



Weekly News

26th July 2026

The Eighth Sunday after Trinity

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Faith in the North: Paulinus – a ground breaking missionary



At the heart of **Faith in the North** is a longing to revive the spirit of the Anglo-Saxon Saints such as Hild, Bede, Cuthbert and Aidan - like us, they faced strong resistance, unexpected challenges, and conflict – against the background of a constantly shifting, diverse culture. Yet time and again they found new ways forward.

Paulinus, was part of the group sent in 601 from Rome by Pope Gregory the Great as reinforcements for Augustine's mission to Anglo-Saxon England, which had arrived five years earlier. Paulinus was a monk vowed to obedience, but it must have taken considerable courage and adaptability to come from Rome to pagan Britain and spend his life moving from one kingdom to another to spread the Christian faith.

He worked for twenty years in Kent and was then ordained bishop and sent to Northumbria as chaplain to the Christian, Princess of Kent, Ethelburga, who was to marry the pagan King Edwin. Thanks to Paulinus, Edwin was converted and baptised on Easter Day 627 in a wooden church in York built specially for the purpose; a new church, the first York Minster, was immediately started in stone. Paulinus was appointed Archbishop of York; but in 633, before he could be consecrated, King Edwin was killed in battle fighting King Cadwallon of Gwynedd and King Penda of Mercia.

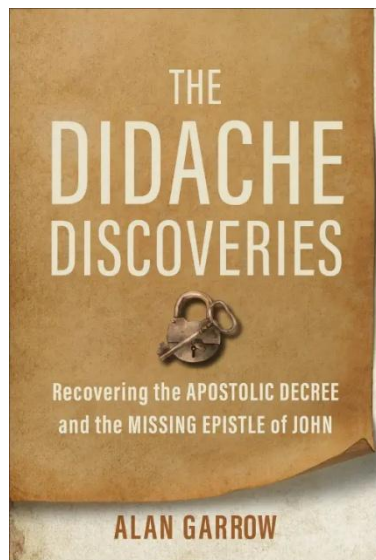
Queen Ethelburga, accompanied by Bishop Paulinus, fled back to Kent with her children. Paulinus served as Bishop of Rochester there until his death in 644 on 10th October, which is now marked as his feast day.



This is part of the baptismal font cover in the crypt of York Minster

Find out more about **Faith in the North** at <https://faithinthenorth.org>.

Book Launch – The Didache Discoveries by Alan Garrow



We are delighted to announce that Alan Garrow has published his latest book – *The Didache Discoveries, Recovering the Apostolic Decree and the Missing Epistle of John* - and it is now available to buy from Eden.co.uk.

Alan will be launching this book at an 'Ask Me Anything' (AMA) event on Reddit on 6th August from 8:00 – 10:00 pm. Come and ask him about his work and research on the Didache, Synoptic Problem or any of his other interests. A video of an interview will be posted 24 hours in advance. For further details, including the interview when it is posted and to join this event, please use this link:

https://www.reddit.com/r/AcademicBiblical/comments/1ucevxz/ama_announcement_6th_august_alan_garrow/

St Peter's Eco Church Group Top Tips

We continue to encourage everyone to appreciate nature and to share practical tips for living sustainably. The current display on our board at the back of Church has moved on from bees to butterflies. Many thanks to Sit-n-Knit for their contribution!

The Big Butterfly Count is on now – 17th July to 9th August - details on taking part are on the board. A Top Tip - St Michael's Hospice shops accept used electrical goods such as radios and reading lamps. Enjoy the summer!

Kathy Richards, *St Peter's Eco Church Group*

Welcome to St Peter's Bug Hotel



Our very special Bug Cross Hotel is now installed in the St Peter's South Garden. We hope it attracts many insects to take up residence and helps our biodiversity and pollination.
St Peter's Eco Church Group.



GET OUT FOR THE COUNT

Spend 15 minutes in a sunny spot and gather vital data to save butterflies and moths.

 17 JULY TO 9 AUGUST

TAKE PART

Identify and record your sightings at bigbutterflycount.org or scan the QR code to download our free app.



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Image: Peacock butterfly by Gundula Vogel

Ripon celebrates St Wilfrid's Procession and Yorkshire Day



The St Wilfrid's Procession dates back to 1108 when King Henry I granted the City of Ripon a charter to hold a fayre and feast in honour of St Wilfrid, the founder of Ripon Cathedral and patron saint of the city. This year it is being held on Saturday 1st August, which is also Yorkshire Day. The procession reaches the Market Square at about 1:00 pm and snakes its way all around the city. The Cathedral Service starts at 4:30 pm. Full details and the route at <https://stwilfridsprocession.com>.



St Peter's Ladies who Lunch

The **Ladies who Lunch** are meeting again at 12:45 pm on Wednesday 29th July 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.

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 29th July.



Today's Services: 26th July 2026

The Eighth Sunday after Trinity
The Eighth Sunday after Trinity (BCP)

8:30 Holy Communion

9:30 Family Communion

Sunday Club is closed for the Summer, but all children and their parents are welcome to gather in the café area, where there are toys and activities to share during our Family Communion Service.

Hymns Today is the day we've been given; **27** As the deer; **153**
Hallelujah! sing to Jesus; **303** Jesus, stand among us

Readings 1 Kings 3 v 5 - 12
John 2 v 1 - 11

Preacher: Alan Garrow

Our Duty Wardens today are:
Siân Lockwood and

11:00 Choral Matins

Setting Moeran in E flat (Jubilate)

Hymns 338, 536, 152

Psalm 75

Readings 1 Kings 3 v 5 - 12
John 2 v 1 - 11

Anthem Renew us by thy goodness (*J S Bach*)

Preacher: Alan Garrow

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

Preacher: Sarah Martin

6:30 Choral Evensong

Setting Brewer in D

Hymns 477, 421, 569

Psalm 77

Readings 1 Kings 6 v 11 – 14 and v 23 to end
Acts 12 v 1 - 7

Anthem Cantique de Jean Racine (*Fauré*)

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

RIP: Graham Shaw

Also in our prayers this week:

Mon	The new Prime Minister and his Cabinet The 10 th Harrogate St Peter's Guides
Tues	Juliet Balme, Curate All the charity shops in our town
Wed	Those struggling with debt Christian debt counselling charities
Thurs	Those whose time is spent caring for others <i>Carers' Resource</i> providing practical and emotional support to carers
Fri	Harrogate Town Council St Peter's Bellringers
Sat	St Peter's Music Group Alan Garrow, Vicar of St Peter's

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

Lord God, your Son left the riches of heaven and became poor for our sake: when we prosper save us from pride, when we are needy save us from despair, that we may trust in you alone;
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. 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 30 1 Samuel 14 v 24 - 46 John 12 v 36b - 43
Tues	Psalm 36 1 Samuel 15 v 1 - 23 John 12 v 44 - 50
Wed	<i>Mary, Martha and Lazarus, companions of our Lord</i> Psalm 34 1 Samuel 16 John 13 v 1 - 11
Thurs	<i>William Wilberforce, Social Reformer, Olaudah Equiano and Thomas Clarkson, Anti-Slavery Campaigners</i> Psalm 37 1 Samuel 17 v 1 - 30 John 13 v 12 - 20
Fri	Psalm 31 1 Samuel 17 v 31 - 54 John 13 v 21 - 30
Sat	Psalm 42 1 Samuel 17 v 55 – 18 v 16 John 13 v 31 - 38

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

O God, whose never-failing providence ordereth all things both in heaven and earth;
We humbly beseech thee to put away from us all hurtful things, and to give us those things which be profitable for us;
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.

Mon 27th	11:00 am – 1:00 pm <i>Sit-n-Knit</i> in Church 2:00 pm The U3A Singing Folk group
Tues 28th	12:00 – 12:30 pm Healing Service
Wed 29th	10:30 – 11:00 am Café Reflexions 12:45 pm St Peter's <i>Ladies who Lunch</i> are meeting at the Nomad Café on Beulah Street 2:00 – 3:30 pm Art Class for Adults with Helena 7:00 – 9:00 pm <i>The Harrogate Bipolar UK</i> peer support group meet in the Music Room 7:30 pm Harrogate Harmony Men's Chorus
Thurs 30th	9:30 – 11:00 am The Toddler Group at St Peter's 11:00 am Holy Communion No Choir Practice tonight
Fri 31st	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 1st	<i>Yorkshire Day</i>
Sun 2nd	<i>The Ninth Sunday after Trinity</i> 7:30 – 8:30 pm AA meeting in the Brostoff Hall

Next Sunday 2nd August 2026

The Ninth Sunday after Trinity

8:30	Holy Communion
9:30	Family Communion
11:00	Choral Communion
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.

Well done to everyone involved in the St Peter's Refreshment Day on Saturday 18th July - £611 was raised for Church funds. The book sale held on 16th, 17th and 18th July raised £557.37. Many thanks to Catherine Medforth and Daniel Brewer (and their teams) for all your hard work!



Celebrating Yorkshire Day: Saturday 1st August

Held on 1st August every year and led by The Yorkshire Society, Yorkshire Day celebrates the county's heritage, history, landscape, culture, and its people. It became an official event in 1985, and since then, a different town or city is chosen every year as official hosts of the event. This year Goole in East

Yorkshire has the honour of hosting the official Yorkshire Day civic celebration.

A Moment to Pause: thank you for the Year 6 Prayer Spaces

During their final weeks at St Peter's CE Primary, our Year 6 children were gifted a very special opportunity to pause, reflect and prepare for the exciting journey ahead through a dedicated *Prayer Spaces* experience.

A lively and engaging range of activities, encouraged children to reflect on their time at St Peter's, celebrate their achievements, and think about the future. In the midst of the many transition events and end-of-term celebrations, this space offered something different - a chance to slow down, be still, and take time to think.

We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to the wonderful volunteers from St Peter's and St Paul's Churches, who thoughtfully set up and led this meaningful experience. Their care and commitment created a calm, welcoming environment that offered our children a true gift during such a busy and emotional time of year.



HOPENOW 2026
Music at the Gardens

HOPENOW is about giving hope in times when hope is needed
HOPENOW is a free charitable event sponsored by a number of churches in Harrogate

Valley Gardens
Aug 1st - 2nd
All Day

mike@ccharrogate.com
@hopenow_uk

Amnesty International UK Harrogate & Knaresborough Group Human Rights, Gaza and Refugees

a talk by **Tom Gordon**
MP for Harrogate and Knaresborough
Thursday 30th July at 7:00 pm



Friends' Meeting House
12a Queen Parade, Harrogate HG1 5PP
£5 on the door to cover costs
Refreshments available
Any queries to Linzy, 07786 966 272 or
me@linzyllyne.com

Refreshments
are served after
each of our
Sunday morning
services from



the kitchen area at the front of
Church. Please come and join us.

Safe Spaces



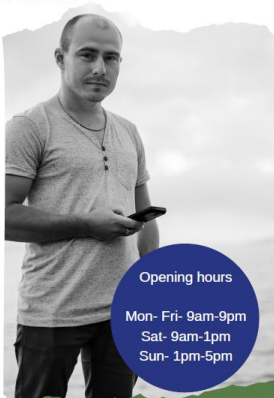
is an **independent** and **confidential**
support service for adults who have
been abused by someone in
the Church.

If you have been affected,
however long ago, **Safe
Spaces** can support you.

Call our **free** helpline

 **0300 303 1056**

 **safespaces@firstlight.org.uk**



Opening hours

Mon- Fri- 9am-9pm
Sat- 9am-1pm
Sun- 1pm-5pm

www.safespacesenglandandwales.org.uk

The Next Deadline

The deadline for the next edition of
the Weekly News (2nd August) will be
noon on Wednesday 29th July. 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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