



Weekly News

27th September 2026

The Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

www.stpetersharrogate.org.uk

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

Anniversary Celebrations upcoming

The 3rd of October is a significant date in the history of St Peter's. The church was consecrated on this day in 1876 and then the tower on the same date in 1926. Events to mark these moments include **a full peal attempt on Saturday 3rd October 2026**. If you hear the bells ringing on Saturday evening between 4:00 – 7:30 pm, then this will be the cause of the celebration. Some additional information about the tower will be available in the windowsill displays.



The Bellringers taking part in 'Ring for the King' for Coronation Day, 6th May 2023

Then, on the following **Friday 9th October**, we have our **150th Anniversary Quiz**. This all-age event with shared food (£10 for adults, under 16s free – tickets now available) is a great opportunity to gather and enjoy each other's company as a wider church family.

Our final 150/100th celebration is the St Peter's Player's production of **Jesus Christ Superstar** from **19th - 21st November** – another opportunity to gather across the generations and grow together as a celebratory community.

Alan Garrow, Vicar of St Peter's Church

Do you have a favourite tree? Are you keen on taking photographs?

If the answer to these questions is YES, please read on ... we would like you to enter *St Peter's Favourite Tree Photographic Competition!* Here are the **terms of entry**:

1. There are two age categories: under 12s and over 12s.
2. You can submit one photograph with a description of why it is your favourite tree (maximum of 20 words). Your photo can be monochrome or colour.
3. Entries will be displayed anonymously in the Glass Foyer with voting slips for people to vote for their favourite photograph.
4. The winning photograph in each category will receive a book token AND will be framed and displayed.
5. Winners will be announced on 28th November at St Peter's Christmas Market.
6. Your entry must arrive before 6:00 pm on Thursday 5th November 2026.
7. Entries can be submitted with your description either digitally to stpeterschurchhqtooffice@gmail.com, or as a 4 x 6" or 7 x 5" print to the Parish Office in an envelope labelled, MY FAVOURITE TREE COMPETITION. Don't forget to include your name, contact details (and age if you are under 12).

You and your child will be welcome at St Peter's CE Primary School

We are now taking bookings for individual personalised tours with the Headteacher, Paul Griffiths, for any families with a child due to start school in September 2027 or looking for a place for a child already of primary school age. Families can book their individual tour by contacting the School via admin@stpeters.ycst.co.uk or by calling 01423 569684.



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.'

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

Scan to donate or visit caid.org.uk/HarvestOfHope to get involved.

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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 30th September.



A huge litter-picking thank you!

Many thanks to all the Sunday Club Litter Pickers and their parents who collected six sacks of litter from our town centre on *World Clean Up Day*, Sunday 20th September. There was such a big response, we nearly didn't have enough litter grabbers! Thanks also to Nick Bursell and the Sunday Club leaders, who organised and led the Litter Pick. Jemima Parker from *Harrogate Net Zero* also preached on how we can all help by thinking carefully about our lives as consumers. What's more, on 27th September, Sunday Club will be helping the environment further this Creationtide, by building their own Bug Hotels to put in a garden to encourage wildlife

to thrive and boost biodiversity. Thank you to everyone for 'doing your bit'.

**Ripon**
Choral Society



Saturday 3 October
2026, 10am-5pm
Holy Trinity Church, Ripon

 Come & Sing 
Rutter Requiem

Join conductor John Dunford and members of one of Yorkshire's leading choirs as we sing John Rutter's 1985 setting of the Latin Requiem with added psalms and verses in English. We are always looking for new singers, so this is your chance to meet us in an informal setting.

10am start / 4pm performance

Book online at
riponchoralsociety.org.uk
or email: tickets@riponchoralsociety.org.uk



St Peter's 150th Anniversary

QUIZ NIGHT



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

Today's Services: 27th September 2026

Creationtide

The Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

The Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity (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 May the Peace of the Lord Christ go with you; **40** Be still for the presence of the Lord; **390** Meekness and Majesty; **357** Lord Jesus Christ

Readings Philippians 2 v 1 - 13
John 13 v 21 - 38

Preacher: John Knott

Our Duty Wardens today are:

Sarah Holmes, Helen Camm
and Tim Robinson

11:00 Choral Matins

Setting Britten in C (Te Deum)

Hymns 270, 273, 275

Psalms 123, 124

Readings Ezekiel 18 v 1 - 4, v 25 to end
John 13 v 21 - 38

Anthem O Christ who holds the open gate (*Shaw*)

Preacher: John Longstaff

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

Preacher: Sarah Martin

6:30 Choral Evensong

Setting Walmisley in D minor

Hymns 569, 456, 18

Psalms 126, 127

Readings Isaiah 58 v 1 - 10
1 John 2 v 22 to end

Anthem The Wilderness (*S S Wesley*)

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, 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	The drop-in youth groups run by <i>Netmakers</i> The 10 th Harrogate St Peter's Guides
Tues	The Annual Labour Conference in Liverpool this week Juliet Balme, Curate
Wed	Those facing financial hardship 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 Stewart Davies, Lay Reader
Sat	St Peter's Music Group Alan Garrow, Vicar of St Peter's

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	Psalm 71 1 Kings 21 Acts 21 v 37 – 22 v 21
Tues	MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS Psalm 34 Tobit 12 v 6 to end Acts 12 v 1 - 11
Wed	<i>Jerome, Translator of Scriptures, Teacher, 420</i> Psalm 77 1 Kings 22 v 29 - 45 Acts 23 v 12 to end
Thurs	<i>Anthony Ashley Cooper, Earl of Shaftesbury, Social Reformer, 1885</i> Psalm 78 v 1 - 39 2 Kings 1 v 2 - 17 Acts 24 v 1 - 23
Fri	Psalm 55 2 Kings 2 v 1 - 18 Acts 24 v 24 – 25 v 12
Sat	Psalm 76 2 Kings 4 v 1 - 37 Acts 25 v 13 to end

The Collect for *The Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity*

(Common Worship)

Gracious God, you call us to fullness of life: deliver us from unbelief and banish our anxieties with the liberating love of Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Collect for *The Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity*

(Book of Common Prayer)

Lord, we pray thee that thy grace may always prevent and follow us, and make us continually to be given to all good works; 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***

Mon 28th

11:00 am – 1:00 pm *Sit-n-Knit* in Church

1:30 – 3:00 pm The *Thinking about God* discussion group meets in the Undercroft to study *The Acts of the Apostles*

2:00 pm The U3A Singing Folk group

7:00 – 9:00 pm Rehearsal for *Jesus Christ, Superstar*

Tues 29th

12:00 – 12:30 pm Healing Service

Wed 30th

10:30 – 11:00 am Café RefleXions

1:30 – 3:00 pm Harrogate Deanery Planning Meeting for 2027

2:00 – 3:30 pm Art Class for Adults with Helena

4:15 – 5:15 pm Art Class for Children over 5 with Helena

7:00 – 9:00 pm Harrogate *Bipolar UK* peer support group

7:30 pm Harrogate Harmony Men's Chorus

Thurs 1st

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 2nd

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 3rd

10:00 am – 3:30 pm *St Peter's Choir* are holding a Refreshment Day in Church – please support!

4:00 pm A Full Peal to mark the 100th anniversary of St Peter's Tower and the 150th anniversary of St Peter's Church

Sun 4th

Harvest Sunday (*The Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity*)

5:30 – 7:00 pm **Sanctuary**, our Youth Group meets in the Brostoff Hall for a Baking Challenge

7:30 – 8:30 pm AA meeting in the Brostoff Hall

Next Sunday 4th October 2026

Harvest Sunday

The Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity

8:30 Holy Communion

9:30 Family Communion

11:00 Choral Communion

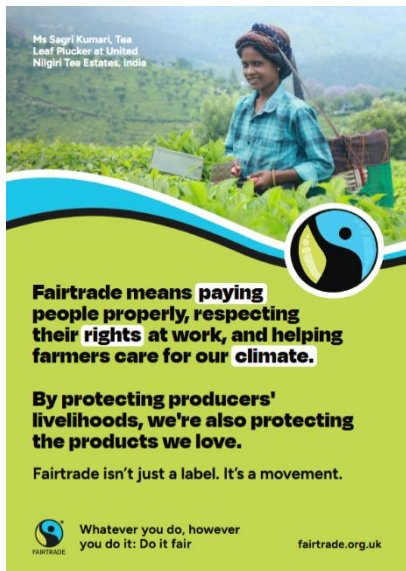
4:15 Stepping Stones Service
– *Celtic Worship*

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.



Fairtrade Fortnight: 21st September – 4th October

The theme this year is **Do it Fair**. When you choose Fairtrade products this Fortnight, you're ensuring the workers who produced them receive fair pay. Fair pay is the key to so many issues across the lives of farmers and workers. When they're paid fairly they are able to provide for their families, tackle the challenges of the climate crisis and live a happier life. The worker on the poster is Sagri Kumari, a tea plucker at the United Nilgiri Tea Estate in the Blue Mountains of South India. She moved there six years ago as there was no work for her at home.

For Sagri, the most important thing is job security. Permanent employment allows workers like her to plan ahead and support their families. It also means access to benefits such as free healthcare and education, essential for a decent standard of living. A better, stable wage and investments from the communal Fairtrade Premium funds have helped improve living conditions further. Sagri's household has clean drinking water and cooking equipment, and her daughter's education is supported.

St Peter's Choir need help on this Saturday 3rd October

Our Choir are holding a Refreshment Day in Church this Saturday from 10:00 am – 3:30 pm in aid of their forthcoming performances of Messiah on 18th December and Bach's Mass in B minor on 24th March. If you are willing to bake a cake or help on the day, please speak to John Longstaff john.longstaff@talk21.com.

Paulinus Singers

from the
OLD WORLD
to the
NEW

An evening of unaccompanied choral singing

Saturday 17th October, 7.30

St John's Church, Sharow

Music by *Palestrina, Copland, Britten and Bernstein*

Tickets £15.00 from paulinus-singers.org.uk

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Music Director James Savage-Hanford

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with The Dales Ensemble
& Tim Harper pianist

Wesley Centre, Harrogate
Saturday 17 October 2026 7.00pm

Book online at harrogatevocalis.org.uk

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 (4th October) will be noon on Wednesday 30th

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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