



Weekly News

5th July 2026

The Fifth Sunday after Trinity

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The Revd Juliet Balme – ordained deacon on 4th July

After many years of discernment, preparation and training, Juliet Balme, known to many through the placement she undertook at St Peter's in 2025, will be ordained deacon by the Rt Revd Dr Toby Howarth, Bishop of Bradford and Acting Bishop of Leeds at Bradford Cathedral on 4th July 2026. (Samantha Clayton will be ordained deacon at the same service – to serve in the Far Headingley Team).

The titles and descriptors of clergy can be confusing. A deacon is, in effect (though not always), a trainee priest. This means that, all being well, Juliet will be ordained priest in June next year. All the while, however, Juliet will also be Curate at St Peter's – until the completion of her training in 3 - 7 years' time. The length of training is variable because, like Steve Gibbin, Juliet is a Self-Supporting Ordained Minister, which means she earns a living by other means (in Juliet's case, as an artist). To start off with, Juliet will be training at St Peter's on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Sundays.

From Sunday 5th July, therefore, we welcome Juliet, her husband Simon, and son Gabriel to St Peter's!

Please pray for Juliet as she is ordained, and for the whole family in this significant time of transition. If you think God may be calling you to explore your own ministry calling, please talk with the Vicar, or the Revd Juliet!



Alan Garrow, Vicar of St Peter's Church

St Peter's ECO Church Group: Net Zero Week 4th – 10th July 2026



St Peter's Church Harrogate

Caring for God's House and God's Creation

A Greener Future for All

We are delighted to share the results of our commitment to care for God's creation by improving the energy efficiency of our church.

SIGNIFICANT REDUCTION IN ELECTRICAL CONSUMPTION

We have reduced our electricity consumption by **10,000 kWh** from 2024/25 to 2025/26

12% REDUCTION

This represents a **12%** drop in annual electrical usage

PROJECTED ANNUAL SAVINGS

£3,000 – £4,000 estimated annual saving on energy costs*

2 – 3 TONNES reduction in CO₂ emissions each year*

Every saving we make is an act of stewardship – caring for God's gifts today and for generations to come.

FAITH IN ACTION. STEWARDSHIP IN PRACTICE.

As a church family, we are called to be good stewards of all that God has given us. Together, we can build a more sustainable future for our worship, our community and God's wonderful creation.

*Based on average electricity cost of £0.30 – £0.40 per kWh and UK grid emission factor.

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HOW WE ACHIEVED THIS

- Improved Heating System Efficiency**
By making modifications to our heating system, we have reduced the electrical consumption due to lower demand from motors and pumps.
- More Efficient Heating in Key Areas**
We are now using more efficient heating, focused only in specific areas of the church where it is needed most, ensuring comfort while reducing unnecessary energy use.

WHAT WE PLAN TO DO NEXT

- Introduce Timers on Equipment**
We plan to install timers on equipment that is currently operational 24 hours a day, so it runs only when needed.
- Reduce Night-time Heating**
Lowering temperatures at night will reduce energy use while still protecting the building.
- Repair Sensors**
We will repair and optimise sensors to ensure our systems respond accurately and efficiently.
- Review Church Lighting**
In consultation with all interested parties, we plan to reduce church lighting during the day in certain areas where possible.
- Optimise Ventilation System**
We will reduce the fan speed of the ventilation system while ensuring it continues to meet all legal requirements for air quality. We will also repair CO₂ sensors to ensure accurate control of ventilation levels. This will reduce heat loss and also lower gas consumption.

These steps will help us care for God's creation and reduce our environmental impact.

WHY THIS MATTERS

- Good Stewards**
We are called to be good stewards of all that God has given us.
- Care for Creation**
Reducing energy use helps protect God's beautiful world.
- Community Effort**
Together, through prayer, action and wise choices, we can make a difference.
- A Legacy of Faith**
We leave a better, more sustainable church for future generations.

Thank you to everyone who is supporting this journey. Small changes today – a better tomorrow.

Let us continue to care for God's house and God's planet.

"The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it."
Psalm 24:1

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CARING FOR OUR CHURCH AND OUR CLIMATE

How smarter heating is helping us save money, reduce waste, and care for God's creation

A MESSAGE FROM THE ECO GROUP

Over the six months, we have made simple changes to how we heat our church buildings. The result has been wonderful: lower bills, less wasted energy, and a big step forward in our calling to be good stewards of the resources God has given us.

OUR PROGRESS AT A GLANCE

Thanks to smarter heating controls and more realistic settings, we are on course to cut our gas use by 55% compared with 2020. That means warmer spaces at the right times, less waste, and more money available for ministry and church life.

- 55%** less gas projected compared with 2020
- £11,551** annual saving projected on heating costs
- 55%** lower carbon footprint from heating
- 43%** reduction in heating run-time this January compared with January 2025

WHAT WE CHANGED

- These savings came from practical, common-sense steps that helped us heat the church more wisely:
- We lowered the target temperature from an unreachable target, to a achievable and efficient temperature of 18.5°C.
- We added better timing controls so heat only comes on when needed.
- We stopped heating areas where warmth was quickly lost.
- We turned off ventilation overnight when the building was empty.

HEATING WHERE AND WHEN IT MATTERS

By creating custom heating schedules, we focused warmth on the rooms and times it was actually needed. This cut heating run-time by 43% in January and greatly reduced empty-room heating.

- Choir Room heating time reduced by **63%**
- Brostoff Hall reduced by **58%**
- Bramall Gallery reduced by **40%**
- Main Church reduced by **35%**

TOGETHER, WE CARE FOR OUR CHURCH. TOGETHER, WE CARE FOR GOD'S CREATION.

GOOD STEWARDSHIP IN ACTION

Using less gas helps us in two important ways: it saves parish money and it reduces the church's impact on the environment.

- December gas bill: down from £2,359 in 2024 to £1,384 in 2025 – a saving of £975 in one month.
- Projected annual heating cost: down from £20,882 in 2020 to £9,331 in 2026.
- Projected annual saving: **£11,551**
- Carbon emissions: down from more than 72 tonnes of CO₂ in 2020 to about 32 tonnes projected for 2026.

WHAT COMES NEXT

We still have more to do. Our next focus is on fixing hidden inefficiencies so that the heat we pay for stays in the building and works well for everyone using it.

- Improving the church radiators so they can work at full efficiency
- Upgrading the Bramall Gallery heating controls
- Repairing the Brostoff Hall valve to stop wasted heat
- Exploring ways to seal draughty external doors

THANK YOU

for supporting our journey to care for creation and use our church resources wisely.

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St Peter's ECO Church Group: Net Zero Week (continued)

The Church of England Environment Calendar marks 'Net Zero Awareness Week' between 4th – 10th July. This is to raise awareness of the Church of England's ambitions to reduce energy use and emissions to net zero by 2030.

This is an ambitious target, which will not be easy to achieve, but at St Peter's we are aiming high. This has involved close analysis of our energy consumption by the staff team (Carole Raw and the caretakers) and the Eco Church Group. Great progress has been made over the last year and the posters opposite show our savings, both in energy and money, as we strive to meet our responsibilities. Please take a moment to look at the details in the posters and also to look at the Eco Church noticeboard for ideas about how *everyone* can contribute to our Care of Creation agenda.

Heather Swarbrick, *St Peter's ECO Church Group*

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 July at 11:30 am after the Holy Communion service. They will be serving hot drinks, homemade soups, fresh sandwiches, scones and delicious cakes!



Book Sale in the Glass Foyer

There will be a three day book sale in the Glass Foyer on Thursday 16th, Friday 17th and Saturday 18th July to raise funds for St Peter's Church. If you have any books in good condition to donate, please bring them to Church and leave them under the Tower. Many thanks!



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).

Bakers needed for the next St Peter's Fundraising Refreshment Day

Please let Catherine Medforth (07876 653 765) know if you are willing to bake a cake for our next fundraiser on Saturday 18th July. Food supplied, sold or provided at charity or community events, such as fundraisers, must comply with food laws. So that those with food intolerances or allergies can make safe choices we ask that cakes are brought in a container with a list of ingredients attached. Thank you.



The next meeting of the Mothers' Union in Harrogate will be on Tuesday 7th July at 2:00 pm at St Mark's Church, when there will be a tea party to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the founding of the Mothers' Union.

Today's Services: 5th July 2026

The Fifth Sunday after Trinity
The Fifth Sunday after Trinity (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 **895** Lord, I come to you; **811** I need You; **1030** The Lord's my Shepherd (Townend); **935** My Jesus, my Saviour

Reading John 10 v 11 - 17

Preacher: Alan Garrow

Our Duty Wardens today are:

Sarah Holmes, Helen Camm
and Richard Bion

11:00 Choral Communion

Setting Whitlock

Hymns 9, 320, 311, 455

Readings Romans 7 v 15 - 25a

John 10 v 11 - 17

Anthem The Lord bless you and keep you (*Rutter*)

Preacher: Hannah Beck

4:15 pm Stepping Stones Service *Celtic Worship*

(arrivals and refreshments 3:45 pm)

Preacher: Sarah Martin

6:30 Choral Evensong

Setting Brewer in Eflat

Hymns 496, 489, 450

Psalm 56

Readings 2 Samuel 2 v 1 – 11 and 3 v 1

Luke 18.31-19.10

Anthem Blessed City, Heavenly Salem (*Bairstow*)

Preacher: Phyllis Sopp

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, Graham Cornish, Jane Crabtree, Tony Edwards, Margaret Farrar, Jenny Gardiner, Jenny Harris, Tim Harrison, Jean Hopper, Trevor Hughes, Gail Hunter, Christine Jepson, Miriam Jones, Joan Kelly, Bill and Margaret Osborne, Graham Shaw, Sheila Pantin, Sue Pearce, Celia Preston, Michelle Simon and Sally Sneddon.

RIP: Ann Campbell

Also in our prayers this week:

- Mon** The Year 6s going to visit their new secondary schools
The 10th Harrogate St Peter's Rainbows and Brownies
- Tues** Harrogate *Bipolar UK* Support Group
All those receiving their KS2 SATs results today
- Wed** Siân Lockwood, Churchwarden
All those serving refreshments after our services
- Thurs** The 999 and NHS 111 call centre staff
The Market Day Café
- Fri** St Peter's PCC
Our Deanery Representatives
- Sat** St Peter's Choir
John Longstaff, Director of Music

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** *Thomas More, Scholar and John Fisher, Bishop of Rochester, Reformation Martyrs, 1535*
Psalm 98
1 Samuel 1 v 1 - 20
John 8 v 39 - 45
- Tues** Psalm 106
1 Samuel 1 v 21 – 2 v 11
John 8 v 46 - 59
- Wed** Psalm 111
1 Samuel 2 v 12 - 26
John 9 v 1 - 12
- Thurs** Psalm 115
1 Samuel 2 v 27 to end
John 9 v 13 - 25
- Fri** Psalm 139
1 Samuel 3 v 1 – 4 v 1a
John 9 v 26 - 34
- Sat** *Benedict of Nursia, Abbot of Monte Cassino, Father of Western Monasticism, c550*
Psalm 121
1 Samuel 4 v 1b to end
John 9 v 35 – 41

The Collect for *The Fifth Sunday after Trinity* (Common Worship)

Almighty God, send down upon your Church the riches of your Spirit, and kindle in all who minister the gospel your countless gifts of grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

Grant, O Lord, we beseech thee, that the course of this world may be so peaceably ordered by thy governance, that thy Church may joyfully serve thee in all godly quietness; 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.

- Mon 6th** 11:00 am – 1:00 pm *Sit-n-Knit* in Church
2:00 pm The U3A Singing Folk group
- Tues 7th** **12:00 – 12:30 pm Healing Service**
- Wed 8th** **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 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
7:30 pm St Peter's Choir Practice
- 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** 10:00 am – 3:30 pm *7th Harrogate St Mark's Scouts* are holding a Refreshment Day in Church
- Sun 12th** ***The Sixth Sunday after Trinity***
Sea Sunday
Sanctuary, our Youth Group, are holding their Summer Party at The Kingfisher Kiosk, Conyngham Hall, Knaresborough
7:30 – 8:30 pm AA meeting in the Brostoff Hall

Next Sunday 12th July 2026
The Sixth Sunday after Trinity
Sea Sunday

- 8:30 Holy Communion
9:30 Family Communion
11:00 Choral Matins for Sea Sunday
4:15 Stepping Stones Service
 – *Discovery Service*
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 Colouring Calm artwork from our new curate, Juliet Balme



Hello from your new Curate, as from 4th July, the Reverend Juliet Balme!

I thought you might like to know that I am also an artist. I have spent several years running Art & Spirituality Day Retreats, using my own drawings, Colouring Calm prayerful and mindful artwork, which is suitable for all ages to colour. I have even given talks to various Mothers' Union groups to sample my Colouring Calm, and I provide lots of resources for use in churches. I hope during my time at St Peter's over the next few years to develop what I offer and look forward to leading further groups or workshops in the Harrogate area, and collaborating with any artists from the congregations, as well as preaching and leading services.

Here is some Colouring Calm artwork for you to use at home, enjoy a prayerful peaceful moment as you colour, to come closer to God in this creative way.

Juliet Balme, *Curate at St Peter's Church*

What's happening with St Peter's Church Building?

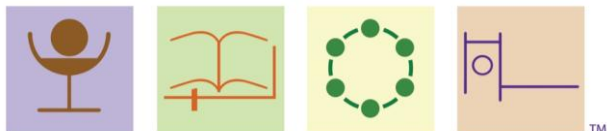
Given our vision, and the activities we would like to develop in pursuit of that vision, what changes do we need to make, if any, to St Peter's church building? Following the consultations earlier this year, and the ideas for activities this generated, the Parochial Church Council (PCC) has been considering possible implications for the layout of our building - including the pews and the dias. To help us in this discernment process, we invite members of all our congregations to a gathering at 12:00 noon on Sunday 26th July in Church. This will be an opportunity to consider options and ask questions - with the ultimate goal of helping the PCC discern a way forward. Your contribution matters. Please note this date in your diary. Thank you!

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 (12th July) will be noon on Wednesday 8th July. 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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