



Weekly News

5th April 2026

EASTER DAY

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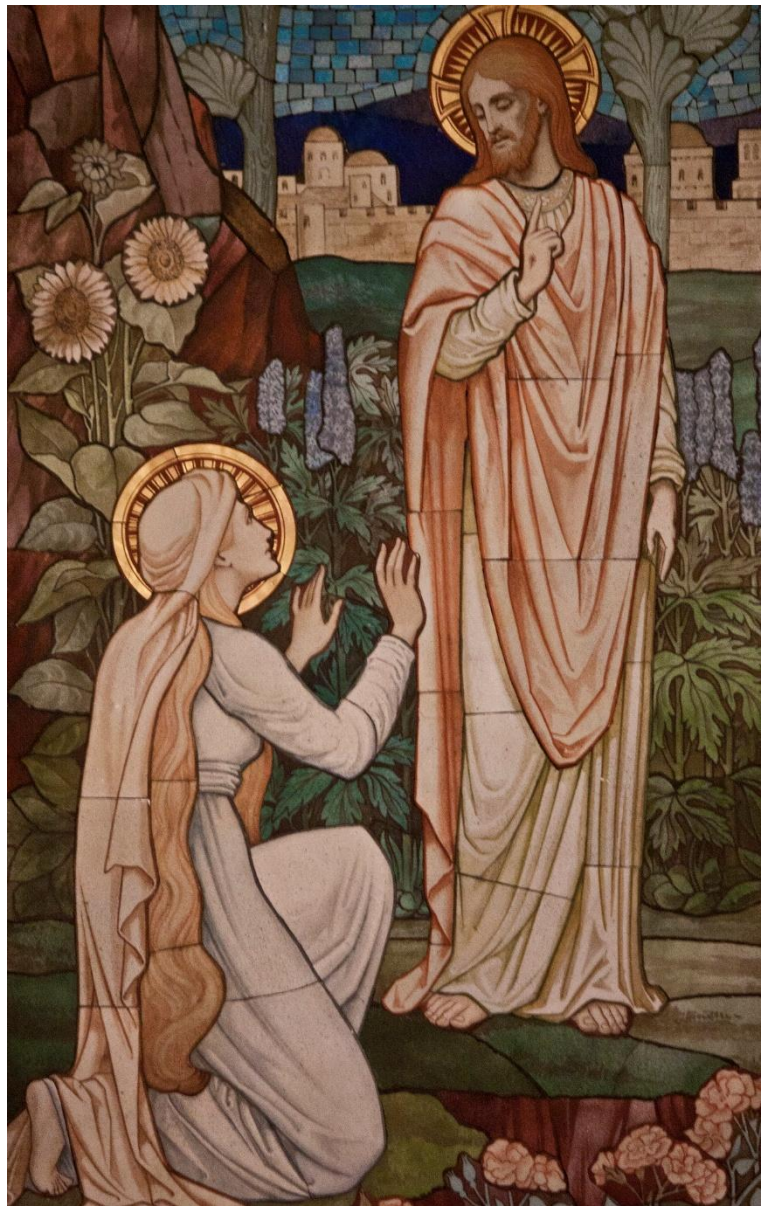
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Crash, bang, wallop – where's the resurrection?

We are surrounded by distractions. Sometimes these distractions are deliberately put in our path to stop our attention resting in a particular place, sometimes they are simply the product of the myriad voices and images by which we are now constantly surrounded. Look at this! Listen to this! Buy this! Believe this!

The most extraordinary moment in all human history did not, however, take place under the blaze of an arc light. No PR agencies were hired to brief the press. No influencers were recruited. No pyrotechnics, no hype, no attempt to generate attention. Instead, the resurrection happened in darkness, in silence, in a location where no one was present. It had to be sought out, found, discovered, recognised, believed in. It was the opposite of 'in your face'.

Where is the resurrection this Easter? It will be where it has always been. Away from the spotlight and the noise, in the hidden corners where it is needed most. When we are tempted to despair that the noisy news is all the news there is, don't forget that the news of resurrection always crops up in the most hidden, unexpected and out of the way places.



*Mary Magdalene sees the Risen Lord, St Mary's Church, Balham.
Credit: Father Lawrence Lew OP on flickr*

Alan Garrow, *Vicar of St Peter's Church*

The next meeting of the **Mothers' Union** in Harrogate will be on Tuesday 7th April at 2:00 pm at St Mark's Church, when Sheila Pantin will be the speaker.

Harrogate School of Theology & Mission

Wilding Disciple-making and Mission – a seminar led by the Revd Ben Askew, from Kairos Church

This is on Saturday 18th April at Woodlands Methodist Church on Wetherby Road, starting with breakfast at 9:30 am, followed by the seminar and time for discussion. Tickets cost £8, under 18s are free. Booking in advance via *Eventbrite*, visit hstm.org.uk/events for further details.



The BIG DEEP-CLEAN of St Peter's Church kitchen is on Saturday

While the Breakfast Club Team and Church Maintenance Team keep on top of daily cleaning, we carry out a deep clean of the Church kitchen every year. We get together a team of volunteers on a Saturday when there are no other events and blitz the kitchen together. This year it is this Saturday 11th April from 9:30 am – 3:00 pm. If you can help, please contact Siân Lockwood (07889 616 755).



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? The 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).

Volunteer Opportunity: PCC Secretary

A Parochial Church Council (PCC) Secretary serves as the administrative backbone of the church's governing body, appointed annually to manage meetings, correspondence, and legal compliance. Key duties include preparing agendas, taking and distributing minutes, maintaining records, and acting as the main point of contact for the Diocese. If you think this could be you, please talk with the Vicar or one of the Churchwardens.

Alan Garrow celebrates 10 years at St Peter's

The institution and licensing of our Vicar, Alan Garrow, took place on 7th April 2016, conducted by the Right Revd James Bell, Bishop of Ripon, and The Venerable Beverley Mason, Archdeacon. We also welcomed his wife, Emma, and their two children - Sam and Eleanor. Alan first preached at St Peter's at the morning services on Sunday 10th April, after which there was a Parish Lunch.



Prayer Spaces in Schools – St Peter's CE Primary School 2026

We had another wonderful time at St Peter's School with our URC friends this year! Here is what the headteacher, Paul Griffiths, had to say about it:



*"We are incredibly grateful to our friends from St Peter's and St Paul's for giving their time, creativity and kindness to our school once again. These spaces enrich our children's wellbeing and help them develop reflection and emotional awareness. Our staff also value the chance to step inside during breaks, lunchtimes or after school. Events like these live out our vision for all to **Love, Learn and Shine**, and they spark ideas that continue in classrooms throughout the year."*

See more pictures and some of the children's comments via this link: [creating-space-to-reflect-our-second-annual-prayer-spaces-week](#)

We hope to run another prayer space in the Summer Term, to help Year 6 reflect on and prepare for their big move. Do let Fiona Weare (fionaweare@gmail.com) or Karin Shaw (karinmshaw@googlemail.com) know if you wish to get involved (safeguarding checks will be required).

The Market Day Café is on Thursday

The *Market Day Café* is on the second Thursday of each month. The next one is this week on Thursday 9th April at 11:30 am after the Holy Communion service. They will be serving hot drinks, homemade soups, fresh sandwiches, scones and delicious cakes! Please come and support this fundraising event.



St Peter's Ladies who Lunch

The *Ladies who Lunch* are meeting again at 12:45 pm on Wednesday 8th April 2025 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.

Come and join a Rogationtide Walk on 10th May

Rogationtide is the period leading up to Ascension Day, when blessings are asked for the parish and all of its inhabitants. Helen Harrison and Nick Anderson plan to lead a walk on Sunday 10th May after the 9:30 am service to celebrate Rogationtide. They will be walking around the Parish Boundary, known as 'beating the bounds'. This will be followed by lunch. All welcome!



Today's Services: 5th April 2026

Easter Day

During our services today your flowers will be added to a Flowering Cross – if you have not brought a flower, there are spare flowers in a vase at the foot of the Cross



8:30 Holy Communion

9:30 Family Communion

*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 285 Jesus Christ is risen today; 6 Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord; See what a morning; 551 Thine be the glory

Reading John 20 v 1 - 8

Preacher: Steve Gibbin

11:00 Easter Choral Communion

Setting Jackson in G

Hymns *Please see order of service*

Readings Acts 10 v 34 - 43

John 20 v 1 - 8

Anthem Blessed be the God and Father (*S S Wesley*)

Preacher: Hannah Beck

6:30 Choral Evensong with Holy Communion

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Hymns 143, 157, 145

Psalm 66

Readings Song of Solomon 3 v 2 – 5 and 8 v 6 - 7

John 20 v 11 - 18

Anthem Ye choirs of new Jerusalem (*Stanford*)

Preacher: Alan Garrow

Our Duty Wardens today are:

Siân Lockwood
and Richard Bion

Please pray for those who have asked for our prayers:

Pat Anderson, Ann Campbell, Graham Cornish, Jane Crabtree, Maddison Crane, Tony Edwards, Margaret Farrar, Jenny Gardiner, Jenny Harris, Tim Harrison, Jean Hopper, Trevor Hughes, Joan Kelly, Bill and Margaret Osborne, Sheila Pantin, Sue Pearce, Celia Preston, Michelle Simon, Sally Sneddon and Edward Vear.

Also in our prayers this week:

- Mon** Support and teaching staff in our schools
The Toddler Group at St Peter's
- Tues** Those feeling lost, lonely and isolated
Alan Garrow, who became Vicar of St Peter's 10 years ago today
- Wed** Local leisure businesses
The *Artizan* Shop in Oxford Street
- Thurs** All the staff at Harrogate Hospital
Hospital Chaplaincy Teams
- Fri** Tom Gordon, MP for Harrogate and Knaresborough
Sarah Mullally, the Archbishop of Canterbury, as she begins her formal ministry
- Sat** All who are sick in body, mind or spirit
Addiction Support Agencies

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 111
Exodus 12 v 1 - 14
John 11 v 38 - 44
- Tues** Psalm 112
Exodus 12 v 14 - 36
John 11 v 45 - 57
- Wed** Psalm 113
Exodus 12 v 37 to end
John 12 v 1 - 8
- Thurs** Psalm 114
Exodus 13 v 1 - 16
John 12 v 9 - 19
- Fri** Psalm 115
Exodus 13 v 17 – 14 v 14
John 12 v 20 - 26
- Sat** Psalm 116
Exodus 14 v 15 to end
John 12 v 27 – 36a

The Collect for Easter Day

(Common Worship)

God of glory, by the raising of your Son you have broken the chains of death and hell: fill your Church with faith and hope; for a new day has dawned and the way to life stands open in our Saviour Jesus Christ.

The Collect for Easter Day (BCP)

Almighty God, who through thine only-begotten Son Jesus Christ hast overcome death, and opened unto us the gate of everlasting life: We humbly beseech thee, that as by thy special grace preventing us thou dost put into our minds good desires, so by thy continual help we may bring the same to good effect; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

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 6th** ***Easter Bank Holiday Monday***
- Tues 7th** **12:00 – 12:30 pm Healing Service**
- Wed 8th** **10:30 – 11:00 am Café Reflexions**
12:45 pm *St Peter's Ladies who Lunch* are meeting at the Nomad Café on Beulah Street
2:00 – 3:30 pm Art Class for Adults with Helena
- Thurs 9th** 9:30 – 11:00 am The Toddler Group at St Peter's
11:00 am Holy Communion
11:30 am – 1:30 pm The Market Day Café
NO Choir Practice tonight!
- Fri 10th** 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 11th** 9:30 am – 3:00 pm The annual BIG DEEP CLEAN of the Kitchen takes place today!
- Sun 12th** ***The Second Sunday of Easter***
7:30 – 8:30 pm AA meeting in the Brostoff Hall



Next Sunday 12th April 2026

The Second Sunday of Easter

- 8:30 Holy Communion
- 9:30 Family Communion
- 11:00 Choral Matins
- 4:15 Stepping Stones Service
 – *Holy 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.

A Rocha UK's Eco Tips Calendar – April

Celebrate new life this Easter and have a go at growing something! April is the perfect time to try to grow something edible or, if you are a seasoned gardener, to encourage someone else to try. Salad leaves or herbs are a great place to start and will reduce your reliance on those oh-so-convenient supermarket salad bags.

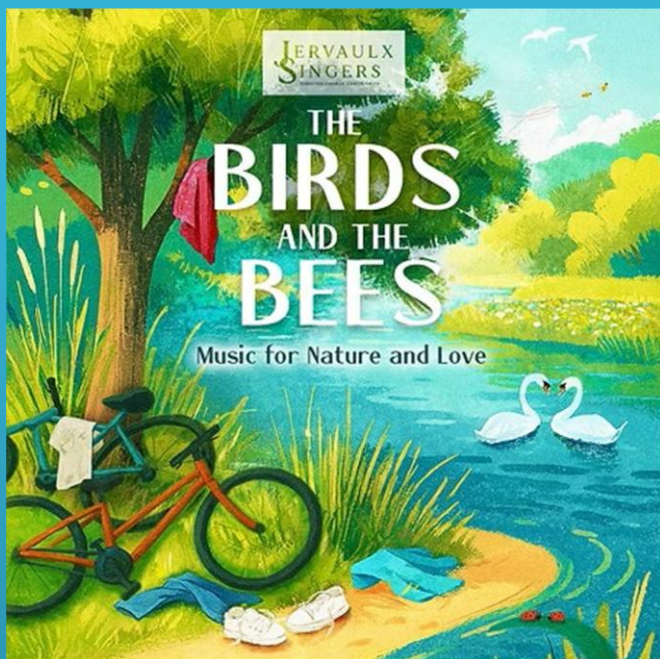


- **For indoor space**, try 'micro-greens' (young edible seedlings harvested just after the first leaves emerge)
- **For greenhouses**, try sowing salad leaf seed mixes.
- **For outdoors**, beetroot, lettuce, onion and pea plants are frost-resistant so can all be planted outside in April.

As you sow, thank God for the opportunity to grow food, and pray for those communities that are facing food shortages and famine.

Health in Harrogate: 200 Years launches tomorrow!

This exhibition will showcase the fascinating story of health and wellbeing in Harrogate – from the opening of the first hospital, through Victorian and Edwardian medicine, to modern healthcare and future perspectives. *Health in Harrogate: 200 Years* will launch at the West Park Centre on Victoria Avenue tomorrow 6th April and runs until 16th May 2026. The free exhibition is open every Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday, 10:30am – 3:00pm; no booking is required. Full details of the exhibition and supporting events are available on [St Peter's website](#).



Saturday 18th April 2026

at 7:30 pm

St John's Church, Sharow, HG4 5BJ

Tickets £20 from

www.tickettailor.com/events/jervaulx-singers/1936678

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Jeremiah 29:11 "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future"



Talks include: chaplaincy, vocations for young adults, theological education & formation. Representatives from Lay and Ordained Ministry will be on hand throughout the evening to host focused table top conversations and answer questions.

Contact: jenice.guild@leeds.anglican.org

Refreshments are served after each of our Sunday morning



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

Annual Revision of the Parish Electoral Roll

The revision of our Church Electoral Roll will take place from 14th – 30th April 2026 and the last day to receive completed forms, available at the Welcome Desk or to download from our website, is noon on 30th April.

The only people who need to fill in a form are those who have recently moved into the Parish, joined the Church, or reached the age of 16. Being on the Electoral Roll allows you to vote at the upcoming APCM on 19th May at 7:00 pm.

The Next Deadline

The deadline for the next edition of the Weekly News (12th April) will be noon on Wednesday 8th April. 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 at the end of the pews and hand it to one of the Clergy.

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