



Weekly News

25th January 2026

The Third Sunday of Epiphany

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Holocaust Memorial Day 2026: *Bridging Generations*

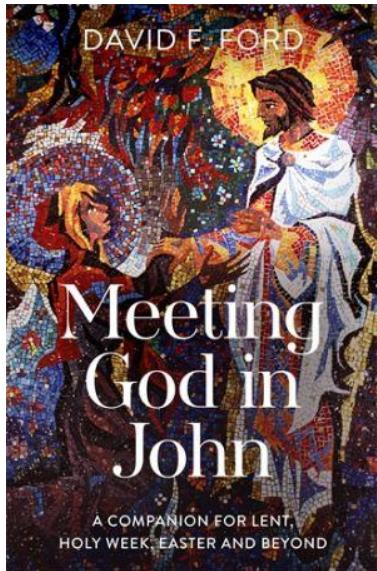
Each year, Holocaust Memorial Day (HMD) on 27th January is shaped by a specific theme that guides how we remember, reflect and learn. The theme for HMD 2026, *Bridging Generations*, is a call-to-action. A reminder that the responsibility of remembrance doesn't end with the survivors - it lives on through their children, their grandchildren and through all of us. This theme encourages us all to engage actively with the past - to listen, to learn and to carry those lessons forward. By doing so, we build a bridge between memory and action, between history and hope for the future. As the years pass, we're growing more distant in time from the Holocaust and from the other, more recent genocides. That distance brings a risk – memory fades and the sharp reality of what happened becomes blurred, abstract or even questioned.

Eva Clarke BEM (*pictured here*) was born on 29th April 1945 at the gates of the Mauthausen concentration camp – less than a week before liberation by the US Army and weighing just three pounds. Her father, Bernd, and fourteen members of her family were murdered at Auschwitz. Thanks to her mother, Anka, she survived and after the war they came to the UK and settled in Cardiff. In 2000, Eva began publicly sharing her mother's experiences. She is driven by the belief that the lessons of the Holocaust must never be forgotten. In 2019 she was awarded the British Empire Medal (BEM) for her dedication to Holocaust education.

Bridging Generations highlights the crucial role of the next generation in preserving the memory of the Holocaust and carrying it forward. It highlights the power of intergenerational dialogue – of listening to those who came before us and of sharing those stories with those who come after. In doing so, we don't just preserve memory – we connect it to the present.

To read Eva and Anka's story in full and explore other resources visit: hmd.org.uk.





Meeting God in John - a Lent course for 2026

As part of our '*Year of John*' this year's Lent group resource will be David Ford's *Meeting God in John*. Two six-week courses starting in February will be available - **Sunday evenings online** (7:15 - 8:45 pm) and **Thursday mornings** in the Gallery at St Peter's (9:30 – 10:45 am). A video introduction to the book is [available online](#). To express interest in joining a group, please use the sign-up sheet on the Welcome Desk. For further information see Stewart Davies (stewart.davies@leeds.anglican.org) or Alan Garrow. Purchase of the book is recommended, but not essential.

Bipolar UK Support Group at St Peter's

Bipolar UK is the only national charity dedicated to empowering individuals and families affected by bipolar. There are over 80 online and in-person peer support groups registered in the UK. The Harrogate Bipolar UK peer support group meet on the **last** Wednesday of each month in the Music Room from 7:00 – 9:00 pm. The next meeting is this week on Wednesday 28th January.

St Peter's Afternoon Fellowship

St Peter's Afternoon Fellowship meets on the first Tuesday of the month from 2:00 – 4:00 pm at Church. There is usually a speaker, or sometimes an entertainer, and always a delicious afternoon tea. The next meeting is on Tuesday 3rd February. Call Leigh Thompson 01423 884 899 or 07824 747 912 if you would like to come.

Evening Fellowship at St Peter's

We are sad to announce that the Evening Fellowship at St Peter's has ceased as we no longer have sufficient committee members to organise and plan meetings. The origins of the Evening Fellowship date back to the early 1960's. It was initially the Young Wives Group with many members being mothers of children at St Peter's School. Within a few years it became the St Peter's Women's Fellowship. Men were later welcomed to the group, and the Evening Fellowship came into being. Whilst it had its roots in Christian fellowship and has played a valuable role in the pastoral care of St Peter's, it was also open to anyone over the age of 18, church member or not. Meeting once a month, we have had many wonderful speakers over the years as well as outings and social events. It would be good to consider this as a 'pause' and if anyone is interested in the running of the Fellowship please speak to a member of the Clergy. Our thanks go to all who have supported the Evening Fellowship during its long history.

Caring for Everyone, Together, with God

A Pastoral Care Session led by the Revd Esli Lee, Curate at St Mark's, on Monday 2nd February 2026, from 10:00 am – 12:00 pm at St Mark's Church. Please consider attending this valuable opportunity for shared learning, reflection and mutual support. Please email gaylebryonelm@gmail.com if you plan to attend.

A bittersweet farewell to Chris and the Clayton family



The members of St Peter's Church came together last Sunday to say goodbye to our Associate Vicar, Chris Clayton, and his family at a Parish Lunch in Church. A truly magnificent spread was prepared and served by Catherine Medford, Siân Lockwood and their team – thank you all for your hard work! Chris and Sam were presented with flowers, a frying pan (Chris was delighted) and a cheque to help them settle into their new home. Their sons, Alexander and Daniel, also received some vouchers. Chris will be licensed in his new role at 7:00 pm on 25th February at St Margaret's Church, Horsforth. Everyone is welcome!



Today's Services: 25th January 2026

The Third Sunday of Epiphany

The Conversion of Paul (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 **1158** All my days; **1419** Light of the world; **1346** In Christ alone;
1404 King of kings, Majesty

Readings Isaiah 25 v 4 - 9
 John 2 v 1 - 11

Preacher: Stewart Davies

Our Duty Wardens today are:
Siân Lockwood and
Ian Burt

11:00 Holocaust Memorial Service

Introit Psalm 121

Hymns *Please see separate*

Readings *Order of Service*

Anthem How lovely is thy dwelling place (*Brahms*)

Preacher: Steve Gibbin

4:15 pm Stepping Stones Service Service of the Word

(arrivals and refreshments 3:45 pm)

Preacher: Karin Shaw

6:30 Choral Evensong by Candlelight

Setting Sumsion in A

Hymns 492, 520, 10

Psalm 119 v 1 - 16

Readings Jeremiah 1 v 4 - 10

 Acts 9 v 1 - 22

Anthem The Heavens are telling (*Haydn*)

Preacher: Hannah Beck

You are invited to Ripon Cathedral this afternoon

Our Vicar, Alan Garrow, is to be installed as an Honorary Canon of Ripon Cathedral today, Sunday 25th January, during a service of Festal Evensong with Installations, with Toby Howarth, the Bishop of Bradford, preaching. The service starts at 3:30 pm and is expected to finish at 4:15 pm. Everyone is welcome!

Please pray for those who have asked for our prayers:

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

RIP: Roger Rowlandson

Also in our prayers this week:

Mon	The children sponsored through <i>Compassion UK</i> Catharine Davies, Licensed Lay Minister
Tues	All who work in foodbanks Karin Shaw, Curate
Wed	St Peter's mini-supermarket Sarah Mullally, who legally becomes the Archbishop of Canterbury today
Thurs	The 10 th Harrogate St Peter's Rainbows and Brownies Wendy Lewis, Safeguarding Officer
Fri	St Peter's <i>Ladies who Lunch</i> St Peter's Home Groups
Sat	St Peter's Music Group Helen Camm, Deanery Synod Secretary

The Collect for the Third Sunday of Epiphany (Common Worship)

God of all mercy, your Son proclaimed good news to the poor, release to the captives, and freedom to the oppressed: anoint us with your Holy Spirit and set all your people free to praise you in 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. As part of our 'Year of John', the New Testament readings from Friday will be from the Gospel of John. These are the readings we will be using this week:

Mon	<i>Timothy and Titus, Companions of Paul</i> Psalm 108 Genesis 11 v 27 – 12 v 9 Matthew 26 v 1 - 16
Tues	Psalm 36 Genesis 13 v 2 to end Matthew 26 v 17 - 35
Wed	<i>Thomas Aquinas, Priest, Philosopher, Teacher, 1274</i> Psalm 46 Genesis 14 Matthew 26 v 36 - 46
Thurs	Psalm 47 Genesis 15 Matthew 26 v 47 - 56
Fri	<i>Charles, King and Martyr</i> Psalm 65 Genesis 16 John 1 v 1 - 9
Sat	Psalm 68 Genesis 17 v 1 - 22 John 1 v 10 - 13

The Collect for The Conversion of Paul (BCP)

O God, who, through the preaching of the blessed Apostle Saint Paul, hast caused the light of the Gospel to shine throughout the world: Grant, we beseech thee, that we, having his wonderful conversion in remembrance, may shew forth our thankfulness unto thee for the same, by following the holy doctrine which he taught; 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 every day except Sundays.

Mon 26 th	11:00 am – 1:00 pm <i>Sit-n-Knit</i> in Church 1:30 – 3:00 pm The <i>Thinking about God</i> group is meeting in the Undercroft 2:00 pm The U3A Singing Folk group
Tues 27 th	<i>Holocaust Memorial Day</i> 12:00 – 12:30 pm Healing Service
Wed 28 th	10:30 – 11:00 am Café RefleXions 2:00 – 3:30 pm Art Class for Adults with Helena 7:00 – 9:00 pm Harrogate <i>Bipolar UK</i> Support Group 7:30 pm Harrogate Harmony Men's Chorus
Thurs 29 th	9:30 – 11:00 am The Toddler Group at St Peter's 9:30 – 10:45 am <i>Welcome to the Table</i> - group exploring baptism and confirmation - Session 3 11:00 am Holy Communion 11:30 am – 12:30 pm Classical Pilates Class in the Brostoff Hall 6:00 – 7:15 pm <i>Welcome to the Table</i> - Session 3 7:30 pm St Peter's Choir Practice
Fri 30 th	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 31 st	10:00 am – 3:30 pm <i>Rotary Adventurers</i> are holding a Refreshment Day in Church to raise funds for <i>Open Arms Malawi</i>
Sun 1 st	<i>The Fourth Sunday of Epiphany</i> 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 1st February 2026

The Fourth Sunday of Epiphany

Candlemas

8:30	Holy Communion
9:30	Family Communion
11:00	Choral Communion
4:15	Stepping Stones Service – <i>Celtic Worship</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.

Bishop Sarah Mullally becomes the Archbishop of Canterbury

Bishop Sarah remains Bishop of London until her Confirmation of Election this week at St Paul's Cathedral on 28th January 2026, at which she will legally become the 106th Archbishop of Canterbury.

Her Installation as the Archbishop of Canterbury will take place at Canterbury Cathedral on Wednesday 25th March 2026 - The Feast of the Annunciation, which celebrates the day the Angel Gabriel told Mary she would be the mother of Jesus.



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Historically known as an enthronement, the Installation marks the symbolic start of the Archbishop of Canterbury's public ministry in the Church of England and across the Anglican Communion. Rooted in centuries of tradition, the service will look forward with the hope of Jesus Christ - and celebrate the diversity of the Church of England, the nation and the Anglican Communion today.

Archbishop Sarah will be installed on the Cathedral Chair (Cathedra) as the Diocesan Bishop of the See of Canterbury, the oldest diocese in the English church. Following this, she will be installed on the Chair of St

Augustine (St Augustine Cathedra) as Primate of All England, which also symbolises her ministry in the Anglican Communion. Details about the Installation service will be shared in the lead up to the service.

St Peter's Eco Church Group *Top Tips* for living sustainably!

At this time of wintry weather, we begin our '*Top Tips*' with ideas on energy use in the home. Renewable energy sources, such as wind power, are being developed, but we still rely heavily on non-renewables (e.g. gas). The more we use, the more we deplete our precious world's finite resources. The Eco Church Group and the PCC are currently monitoring the use of energy for heating our church building. Meanwhile, we can each take practical steps to reduce energy use at home, which may save us money on our household bills. Here are some *Top Tips* from the energysavingtrust.org.uk:

- ❖ Put draughtproofing round windows and doors
- ❖ Avoid using a tumble dryer
- ❖ Switch appliances off 'standby'
- ❖ Don't linger in the shower (4 minutes is suggested!)
- ❖ Insulate hot water tanks and pipes

If anyone has further eco tips to add, do send them to me at k.e.richards@hotmail.com.

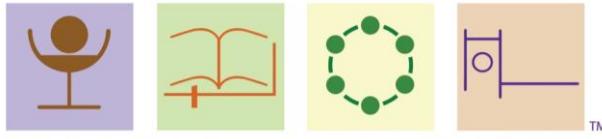


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Refreshments are served after each of our Sunday morning services from the kitchen area at the front of Church. Please come and join us.



Join the Parish Giving Scheme



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If you would like to support St Peter's financially, the simplest and most tax efficient way to do so is via the Parish Giving Scheme (PGS). You can join using their website www.parishgiving.org.uk or give them a call on 0333 002 1260. St Peter's PGS number is: **460646304**

The Next Deadline

The deadline for the next edition of the Weekly News (1st February) will be noon on Wednesday 28th January. 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 in the pews and hand it to one of the Clergy.

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