



Weekly News

8th March 2026

The Third Sunday of Lent

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Steve Gibbin's Ministry at School

While I get paid lavishly in love by the Church, as a Self-Supporting Minister my days are spent working full time in a religiously and culturally diverse secular school as a teacher and, forgive the grandiose title, Head of Faith.

No two days are the same, and this past week we have hosted a Rabbi to mark the celebration of Purim, held a whole school assembly on the Hindu festival of Holi, and on Saturday evening, helped serve at an Iftar for the Muslim community. We have a Christian Society that meet every week, holy Communion services every third week and staff prayers every Monday. I also run the school's philosophy society, from which we have a team about to embark in the national finals of the Ethics Cup at St Andrews.

My understanding of my role is built around the practice of hospitality (1 Peter 4), and very much in line with our vision of God's 'open and generous table.' So, while recognising real and profound differences between the faiths, my hope is that

school is a space in which we can find common ground, mutual understanding and the means by which we can be a blessing to one another.

One example of this is the Peace Window made by Y9 pupils for the chapel, where the word 'peace' is written in the language of different faiths.

It is a reminder at times such as these, that difference does not mean division, and the work of peace begins in the giving and receiving of hospitality.

Revd Steve Gibbin, Curate at St Peter's



Harrogate School of Theology & Mission



Theologian, the Revd Canon Janet Williams, currently Vice Principal of St Hild College, speaks on: ***Julian of Norwich and the Last Judgement***

This live lecture is at St Mark's Church on Saturday 28th March, 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 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 12th March at 11:30 am after the Holy Communion service. They will be serving hot drinks, homemade soups, fresh sandwiches, scones and delicious cakes!



Preparing to go to university?

An event at St Mark's Church on Sunday 22nd March from 4:00 – 5:00 pm helps young people start Uni well — engaging confidently with Uni culture, embracing opportunities, and living boldly for Jesus from day one. Visit: stmarks.churchsuite.com/events/9xi7u26a to book your place.

Music Director James Savage-Hanford

Passion and Adoration

Lotti Beach Rachmaninov Casals
Nystedt Górecki Pärt Gjeilo Shaw Briggs

Cellist Doug Badger Pianist Matthew Kam

Pärt *Spiegel im Spiegel*
Messiaen *Louange à l'éternité de Jésus*

Wesley Centre, Harrogate
Saturday 14 March, 7pm

Book online at harrogatevocalis.co.uk

St Peter's Church Harrogate

J S Bach

St John Passion

(New English translation by Andrew Greenan and John Longstaff)

Toby Ward	Evangelist
Andrew Greenan	Jesus
Richard Cressall	Pilate
Jennifer Clark	soprano
Yvonne Howard	alto
Alex Grainger	tenor
John Longstaff	director

Choir of St Peter's Church
Vocalis (director James Savage-Hanford)
Harrogate Bach Players (leader Fiona Love)

Wednesday 1st April 2026 at 7:15pm

Tickets £18 from Eventbrite (no booking fee) or from St Peter's Parish Office (cash or cheques only) by calling 07425 161425, or on the door (credit card payments accepted).

St Peter's Food Ministry

needs your help!

The *Thursday Supermarket* needs these items:

- breakfast cereals
- tins of soup
- tinned meat and fish
- sweet biscuits
- teabags and instant coffee
- microwave rice
- small tins of fruit and vegetables
- baked beans and spaghetti hoops



All donations gratefully received



St Peter's Eco Church Group *Top Tips* for living sustainably!

'Make us content with the things that we need'

(from a song by Graham Kendrick, Beauty for Brokenness)

Do you have more things than you need? It's 'Spring cleaning' time, but first, decluttering is necessary! The task of sorting stuff can seem overwhelming. A helpful tip, which has been passed on to me, is to give away one item each week. Where to donate things? Harrogate has many charity shops, and our Church has frequent book sales. Essential Needs (essentialneeds.org.uk or 01423 870040) a local charity, welcomes donations of furniture, electrical appliances and household goods, as long as they are clean and in good condition, which are resold.

But maybe you don't have many possessions, or are in need of essential things? Welcome to St Peter's Breakfast Club! And also at St Peter's, the Thursday Supermarket provides groceries and toiletries. Essential Needs has household goods for sale. Their warehouse is open to all, and their reasonable prices are further reduced for people on low incomes.

Look out for more Top Tips next month!

Kathy Richards, *St Peter's Eco Church Group*



Today's Services: 8th March 2026

The Third Sunday of Lent

The Third Sunday in Lent (BCP)

8:30 Holy Communion

9:30 Family Communion

There is Sunday Club for school age children today - please gather in the café area at the front of Church at the start of the service. Pre-schoolers and their parents are welcome to stay in this area, where there are Activity Bags to share.

Hymns 10,000 Reasons (*Bless the Lord, O my soul*); **851** I will offer up my life; **1030** The Lord's my Shepherd; Our God is a great, big God

Readings Exodus 17 v 1 - 7
John 6 v 30 – 40

Preacher: Alan Garrow

Our Duty Warden today is:

Mike Davies

11:00 Choral Matins

Setting Sumsion in B flat (*Benedicite*)

Hymns 6, 515, 455

Psalm 46

Readings Exodus 17 v 1 - 7
John 6 v 30 – 40

Anthem Renew us by thy goodness (*J S Bach*)

Preacher: Alan Garrow

4:15 pm Stepping Stones Service *Holy Communion*
(*arrivals and refreshments 3:45 pm*)

Preacher: Sarah Martin

6:30 Choral Evensong

Setting Morley (Short Service)

Hymns 388, 480, 541 (*omit *verse*)

Psalm 40

Readings Joshua 1 v 1 - 9
Ephesians 6 v 10 - 20

Anthem O Lord look down from heaven (*Battishill*)

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, Robert Bickford, Ann Campbell, Graham Cornish, Richard Couzens, Jane Crabtree, Maddison Crane, 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, Edward Vear.

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 The *Thinking about God* group
The Weekly News Editorial Team

Thurs Our armed forces serving at home and overseas
The British Army

Fri North Yorkshire Council
Stewart Davies, Lay Reader

Sat *Wellspring Therapy & Training*, supporting people in distress and promoting good mental health
All those suffering from anxiety and depression

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 5
Genesis 47 v 1 - 27
John 7 v 32 - 39

Tues Psalm 9
Genesis 47 v 28 – 48 to end
John 7 v 40 - 52

Wed Psalm 111
Genesis 49 v 1 - 32
John 8 v 1 - 11

Thurs Psalm 56
Genesis 49 v 33 – 50 to end
John 8 v 12 - 20

Fri Psalm 22
Exodus 1 v 1 - 14
John 8 v 21 - 30

Sat Psalm 121
Exodus 1 v 22 – 2 v 10
John 8 v 31 – 38

The Collect for the Third Sunday of Lent (Common Worship)

Eternal God, give us insight to discern your will for us, to give up what harms us, and to seek the perfection we are promised in Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Collect for the Third Sunday in Lent (Book of Common Prayer)

We beseech thee, Almighty God, look upon the hearty desires of thy humble servants, and stretch forth the right hand of thy Majesty, to be our defence against all our enemies; 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 9th** 11:00 am – 1:00 pm *Sit-n-Knit* in Church
1:30 – 3:00 pm The *Thinking about God* group is meeting in the Undercroft
2:00 pm The U3A Singing Folk group
- Tues 10th** **12:00 – 12:30 pm Healing Service**
2:00pm Funeral of Mark Spicer at St Peter's
- Wed 11th** **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 12th** 9:30 – 11:00 am The Toddler Group at St Peter's
9:30 – 10:45 am *Meeting God in John – Lent Course* in the Gallery. Week 4
11:00 am Holy Communion
11:30 am – 1:30 pm The Market Day Café
7:30 pm St Peter's Choir Practice
- Fri 13th** 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 14th** 10:00 am – 3:30 pm *St Peter's Hong Kong Group* are holding a Refreshment Day in Church
- Sun 15th** ***Mothering Sunday***
5:30 – 7:00 pm **Sanctuary**, our Youth Group, are going for a walk this evening, finishing with a fish and chip supper
7:15 – 8:45 pm *Meeting God in John*; **online** Lent course. Week 4
7:30 – 8:30 pm AA meeting in the Brostoff Hall

Next Sunday 15th March 2026

Mothering Sunday

- 8:30 Holy Communion
9:30 Family Communion
11:00 Choral Matins
4:15 Stepping Stones Service
– *Crafternoon Church*
6:30 Choral Communion

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.

Give to Gain on International Women's Day 2026

Each year, *International Women's Day* (IWD) falls on 8th March – that's TODAY!



Together, let's help forge gender equality through abundant giving. The IWD 2026 *Give to Gain* Campaign emphasizes the power of reciprocity and support.

When people, organizations, and communities give generously, opportunities and support for women increase. When women thrive, we all rise. We can all give our support to gain advancement for women and girls.

As individuals, giving support means calling out stereotypes, challenging discrimination, questioning bias, celebrating women's success, and more.

Sharing our knowledge and encouragement with others is also key.

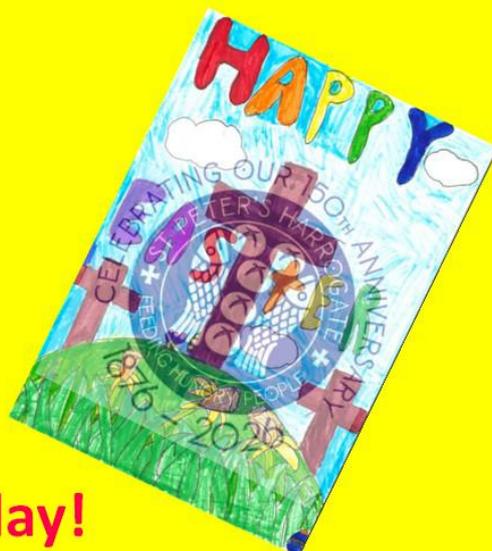
Every day, everywhere, how will you actively give your support to gain gender equality?

Visit <https://www.internationalwomensday.com> to find out more.

Easter Card Competition 2026!

Colourful,
A4 Portrait,
"Happy Easter"
St Peter's 150th Year!

Please hand your entry
(with your name on it)
to one of the clergy this Sunday!



Refreshments are served after each of our Sunday morning services from the kitchen area at the front of Church. Please come and join us.



St Peter's Canine Code



- Well-behaved dogs are welcome.
- Please keep your dog in one place throughout the service.
- Please do not bring your dog to the communion rail.

The Next Deadline

The deadline for the next edition of the Weekly News (15th March) will be noon on Wednesday 11th March. Please send any items (including photos) to **the Parish Office** or **the Vicar**, Alan Garrow:
alan.garrow@gmail.com

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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