



Weekly News

4th January 2026

Celebrating The Epiphany

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1876–2026 – St Peter's 150th Anniversary

Following the joining together of High and Low Harrogate the land on which St Peter's Church now sits became the very centre of the new town. The owner of this precious plot, Mary Anne Fielde, donated her house to be the vicarage, and her garden as the location for a church and a school. The school was built first and served as a place of worship from 1860 onwards – until the new church was consecrated in October 1876. The tower was then commissioned one hundred years ago, in 1926.



During 2026 we will be taking the opportunity to reflect with thankfulness on all that has been possible because of the dedication and faithfulness of the people of St Peter's over the last 150 years. The focus of our celebrations will be at the end of June. Bishop Anna will visit us on Sunday 21st June with

other events running up to St Peter's Day on 28th June. And, as we prepare to write our own chapter in this Church's history, there will also be other opportunities and events to celebrate the past and consider the future. One, taking place in Church next Saturday morning, is the *Vision and Our Building* event (see inside for details). And, if you would like to organise another event as part of our programme of celebration, please feel encouraged to do so.

Let's make 2026 a whole year of celebration – a year in which barriers are removed, and connections are made as we gather around God's open, generous table.

Alan Garrow, Vicar of St Peter's Church

Say it with Flowers

Why not mark a special occasion, such as an anniversary, a new baby or a birthday, by making a donation towards the flowers in Church? St Peter's Flower Team will make an arrangement on the pedestal to the right of the altar, and you will also receive a mention in the Weekly News. Please speak directly to Sue Heapy for further details (07540 355 305).



It's St Peter's Afternoon Fellowship on Tuesday

St Peter's Afternoon Fellowship meets on the first Tuesday of the month from 2:00 – 4:00 pm at Church. So, the next meeting is this Tuesday 6th January, when our Vicar, Alan Garrow, will be the speaker and afterwards there will be a delicious afternoon tea. Please call Leigh Thompson 01423 884 899 or 07824 747 912 if you would like to come.



New Year! New You? Welcome to the table!

Starting on 15th January 2026, our Curate, Karin Shaw will be hosting classes on Thursdays at 9:30 – 10:45 am or at 6:00 – 7:15 pm, for those who wish to explore their faith with others who are also thinking about baptism or confirmation. Speak to Karin or email her - karinmshaw@googlemail.com.

Celebrity Escape to the Country is on TONIGHT!

The edition of *Celebrity Escape to the Country* with Neil Jones, Strictly Come Dancing choreographer and dance professional, presented by Richie Anderson, that features St Peter's Breakfast Club, is due to air on BBC One on Sunday 4th January at 7:00 pm.

Come to the Mothers' Union Wave of Prayer Service

The next meeting of the Mothers' Union in Harrogate will be on Thursday 8th January at 11:00 am at St Mark's Church. We will be having a **Wave of Prayer Service** with Communion, followed by a lunch. Donations given at the lunch will go to Mothers' Union charities.



Chris Clayton's Leaving Gift

Chris Clayton has served as a Curate and then Associate Vicar at this Church for the last seven and a half years. His last Sunday at St Peter's will be 18th January – with a Parish Lunch at 1:00 pm. If you would like to contribute to Chris' leaving gift the option to do so is available on the donation station by the south exit. He will be licensed in

his new post at St Margaret's, Horsforth, on Wednesday 25th February at 7:00pm.

The Vision and our Building Consultation

On Saturday 10th January 10:00 - 11.30 am in Church, come and engage with the results of our recent internal consultation about the vision and our building. This meeting is an opportunity to ask questions and share ideas. Everyone welcome.

Christmas at St Peter's 2025



The Christmas flowers were in memory of Derek Clarkson, Tim Wilkinson, Will Lawson, Jill Rawlings, and Geoff Wilkinson.



On Christmas Eve both of our Christingle services were well attended with the proceeds going to the Children's Society.



Mary and Joseph (Karin Shaw and her husband) with our PCSO, Bex, at the Shoppers' Carols service



Jackory lights the Christmas Day candle

Today's Services: 4th January 2026

The Second Sunday of Christmas

Celebrating The Epiphany

The Second Sunday after Christmas (BCP)

8:30 Holy Communion

9:30 Family Communion

*As it is the first Sunday of the month, there is **no** Sunday Club for school age children today, 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 7 All hail King Jesus!; **443** Open our eyes, Lord; We three kings;
418 O Jesus, I have promised

Reading John 1 v 29 - 34

Preacher: Karin Shaw

Our Duty Wardens today are:

Mike Davies
and Richard Bion

11:00 Choral Communion

Setting Darke in E

Hymns 85, 335, 91, 83

Readings Isaiah 60 v 1 - 7
John 1 v 29 - 34

Anthem From the rising of the sun (*Ouseley*)

Preacher: Hannah Beck

4:15 pm Stepping Stones Service *Celtic Worship*
(arrivals and refreshments 3:45 pm)

Preacher: Sarah Martin

6:30 Choral Evensong by candlelight

Setting Stainer in B flat

Hymns 87 (omit v 3 and 4), 488, 14

Psalm 135

Readings Isaiah 41 v 21 – 42 v 4
Colossians 1 v 1 - 14

Anthem When Jesus our Lord (*Mendelssohn*)

Preacher: John 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, Ian Birt, 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: Barbara Brown and Nigel Gardiner

Also in our prayers this week:

Mon	Western Primary School St Peter's Sunday Club
Tues	Rough sleepers and the homeless St Peter's Breakfast Club
Wed	SHINE, community organisation based at St Stephen's Church, West Bowling Carole Raw, Parish Administrator
Thurs	The staff and officers at Harrogate Police Station All who serve as Police Chaplains
Fri	North Yorkshire Council Stewart Davies, Lay Reader
Sat	<i>Wellspring Therapy & Training</i> , supporting people in distress and promoting good mental health All those suffering from anxiety and depression

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 48 Ruth 3 Colossians 3 v 12 – 4 v 1
Tues	<i>The Epiphany</i> Psalm 89 v 1 - 37 Ruth 4 v 1 - 17 Colossians 4 v 2 to end
Wed	Psalm 99 Jeremiah 23 v 1 - 8 Matthew 20 v 1 - 16
Thurs	Psalm 46 Jeremiah 30 v 1 - 17 Matthew 20 v 17 - 28
Fri	Psalm 148 Jeremiah 30 v 18 – 31 v 9 Matthew 20 v 29 to end
Sat	<i>William Laud, Archbishop of Canterbury, 1645</i> Psalm 149 Isaiah 65 v 1 - 16 1 John 5 v 1 - 12

The Collect for the Epiphany

(Common Worship)

Creator of the heavens,
who led the Magi by a star to
worship the Christ-child:
guide and sustain us,
that we may find our journey's
end in Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Collect for the Epiphany

(Book of Common Prayer)

O GOD, who by the leading of a star didst
manifest thy only-begotten Son to the
Gentiles:

Mercifully grant, that we, which know thee
now by faith, may after this life have the
fruition of thy glorious Godhead; 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 5th	11:00 am – 1:00 pm <i>Sit-n-Knit</i> in Church 2:00 pm The U3A Singing Folk group
Tues 6th	<i>NYC Schools start Spring Term</i> 12:00 – 12:30 pm Healing Service 2:00 – 4:00 pm St Peter's Afternoon Fellowship
Wed 7th	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 8th	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 9th	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 10th	10:00 – 11:30 am <i>The Vision and Building Consultation</i> meeting – come and engage with the results of our recent consultation about the vision and our building. This meeting is an opportunity to ask questions and share ideas. Everyone welcome!
Sun 11th	<i>The Second Sunday before Lent</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 11th January 2026

The First Sunday of Epiphany

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

The Lounge Café at St Mark's

Officially opened by the Bishop of Ripon at the end of November 2025, this community café is open to the public on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10:00 am – 1:30 pm. They serve speciality coffee, tea and hot drinks, cake and light lunches. The Lounge at St Mark's Church offers a beautiful light and welcoming space to relax, meet friends, enjoy delicious food or chat with one of the café team. It is also a registered warm space. The Fairtrade coffee is provided by Clo Coffee, expertly chosen, tasted and created for the most discerning coffee drinker! They re-open after the Christmas break on Tuesday 13th January.



St Mark's Church have their own car park beside and at the rear of the church building. If you prefer to travel by bus, there is a bus stop right outside the Church serviced by the 36 bus which runs every 10 minutes from the centre of Harrogate.

New Pilates class for beginners starting in January

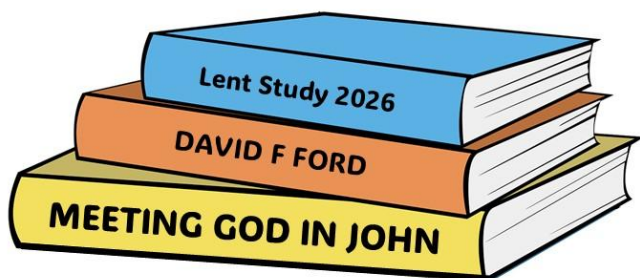


A new five week Pilates course is starting at St Peter's Church on Thursday 15th January from 11:30 am – 12:30 pm in the Brostoff Hall and is designed for people that are completely new to Pilates. If you would like to join, please contact the teacher, Julie Downes, by messaging her on instagram [classicalpilates_harrogate](https://www.instagram.com/classicalpilates_harrogate) or email her at classicalpilatesharrogate@gmail.com. The classes cost £38.



Leading a Lenten Journey

Looking for ideas on how to lead a Lent group?
Be part of our learning community session
as we open an inspiring new book for Lent and discover
how we can meet God through John's Gospel.
Together, we'll explore one chapter and try out a variety of
study approaches, in preparation for guiding your own
small group on a meaningful Lent journey.



Saturday 10th January 2026

10 am – 12 pm

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

For further information and booking please contact: Gayle Bryon
Encouraging Lay Ministries Coordinator gaylebryonelm@gmail.com
www.harrogedeanery.org/encouraging-lay-ministries.html



Plough Sunday Service

Sunday 11th January 2026

in Ripon Cathedral

Service led by the Very Rev'd John Dobson,
Dean of Ripon

Preacher : The Most Revd & Rt Hon
Stephen Cottrell, Archbishop of York

Refreshments, including hot pork rolls, cake,
tea & coffee served from 2.30pm.

Service starts at 3.30pm



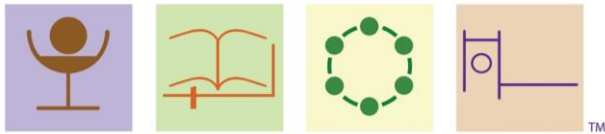
The Methodist Church

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 (11th January) will
be noon on Wednesday 7th 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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