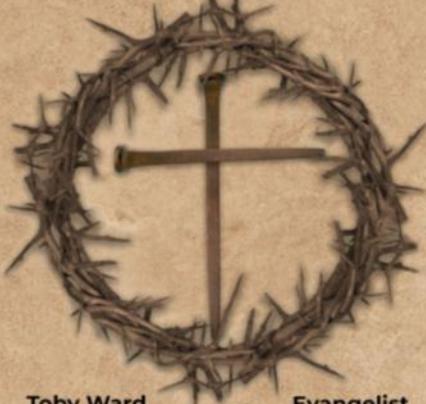
Finzi
**Intimations
of Immortality**
Poulenc
**Organ Concerto
Gloria**

John Dunford - conductor • Orchestra D'Amici
Olivia Rose Tringham - soprano • Sam Furness - tenor
Tim Harper - organ

Tickets: £26 reserved; £24 unreserved (student concessions £10)
Book online at riponchoralsociety.org.uk
• on the door at each concert • by email: info@riponchoralsociety.org.uk



St Peter's Church Harrogate
J S Bach
St John Passion
(New English translation by Andrew Greenan and John Longstaff)



Toby Ward
Andrew Greenan
Richard Cressall
Jennifer Clark
Yvonne Howard
Alex Grainger
John Longstaff

Evangelist
Jesus
Pilate
soprano
alto
tenor
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).

Today's Services: 22nd March 2026

Passiontide begins

The Fifth Sunday of Lent

The Fifth 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 Today is a day we've been given; **1188** Befriended; **1158** All my days; This little light of mine

Readings Psalm 69 v 1 - 35
John 12 v 20 - 33

Preacher: Stewart Davies

Our Duty Wardens today are:

Siân Lockwood
and Ian Burt

11:00 Choral Matins

Setting Dyson in F (Benedicite)

Hymns 118, 99, 125

Psalm 86

Readings Psalm 69 v 1 - 35
John 12 v 20 - 33

Anthem God so loved the world (*Stainer*)

Preacher: John Longstaff

4:15 pm Stepping Stones Service *Service of the Word*
(arrivals and refreshments 3:45 pm)

Preacher: Karin Shaw

6:30 Choral Evensong

Setting Tallis (Dorian Mode)

Hymns 101, 120, 108

Psalm 30

Readings Lamentations 3 v 19 - 33
Matthew 20 v 17 to end

Anthem Lord, let me know mine end (*Greene*)

Preacher: Hannah Beck

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, Jane Crabtree, Maddison Crane, Tony Edwards, Margaret Farrar, Jenny Gardiner, Jenny Harris, 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, 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** Victims of domestic abuse
Horizon Life Training, providing support to men in recovery from addiction
- Wed** Sarah Martin, Lay Reader
The Stepping Stones Services
- Thurs** Wendy Lewis, Parish Safeguarding Officer
NETMAKERS, Churches for Mission
- Fri** St Peter's *Ladies who Lunch*
The Friday Cleaning Team
- Sat** Steve Gibbin, Curate
St Peter's Music Group

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 73
Exodus 8 v 1 - 19
John 10 v 1 - 10
- Tues** *Oscar Romero, Archbishop of San Salvador, Martyr, 1980*
Psalm 35
Exodus 8 v 20 to end
John 10 v 11 - 21
- Wed** ***The Annunciation of our Lord to the Blessed Virgin Mary***
Psalm 111
1 Samuel 2 v 1 - 10
John 10 v 22 - 42
- Thurs** *Harriet Monsell, Monastic, Clewer, 1883*
Psalm 40
Exodus 9 v 13 to end
John 11 v 1 - 16
- Fri** Psalm 22
Exodus 10
John 11 v 17 - 27
- Sat** Psalm 23
Exodus 11

The Collect for the *Fifth Sunday of Lent* (Common Worship)

Gracious Father, you gave up your Son out of love for the world: lead us to ponder the mysteries of his passion, that we may know eternal peace through the shedding of our Saviour's blood, Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Collect for the *Fifth Sunday in Lent* (Book of Common Prayer)

We beseech thee, Almighty God, mercifully to look upon thy people; that by thy great goodness they may be governed and preserved evermore, both in body and soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Well done to everyone involved in the Refreshment Day on Saturday 14th March - £530 was raised for Church funds. Many thanks to Sunny Lee and the Hong Kong Fellowship for all your hard work!

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 23rd** 11:00 am – 1:00 pm *Sit-n-Knit* in Church
2:00 pm The U3A Singing Folk group
- Tues 24th** **12:00 – 12:30 pm Healing Service**
- Wed 25th** **10:30 – 11:00 am Café RefleXions**
2:00 – 3:30 pm Art Class for Adults with Helena
7:00 – 9:00 pm Harrogate *Bipolar UK* support group
7:30 pm Harrogate Harmony Men's Chorus
- Thurs 26th** 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 6
11:00 am Holy Communion
7:30 pm St Peter's Choir Practice
- Fri 27th** 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 28th** 10:00 am – 3:30 pm *St Peter's Fundraising Refreshment Day* - serving morning coffee, light lunches and afternoon teas.
- Sun 29th** ***Palm Sunday***
British Summertime begins – clocks go forward!
7:15 – 8:45 pm *Meeting God in John* **online** Lent Course. Week 6
7:30 – 8:30 pm AA meeting in the Brostoff Hall

Next Sunday 29th March 2026

Palm Sunday

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

The new Archbishop is walking from London to Canterbury

The new Archbishop of Canterbury is on a six-day pilgrimage from London to Canterbury, as part of her spiritual preparation for her Installation service at Canterbury Cathedral on Wednesday 25th March.



It is the first time in modern history that an Archbishop of Canterbury has undertaken a pilgrimage of this nature in the lead-up to their Installation.

The Most Revd and Rt Hon Dame Sarah Mullally, along with her husband Eamonn, set off from St Paul's Cathedral on Tuesday 17th March and will be walking the 87 mile route along the Becket Camino from St Paul's Cathedral to Canterbury Cathedral, reflecting her own journey from Bishop of London to Archbishop of Canterbury.

During the pilgrimage, her group will join services at churches, cathedrals and abbeys, as well as meeting with other pilgrims and visiting schools.

Archbishop Sarah's enthronement will then take place on 25th March at Canterbury Cathedral, during which the Prince of Wales will deputise for his father Charles who, as King, is supreme governor of the Church of England. Please hold Archbishop Sarah in your prayers during this momentous time both for her and for our Church.



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!**



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.

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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The Next Deadline

The deadline for the next edition of the Weekly News (29th March) will be noon on Wednesday 25th 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.

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