



Weekly News

7th September 2025

The Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

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Creationtide begins ...

The Church of England has committed to aim for Net Zero Carbon Emissions by 2030 - their Environment Mission Statement says, '*Responding to the climate crisis is an essential part of our responsibility to safeguard God's creation and achieve a just world.*'

The C of E has teamed up with A ROCHA UK (a Christian conservation charity) to introduce awards (bronze, silver and gold) for churches trying hard to raise awareness; tackle climate change; and strive for Net Zero emissions as far as possible. Respecting and caring for the natural world is at the forefront of our thoughts and actions during this season of *Creationtide*.

Here, at St Peter's, the Eco Church Group is trying to encourage us to engage with nature; consider our actions regarding energy usage; and cut down on our use of fossil fuels. Many of us took part in the Big Butterfly Count in August and in September we are going to plant wildflower seeds in the garden around St Peter's to encourage wildlife in the heart of Harrogate.

Also, it is 'Zero Emissions Day' on Sunday 21st September, and we hope as many of the congregation as possible will walk or cycle to Church on that day, or at least try to car share? Further initiatives will be announced through the year, but in this season of *Creationtide* particularly, we hope that you will all join us in trying to respect God's creation through our actions as well as our prayers.

Heather Swarbrick, *St Peter's Eco Church Group*
Creationtide started on 1st September and runs until 4th October 2025.

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| Help us respond faithfully to the climate and nature crises | Worship and Teaching Embedding creation care in worship, prayer and learning |
| Buildings Finding energy efficient and innovative ways to manage our places of worship | Land Nurturing spaces for people and nature |
| Community and Global Engagement Transforming local and global communities and ecosystems | Lifestyle Living joyfully and sustainably as followers of Christ |
| get involved #ecochurch ecochurch.arocha.org | |

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).



***The Whispering Forest* exhibition in the Glass Foyer**

Robert Harris has been an amateur photographer since the late 1970s and has lived in Harrogate since the early 1990s. During this period, he has witnessed the shift from film to digital, with the darkroom being replaced by the computer screen.

Upon retiring, he decided to pursue a degree in photography through the Open College of Arts, now part of the Open University. *The Whispering Forest* exhibition marks the culmination of his work for his photography degree. His work examines New Zealand's rainforest in a style unique to him; the prints depict the rainforest as shadows, tones, and lines, with the background simplified to mere shadows and highlights. Helen Watkinson, an established local poet, collaborated by adding short verses to some of prints. The exhibition is open in the Glass Foyer for one week commencing on 8th September 2025.

Creationtide Walk 2025 – a walk of reflection, meditation and worship



Helen Harrison will be organising a *St Peter's Creationtide Walk*, on Saturday 20th September 2025. This will be another opportunity, for those of you who enjoy walking, to feel God's loving presence whilst outdoors, surrounded by the wonder and beauty of his Creation. The intention is to follow a circular route, which will incorporate as many different

aspects of Creation as possible, starting in St Mary's Chapel at St Peter's Church at 10:30 am and returning to Church mid-afternoon. As always, it will be possible for you to choose how far you want to walk, so pick up/ drop off points will be arranged. As we walk, we will pause to pray, read Bible passages, share poems and listen to appropriate music, to help us to reflect upon God's amazing imagination and creativity, and our responsibility in caring for the beautiful world he has made. We will also stop for lunch, perhaps a 'bring and share lunch'? Please speak to Helen (hfhudy5@gmail.com) if you would like to join us on this walk.

Celebrating Harvest at St Peter's Church

There's to be a 'bring and share' **Harvest Lunch** on Sunday 5th October in Church. We will be asking our congregations to donate **Harvest Gift Bags** again - this time supporting those living in care homes, residential homes or the elderly living at home. Full details in next week's Weekly News.



Harrogate School of Theology & Mission

David Ford OBE, Regius Professor of Divinity Emeritus at the University of Cambridge and a Fellow of Selwyn College., speaks on '*St. John's Gospel: A Lifetime's Study*'



After spending over twenty years on '*The Gospel of John. A Theological Commentary*' (2021) and then a few more years on a follow-up Lent book, '*Meeting God in John: A Companion for Lent, Holy Week, Easter, and Beyond*' (2025), I want to share some of the main insights that John has given me. These include seeking answers to questions such as: What was John's aim in writing the Gospel? What are the essential Christian practices taught by Jesus? How should we read John now?

This live lecture is at St Mark's Church on **Saturday 13th September**, starting with a continental breakfast served from 9:30 am, then the lecture from 10:00 am – 12:00 pm. Tickets now cost £10 per session (students £7 per session and under 18s free) including breakfast and refreshments. Zoom live-stream costs £5 per person and must be purchased online in advance. To buy tickets visit [Eventbrite](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk) or hstm.org.uk.

Come to the Market Day Café on Thursday 11th September

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

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Today's Services: 7th September 2025

The Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

Creationtide

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 Creation Sings the Father's song; God the maker of the Heavens;
Now the new green blade rises; If I were a Butterfly

Reading Mark 4 v 1 - 9

Preacher: Karin Shaw

Our Duty Wardens today are:

Kate Blake and
Paul Medforth

11:00 Choral Communion

Setting Sumsion in F

Hymns 423, 174, 301, 362

Readings Isaiah 32 v 14 - 18

Mark 4 v 1 - 9

Anthem Sacerdotes Domini (*Byrd*)

Preacher: Hannah Beck

4:15 pm Stepping Stones Service *Animal Service*

Preacher: Chris Clayton

6:30 Choral Evensong

Setting Gibbons Short Service

Hymns 534, 489, 11

Psalm 121

Readings Isaiah 43 v 14 – 44 v 5

John 5 v 30 to end

Anthem Beati quorum via (*Stanford*)

Preacher: Alan Garrow

Sunday Club returns on 14th 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 in Church. The Sunday Club leader is Nick Bursell (nick.bursell74@gmail.com), please contact him if you have any questions.

Please pray for those who have asked for our prayers:

Pat Anderson, Ann Campbell, Graham Cornish, Jane Crabtree, Tony Edwards, Louise Emrullahu, Tim Harrison, June Hemmings, Jean Hopper, Trevor Hughes, Joan Kelly, Kim Okell, Sheila Pantin, Celia Preston, Richard Sadler and Michelle Simon.

Also in our prayers this week:

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| Mon | St Aidan's CE High School The 10 th Harrogate St Peter's Guides |
| Tues | All those providing care or help to a vulnerable person All our Emergency Services on this their special day |
| 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 | St Peter's Eco Church Group St Peter's Home Groups |
| Sat | St Peter's Choir John Longstaff, Director of Music |

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:

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| Mon | <i>The Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i> <i>The Accession of Charles III</i> Psalm 98 Proverbs 14 v 31 – 15 v 17 Mark 6 v 45 to end |
| Tues | Psalm 106 Proverbs 15 v 18 to end Mark 7 v 1 - 13 |
| Wed | Psalm 111 Proverbs 18 v 10 to end Mark 7 v 14 - 23 |
| Thurs | Psalm 115 Proverbs 20 v 1 - 22 Mark 7 v 24 - 30 |
| Fri | Psalm 139 Proverbs 22 v 1 - 16 Mark 7 v 31 to end |
| Sat | Psalm 121 Proverbs 24 v 23 to end Mark 8 v 1 - 10 |

The Collect for *The Twelfth Sunday after Trinity*

(Common Worship)

God of constant mercy, who sent your Son to save us: remind us of your goodness, increase your grace within us, that our thankfulness may grow, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Collect for *The Twelfth Sunday after Trinity*

(Book of Common Prayer)

Almighty and everlasting God, who art always more ready to hear than we are to pray, and art wont to give more than either we desire or deserve:

Pour down upon us the abundance of thy mercy; forgiving us those things whereof our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask, but through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ, thy Son, 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.

***The Whispering Forest** photography exhibition, featuring the work of local photographer, Robert Harris, is in the Glass Foyer from 8th – 14th September.*

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| Mon 8th | <i>The Accession of King Charles III</i> 11:00 am – 1:00 pm <i>Sit-n-Knit</i> in Church 2:00 pm The U3A Singing Folk group 7:00 – 9:00 pm <i>Beauty and the Beast</i> rehearsal in Church |
| Tues 9th | <i>Emergency Services Day</i> 12:00 – 12:30 pm Healing Service |
| Wed 10th | 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 11th | 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 12th | 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 13th | 10:00 am – 3:30 pm The 10th Harrogate (St Peter's) Rainbows are holding a Refreshment Day in Church |
| Sun 14th | <i>The Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity</i> <i>Holy Cross Day</i> 1:30 pm Wedding in Church 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 14th September 2025

Holy Cross Day - The Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

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| 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.

Valley Gardens Guided Walk: wells, history and horticulture

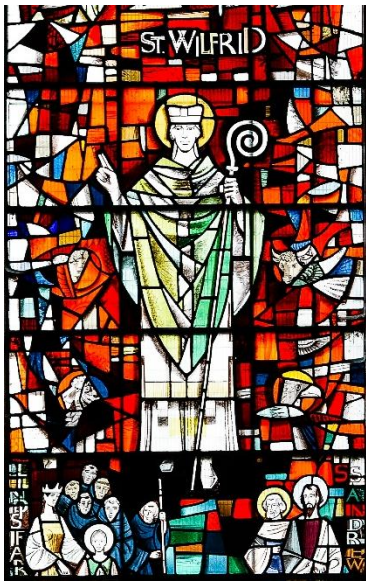
As part of Heritage Open Day, a walk through this Grade II listed park, home to 36 medicinal wells, specialist gardens and magnificent trees, will be hosted by Jane Blayney and Simon Collier, former Head Gardener at Valley Gardens. This year there are two walks: at 2:00 pm on Sunday 14th and at 11:00 am on Saturday 20th September. There is no charge, but please book your place at

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/valley-gardens-guided-walk-tickets-1403564823169>.

Wilfrid and His World: a two-part lecture series at Ripon Cathedral

Lecture One: *Wilfrid's Patrons and Sponsors* on Thursday 25th September

Lecture Two: *The Saints Whom Wilfrid Knew* on Thursday 2nd October



Wilfrid enjoyed the benefits of a remarkably wide network of national and international associates. Exploring these networks gives us insights into his world at a personal level. The first lecture on Thursday 25th September, focuses principally on the earlier part of his career, when he needed patrons and sponsors. The second lecture on Thursday 2nd October, ranges more widely across his life, setting Wilfrid in the dynamic context of the first century of Christianity in England, which produced so many saints.

For more details and to book your space please email canonmatthew@riponcathedral.org.uk.

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are served after
each of our
Sunday morning
services from



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



**Sanctuary, our youth group, is on
from 5:30 - 7:00 pm - TONIGHT!**

They meet upstairs in the Brostoff
Hall. If you'd like to come, speak to
our Associate Vicar, Chris Clayton
(chris.clayton@leeds.anglican.org)

Next Week's Deadline

The deadline for the next edition of
the Weekly News (14th September)
will be noon on Wednesday 10th
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 in the pews
and hand it to one of the Clergy.

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