



Weekly News

26th October 2025

Bible Sunday

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Listening to God through Scripture

One of the most important ways we grow in faith is by engaging with Scripture. When we open the Bible, we are not just reading words on a page, we are hearing the living Word of God.



Some people can feel a little daunted by the Bible, worried it might be too difficult or confusing. But we don't need to be afraid of Scripture. The Bible is like a treasure chest, full of wisdom, comfort, guidance, and hope. Each time we open it, we discover more of God's riches and His love for us.

There are many ways to connect with Scripture. Some enjoy setting aside quiet moments to read and reflect; others find it helpful to listen, pray, or discuss the Bible with friends. The key is to find a rhythm that helps you hear God's voice and draws you closer to Him.

As a Church, we offer spaces for this, groups for discussion and exploration, and our online Morning and Evening Prayer, live streamed daily on [our Facebook page](#).

You might also find digital tools helpful. A few excellent options include:

- **Church of England Apps** – daily prayer and reflections: www.chpublishing.co.uk/apps;
- **The BibleProject App** – videos and study resources: bibleproject.com/app;
- **The Word One to One App** – going through the Bible text in bitesize episodes;
- **Lectio 365** – guided daily prayer and meditation.

Whether in silence, study, or community, God longs to meet us through His Word. Let's encourage one another to make time for Scripture and allow His voice to shape our lives.

Chris Clayton, Associate Vicar at St Peter's Church



Collection for *Christian Aid's* Harvest of Hope

Today St Peter's Church is holding a church collection for *Christian Aid* – you should have been given an envelope for your donation on your way in. Please fill your envelope generously and put it on the collection plate or return it to Church next Sunday. To find out more or to donate online please visit www.christianaid.org.uk/appeals/key-appeals/harvest-appeal.

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 4th November. Please call Leigh Thompson 01423 884 899 or 07824 747 912 if you would like to come.



St Peter's *Ladies who Lunch*

The *Ladies who Lunch* are meeting again at 12:45 pm on Wednesday 29th October 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 (brynsusie@hotmail.com or 07540 355 305), so she can book you a place at their table.

COMING TO HARROGATE THIS NOVEMBER!!

Disney
BEAUTY AND THE BEAST
THE BROADWAY MUSICAL

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Thursday 20 November at 7.30pm
 Friday 21 November at 7.30pm
 Saturday 22 November at 2.30pm

St Peter's Church, Cambridge Road, Harrogate

Go to www.ticketsource.co.uk/st-peters-church
 email: stpetersdramagroup@gmail.com
 call: 07850 409 186

Harvest of hope

The climate crisis is destroying harvests and threatening food security.

Scan this QR code to donate or visit caid.org.uk/HarvestOfHope

In Sierra Leone, as crop yields fall, farmer Maryama is pushing back to provide for her family. By joining a Christian Aid funded community savings and loans project, Maryama has found financial stability and unity. She says: 'It's a blessing for us ... this will help us support our kids to be educated.'

Share your hope and your harvest with people living in poverty.

Visit caid.org.uk/HarvestOfHope to get involved.

Resurrection Bikes are offering free bike maintenance checks



Resurrection Bikes, the local cycle charity, will be visiting St Peter's Church on Saturday 15th November from 10:00 am – 3:30 pm. They are offering free bike maintenance checks, and a selection of refurbished bikes will be on sale. *St Peter's Eco Church Group* will be serving light lunches, scones, cakes and hot drinks.

St Peter's Evening Fellowship

The next meeting of the Evening Fellowship is on Thursday 6th November at 7:30 pm in the Brostoff Hall. This month the guest speaker is Harry Satloka. Harry conducts the *Free Walking Tour of Harrogate*, and he will be talking about his tour and his recent cycling adventures during his ride from Harrogate to Cairo. Everyone is most welcome. For further information, please contact Paul Medforth (07710 195 834 or pamedforth@gmail.com).



All Souls' Memorial Service

We commemorate All Souls with a memorial service here next Sunday at 6:30 pm, which is dedicated to those who have lost a loved one or special friend. This service is an opportunity to light a candle, reflect and give thanks for the life so dear to us that was lost.

Petition to keep the promised settlement route for BNO visa holders

Many Hongkongers on the British National Overseas visa have started a new life in the UK after the imposition of the National Security Law in Hong Kong. They followed the rules with the understanding that after five years, they could settle permanently if they met the English and civic knowledge requirements. The proposed Immigration White Paper changes this, and it will affect the Hongkongers who attend our Church.

The petition declares that altering the 5+1 settlement route for British National Overseas (BNO) passport holders, which currently allows them to apply for Indefinite Leave to Remain (ILR) after 5 years and citizenship a year after that, but would likely be changed to 10 years under current plans, would be an unfair change on a community of nearly 150,000 people who have made the UK their home following China's imposition of a National Security Law on Hong Kong in 2020, and are largely expecting to become eligible for indefinite leave within the next year; and further declares that the changes will severely disrupt the dignity and stability of this group of people who are subject to transnational repression from China.

The petitioners therefore request that the House of Commons urge the Government to change course and keep the current 5+1 settlement route in place for those British National (Overseas) visa holders already residing in the UK, to ensure that they can continue to settle into their new lives in the UK.

Please speak to Sunny Lee if you would like to sign this petition.

Today's Services: 26th October 2025

Bible Sunday

The Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity

8:30 Holy Communion

9:30 Family Communion

*There is **no** Sunday Club today as it is half-term, but all children and their parents are welcome to gather in the café area. Our Prayer Ministry is available today, please come to St Mary's Chapel after taking Communion and wait in the pews there.*

Hymns **124** Give thanks; **298** Jesus, Name above all names; **120** From heaven You came (The Servant King); **32** At the name of Jesus

Readings 2 Timothy 4 v 6 – 8 and 16 - 18
Luke 18 v 9 - 14

Preacher: Chris Clayton

Our Duty Wardens today are:

Sian Lockwood, Leigh
Thompson and Ian Birt

11:00 Choral Matins

Setting Stanford in B flat (Te Deum)

Hymns 6, 428, 612

Psalm 119 v 145 - 160

Readings Ecclesiasticus 35 v 12 - 17
Luke 18 v 9 - 14

Anthem Make a joyful noise (*Mathias*)

Preacher: Chris Clayton

4:15 pm Stepping Stones Service *Service of the Word*

Preacher: Sam Clayton

6:30 Choral Evensong by candlelight

Setting Stanford in A

Hymns 434, 389, 482

Psalm 119 v 161 to end

Readings Ecclesiastes 11 and 12
2 Timothy 2 v 1 - 7

Anthem Evening Hymn (*Balfour Gardiner*)

Preacher: Hannah Beck

An invitation from the local *Amnesty International* group



You are invited to the launch of an exhibition in Ripon Cathedral called '**Surviving Evin Prison**' from 6:15 – 7:45 pm on 31st October. The exhibition was designed by Anoosheh Ashoori (*pictured*) to give a visual account of his imprisonment in this notorious prison in Iran. The exhibition will be opened by Tom Gordon MP and Anoosheh will also be present at this launch event.

Please pray for those who have asked for our prayers:

Pat Anderson, Ann Campbell, Marian Chambers, Graham Cornish, Jane Crabtree, Tony Edwards, Margaret Farrar, Tim Harrison, June Hemmings, Jean Hopper, Trevor Hughes, Joan Kelly, Kim Okell, Sheila Pantin, Celia Preston, Richard Sadler and Michelle Simon.

Also in our prayers this week:

Mon	St Peter's CE Primary School <i>The Children's Society</i> , supporting vulnerable children
Tues	Our retired Clergy: Ruth Harris, Michael Hunter, John Knott, Sue Pearce, Tony Shepherd and David Wheeler St Peter's Afternoon Fellowship
Wed	Those struggling with debt Christian debt counselling charities
Thurs	Ambulance drivers and paramedics Speech and Language Therapists
Fri	The Queen and the Royal Family Those working to promote literacy
Sat	Patients and staff in intensive care units Our homes, families, friends and all whom we love

Daily Readings

Morning Prayer is at 8:00 am and Evening Prayer is at 5:00 pm daily and both are live streamed on Facebook – join in by following the links on our website. These are the Bible readings we will be using each morning this week:

Mon	Psalm 98 1 Maccabees 6 v 1 - 17 John 13 v 1 - 11
Tues	<i>Simon and Jude, Apostles</i> Psalm 116 Isaiah 45 v 18 to end Luke 6 v 12 - 16
Wed	Psalm 111 1 Maccabees 7 v 1 - 20 John 13 v 21 - 30
Thurs	Psalm 115 1 Maccabees 7 v 21 to end John 13 v 31 to end
Fri	Psalm 139 1 Maccabees 9 v 1 - 22 John 14 v 1 - 14
Sat	<i>All Saints' Day</i> Psalm 15 Isaiah 35 Luke 9 v 18 - 27

The Collect for *Bible Sunday* (Common Worship)

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning:
help us so to hear them, to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them that,
through patience, and the comfort of your holy word, we may embrace and for ever hold fast the hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

The Collect for *The Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity* (BCP)

O God, forasmuch as
without thee we are not
able to please thee;
Mercifully grant, that thy
Holy Spirit may in all things
direct and rule our hearts;
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 27th	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 are meeting in the Undercroft 2:00 pm The U3A Singing Folk group 7:00 – 9:00 pm <i>Beauty and the Beast</i> rehearsal in Church
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 Harrogate <i>Bipolar UK</i> peer support group 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 7:30 pm St Peter's Choir Practice
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>All Saints' Day</i> 10:00 am – 3:30 pm <i>St Peter's Choir</i> are holding a Fundraising Refreshment Day in Church for their performance of <i>Messiah</i> on 19 th December and <i>Bach's St John Passion</i> on 1 st April 2026.
Sun 2nd	<i>All Saints' Sunday</i> 5:30 – 7:00 pm Sanctuary are undertaking ' <i>I'm a celebrity – get me out of here!</i> ' challenges in the Brostoff Hall 7:30 – 8:30 pm AA meeting in the Brostoff Hall

Next Sunday 2nd November 2025

All Saints' Sunday

8:30	Holy Communion
9:30	Family Communion
11:00	Choral Matins
4:15	Stepping Stones Service – <i>Celtic Worship</i>
6:30	<i>All Souls' Memorial Service</i>

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.

Harrogate School of Theology & Mission

The Revd Guy Donegan-Cross, formerly Vicar of St Mark's Church, Harrogate, and now Vicar of Warfield Church in Berkshire, speaks on: **Discipleship: So What?**

Every denomination says making disciples is the main priority. But discipleship can be a mystifying thing. What does it really mean? And, even if we have an inkling of its meaning, what is different about Christian disciples?

This live lecture is at St Mark's Church on Saturday 15th November, 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.



St Peter's Christmas Tree Festival is returning this December!

We're thrilled to announce the Christmas Tree Festival will be back at St Peter's between 6th and 13th December - pick up an entry form at the Welcomers' Desk in Church. An email has gone out to previous entrants and we're really eager to get more individuals, groups, and local businesses involved and enter a tree this year. If you (or someone you know) would be interested in entering, or are keen to find out more, please contact Annabel Hutchinson (annabelhutchison@googlemail.com or 07765 914 318) or Kristel Graham (kristelgraham@gmail.com or 07703 529 391). We'd love to make this Christmas Tree Festival the biggest, brightest and best yet!

Light THE Night

Sharing love and sweets
with our local community

Join us on the evening of
31st Oct, 7-8 PM
Meet in the car park of Jennyfields Evangelical Church

Register now

netmakers.org.uk/lightthenight

**NETMAKERS
YOUTH**
Improving lives of local young people

Leading Small Groups

Are you looking to grow your small group leadership skills? Don't miss our upcoming learning session—a welcoming space for both new and experienced group leaders. Join us for an engaging morning designed to inspire, equip, and connect everyone passionate about leading small groups. Refreshments will be provided.

Saturday 8th November 2025
9.30 am – 12.00 pm
St Andrew Church, High Street, Starbeck,
Harrogate HG2 7JE

For further information and to book your place please contact: Gayle Bryon
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www.harrogate deanery.org/encouraging-lay-ministries.html

**HARROGATE
DEANERY**

Refreshments
are served after
each of our
Sunday morning
services from



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

St Peter's Canine Code



- Well-behaved dogs are welcome.
- Please keep your dog in one place throughout the service.
- Please do not bring your dog to the communion rail.

Next Week's Deadline

The deadline for the next edition of the Weekly News (26th October) will be noon on Wednesday 22nd October. 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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