



Weekly News

30th August 2026

The Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

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Faith in the North: Bede – the father of English History



The North has been deeply affected and enriched by the lives and actions of many followers of Jesus through the years. They've left their mark on our heritage, our landscape, and our laws, on art and architecture, education and society. Schools, churches, roads, and landmarks across the region still carry their names.

The Anglo-Saxon writer Bede was born less than fifty years after Paulinus arrived in Northumbria to teach the Christian faith. At the age of seven he began his training to be a monk at Monkwearmouth and then moved to Jarrow Abbey, where he spent the rest of his life, joyfully absorbed in his calling to study, teach and write.

In his book *History of the English Church and People*, he recorded the stories of men and women, good and bad, and shed light on a period of English history that would have otherwise been unknown.

He translated the Lord's Prayer and Creed from Latin into Old English to make them more accessible for ordinary people. He told the story of St Cuthbert to inspire others to faith and obedience. He is credited with popularising a single universal dating system (BC and AD) in his books. Above all he studied, translated, and taught others about the Bible. Bede died at Jarrow in May 735 AD. His body was taken from there to Durham Cathedral around 1020 and placed in the tomb of St Cuthbert. In 1370 his relics were moved to a shrine in the Galilee Chapel. This was destroyed at the Reformation, but his remains now rest in a 19th century tomb. In 836 Bede was declared 'Venerable' by the Church and canonised in 1899. His feast day is 25th May.



Bede shown as a scribe in 'The Life of St Cuthbert'
Credit British Library Archive

Sunday Club returns on 13th September!

Sunday Club meets in the Brostoff Hall during the 9:30 am Family Communion service and is open to children from Reception to Year 6. It is on every Sunday during term time except for the first Sunday of the month when we have all age worship. The Sunday Club leader is Nick Bursell (nick.bursell74@gmail.com), please contact him if you have any questions.



Come to *The Market Day Café* next Thursday

The *Market Day Café* is on the second Thursday of each month. The next one is next week on Thursday 10th September at 11:30 am after the Holy Communion service. They will be serving hot drinks, homemade soups, fresh sandwiches, scones and delicious cakes

Consultation on a possible re-ordering of the seating in the church

The results of the consultation will be considered by the PCC at its meeting on September 22nd. I will start to collate the responses at the end of August as the first stage of a report for the PCC on the result of the consultation which will go out to them a week before the meeting. We will of course take into account any responses submitted before the PCC meeting but it would really help me if you could try to get your response submitted by the end of August if at all possible. Most of the responses are being placed into the envelopes on the board in the foyer but do feel free to email me with yours if that's easier for you. My email address is sian.lockwood54@gmail.com

Sian Lockwood



Popular Organ Recital

by John Longstaff

St Peter's Organist and Director of Music

2:00pm Bank Holiday Monday 31st August

Organ music for a summer afternoon

Programme includes music by

Bach, Rheinberger, Elgar and Suppé

Tickets £10 including cream tea afterwards



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Saturday 14 November, 9.30am - 4.00pm

Saturday 5 December, 9.30am - 4.00pm

Further details: <https://leeds.anglican.org/how-we-can-help/training-for-ministry/training-programmes/introduction-to-theology-course/>

Eco Group News

Creationtide at St Peter's Church

The Church of England season of Creationtide, where we are mindful of our responsibilities to care for the environment as God's gift to us, is celebrated from September 1st to October 4th. As a special observation of this season the Eco Church Group has invited Jemima Parker, the Chair of Zero Carbon Harrogate, to share her thoughts and observations on our responsibilities towards the environment.

Jemima will be taking part in the 9.30am and 11.00am services on **September 20th**.

At St Peter's we encourage everyone to be mindful of how their everyday life impacts on the environment; our energy consumption, waste recycling, travel, observation and protection of nature which are all part of our individual responsibility towards creation. Please come along on September 20th to hear some of Jemima's reflections on how we can all play our part in the protection of the natural world, God's gift of Creation.

RUBBISH! Reminder..

The "Sunday Club Litter Pick" will take place on **September 20th** with our children and their parents going into the town centre during the 9.30am service with bin bags, protective gloves and a determination to collect as much rubbish as possible. We hope many of you will take part in the St Peter's Clean Up. Please see the Eco ticeboard for 'top tips' on how to reduce your own waste and cut down on rubbish.

Preaching Learning Community



You're invited to our Learning Community for Preachers.

In this session, Phil Jackman will share an approach that he has been exploring and using in worship.

Over the last 500 years, we've come to think of preaching largely as explaining things. But before that, in the West, and still today in many parts of the East and South, the instinct in public speaking has been to tell stories. Jesus himself often taught through storytelling.

So how might we recover storytelling as part of our preacher's toolkit, telling stories that are rich in insight and nuance, while also being engaging, motivating and relevant? That's what we'll be exploring together in this session.

Saturday 12th September 2026
10 am – 12 pm

St Andrew Church, High Street, Starbeck, Harrogate HG2 7JE
Refreshments will be provided from 9.45am

Please book your place by emailing: Gayle Bryon
Encouraging Lay Ministries Coordinator gaylebryonelm@gmail.com

www.harrogatedeanery.org/encouraging-lay-ministries.html





Art Exhibition

3-10 SEPTEMBER
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Friday: 10:00 am – 1:00 pm
St Peter's Church, Harrogate

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Today's Services: 30th August 2026

The Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

The Thirteenth 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 1 Abba, Father; 27 As the deer; 330 Let us break bread together;
496 Shout for joy and sing

Readings Jeremiah 15 v 15 -21
Matthew 16 v 21 to end

Preacher: Tony Shepherd

11:00 Choral Matins

Setting Ireland in F (Te Deum)

Hymns 555, 494, 398

Psalm 105 v 1 - 15

Readings Jeremiah 15 v 15 -21
Matthew 16 v 21 to end

Anthem O clap your hands (*Rutter*)

Preacher: John Longstaff

6:30 Choral Evensong

Setting Noble in B minor

Hymns 621, 385, 585 (omit *verse)

Psalm 107 v 1 - 22

Readings 2 Kings 6 v 24 – 25 and 7 v 3 to end
Mark 7 v 1 - 8, 14 – 15 and 21 - 23

Anthem Though I speak with the tongues of men (*Bairstow*)

Preacher: Phyllis Sopp

The flowers in Church today mark the 100th anniversary on 21st August of the birth of Margaret Elizabeth ("Betty") Longstaff.

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, 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.

Also in our prayers this week:

Mon	The House of Lords and the House of Commons returning from recess St Peter's Sunday Club
Tues	Rough sleepers and the homeless St Peter's Breakfast Club
Wed	St Peter's Sacristans The Weekly News Editorial Team
Thurs	Our armed forces serving at home and overseas The British Army
Fri	North Yorkshire Council The Council officers and staff delivering services on a daily basis
Sat	Patients and staff in intensive care units Our homes, families, friends and all whom we love

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', we have read the Gospel of John twice, on Friday we return to the Common Worship Calendar and Lectionary.

Mon	<i>Aidan, Bishop of Lindisfarne, Missionary, 651</i> Psalm 126 2 Samuel 18 v 1 - 18 John 21 v 1 - 8
Tues	Psalm 132 2 Samuel 18 v 19 – 19 v 8a John 21 v 9 - 14
Wed	Psalm 119 v 153 to end 2 Samuel 19 v 8b - 23 John 21 v 15 - 19
Thurs	<i>Gregory the Great, Bishop of Rome, 604</i> Psalm 143 2 Samuel 19 v 24 to end John 21 v 20 - 25
Fri	Psalm 144 2 Samuel 23 v 1 - 7 Acts 12 v 18 to end
Sat	Psalm 147 2 Samuel 24 Acts 13 v 1 - 12

The Collect for *The Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity*

(Common Worship)

Almighty God, you search us and know us:

may we rely on you in strength and rest on you in weakness, now and in all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

Almighty and merciful God, of whose only gift it cometh that thy faithful people do unto thee true and laudable service:

Grant, we beseech thee, that we may so faithfully serve thee in this life, that we fail not finally to attain thy heavenly promises; through the merits of 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.

In the Foyer this week from 3rd-10th September a display of paintings from Helena's Art Class students. If you're interested in joining the group, please collect a leaflet.

Mon 31st

Summer Bank Holiday

No Sit'n'Knit

2:00 pm Popular Organ Recital by John Longstaff with a cream tea served afterwards

Tues 1st

Creationtide begins

12:00 – 12:30 pm Healing Service

Wed 2nd

10:30 – 11:00 am Café RefleXions

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

7:30 pm Harrogate Harmony Men's Chorus

Thurs 3rd

9:30 – 11:00 am The Toddler Group at St Peter's

11:00 am Holy Communion

No Choir Practice tonight

Fri 4th

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 5th

10:00 am – 3:30 pm *Rotary Adventurers* are holding a Refreshment Day in Church

Sun 6th

Creation Sunday

The Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity

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

Next Sunday 6th September 2026

Creation Sunday

The Fourteenth 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.

Harrogate School of Theology & Mission

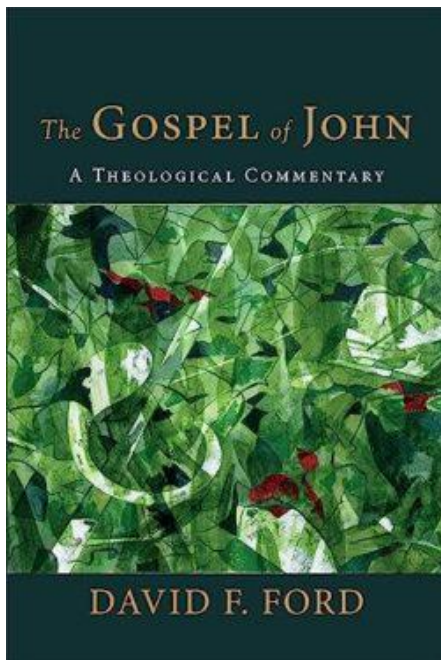
The Revd Jon Bell, Minister of the Church of Scotland and member of the Iona Community, speaks on: *The Imagination as a Key to Unlocking Scripture*

The imagination is sometimes regarded as being an unreliable or mischievous faculty, more of a danger to faith than an aid. But given that it is commonly employed by the prophets in their writings and Jesus in his parables, it deserves serious consideration. In this lecture, John Bell will argue that the imagination is an essential aid not only to interpreting scripture but also an ally in pastoral work and preaching, as it offers an alternative to rigid thinking and dull speech.



This live lecture is at St Mark's Church on Saturday 19th September, 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.

The Gospel of John: journey in a group with a guidebook



The Gospel of John is profound, intriguing, fascinating, and mysterious. One of the most insightful and gripping attempts to do it justice is David Ford's *The Gospel of John – A Theological Commentary*. Unlike most commentaries, this can be read as literature. The style is conversational: it works not verse by verse, but chapter by chapter.

Harrogate School of Theology & Mission is delighted to be able to offer two study groups starting in October 2026 and running to Easter 2027. One group will run on Thursday evenings, and the other on Sunday evenings – you can sign up for either Thursdays or Sundays and will remain in that group for the duration. Over six months we will read a chapter per week of David Ford's

commentary and meet on-line once a week from 7:00 - 8:00 pm to discuss it with fellow learners. Sign up for either course at: hstm.org.uk/event/gospel-of-john-2026-27.

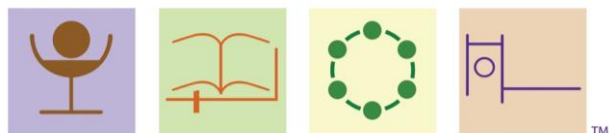
The theme for *Creationtide* this year is *Living Water*

Creationtide is the annual Christian celebration to pray and respond together to the cry of Creation. It begins this week on 1st September and ends on 4th October, the feast day of Francis of Assisi. Go to seasonofcreation.org where you will find the Faith Leaders' invitation video calling us to join the celebration. The official Celebration Guide is also available to download there.

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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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 (6th September) will be noon on Wednesday 2nd September. Please send any items (including photos) to **The Parish Office** or to **the Vicar**, Alan Garrow. alan.garrow@gmail.com



The flowers in Church on Sunday 23rd August were in memory of Kim Okell whose birthday would have fallen on 20th August.

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