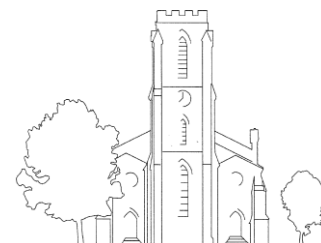


Christ Church High Harrogate



Easter
Sunday
5th April 2026

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To EASTER HOLY WEEK 2026

PALM Sunday 29th

- 8.00am Said **HOLY COMMUNION** with **Passion Gospel**
10.00am Sung **HOLY COMMUNION** with **Procession of the Palms** and **Passion Gospel**



Monday 30th

- 7.30pm Simple, Said _ **EVENING COMMUNION** in church



Tuesday 31st

- 7.30pm Simple, Said _ **EVENING COMMUNION** in church



Wednesday 1st

- 9.30am Intercessory Prayer

- 10.00am Simple, Said _ **HOLY COMMUNION** in Parish Centre



- 7.30pm Simple, Said _ **EVENING COMMUNION** in church

Thurs. 2nd MAUNDY THURSDAY (+ ZOOM*)

- 7.30pm **Sung Eucharist of the Last Supper** with **Foot Washing** and the **'Gethsemane Watch'** until midnight; ending with **Compline**



Commemoration of the Last Supper and Jesus' Washing of the disciples' feet. The service concludes with a silent 'Watch' through until 11:45pm, when 'Compline' will be said. People may stay, arrive for, depart from 'The Watch' as they choose.

Friday 3rd - GOOD FRIDAY

- 11.00am **JOURNEY to the CROSS**
by prayerful stations, readings, silence and hymns.

- 2.00pm **An HOUR by the CROSS** (+ ZOOM*)
Solemn Liturgy for Good Friday to keep watch at the cross. Scripture, prayer, hymns & psalms.



Sunday 5th - EASTER DAY

- 6.00am **Ceremony of the New Fire, Renewal of Baptism Vows & First Eucharist of Easter.**

- 8.00am **Holy Communion for Easter Day**

- 10.00am **Sung Easter Eucharist, with Renewal of Baptismal Vows.** (+ ZOOM*)



* ZOOM ACCESS DETAILS - email : msevans126@gmail.com

GRAPEVINE APRIL 2026

Welcome to this month's Grapevine magazine.
We hope you enjoy reading it.

Don't forget if you would like to submit an article you think the readers would enjoy, please contact Jill Walters in the Parish Office.
Articles need to be submitted as Microsoft Word or pdf documents and should be emailed to info@christchurchharrogate.org.uk

We try to ensure that Grapevine reflects the Christian aspirations of our community. All contributions are welcome but may be edited. If you feel we have made a mistake, please do let us know via the Parish Office.



Deadline for the May 2026 edition is 20th April

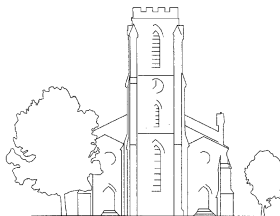


WEDDINGS & BAPTISMS

For enquiries regarding Weddings and Baptisms at Christ Church please contact the Parish Office.

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Normal Opening Hours:

Monday to Friday 9.00am – 1.00pm
(other hours are available by arrangement)



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www.christchurchharrogate.org.uk

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Thank you



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The Revd Michael Price (retired)

Churchwardens: Tim Bendelow, Shirley Morris, Norman Potter & Anna Harrison

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PASTORAL CARE at Christ Church, High Harrogate

The Pastoral Care Team at Christ Church is there to offer a listening ear, offer support and make sure that we do genuinely “bear one another’s burdens”. Please contact the Vicar or any of the Churchwardens here at Christ Church via the Parish Office if you want to find out more.

Christ Church Services and Prayers

Daily Prayer :

Please see the church website or Weekly Bulletins for weekly variations to these days.

Morning Prayer in the Lady Chapel at 8.30 am Tuesday to Friday.

Evening Prayer in the South Transept at 5.30 pm on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday and Sunday.

You are also very welcome to join us at Evening Prayer via ZOOM - an opportunity often taken-up by people in the parish and beyond.

Please contact the Vicar for Zoom access details. Email: msevans126@gmail.com

EVENING PRAYER Zoom Meeting Time: This is a recurring meeting.

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86509171527?pwd=b1RhenRBYWxOSnhRaTVHdGV4QlI4Zz09>

Meeting ID: 865 0917 1527 **Password:** 905250

Sunday Services

Our Sunday 8.00am and 10.00am services both take place in the church with refreshments being served after the 10.00am service. The 10.00am Service can be joined by Zoom. If you wish to access this facility please

email : msevans126@gmail.com each week for the Zoom access details.

Intercessory Prayers on Wednesday Mornings 9.30am:

This is a short, quiet service of prayer in the church, where each week a small group gathers naming individuals, places and situations in prayer.

Please simply email us on info@christchurchharrogate.org.uk or telephone 01423 530750 to add any request of an individual or situation into these prayers.

Wednesday Midweek HOLY COMMUNION

A simple, said, midweek Holy Communion service with a short address.

Meeting in the main hall of the Parish Centre at 10.00am the service lasts approximately 45 minutes.

Teas and coffees are served after the service. You are very welcome to join us.

Open Church

The church building is usually open and available to visitors as follows:

Sundays 11.15am – 5.30pm

Mondays and Tuesdays 9.00am – 3.00pm

Wednesdays 10.00am – 1.00pm (afternoon hours may vary)

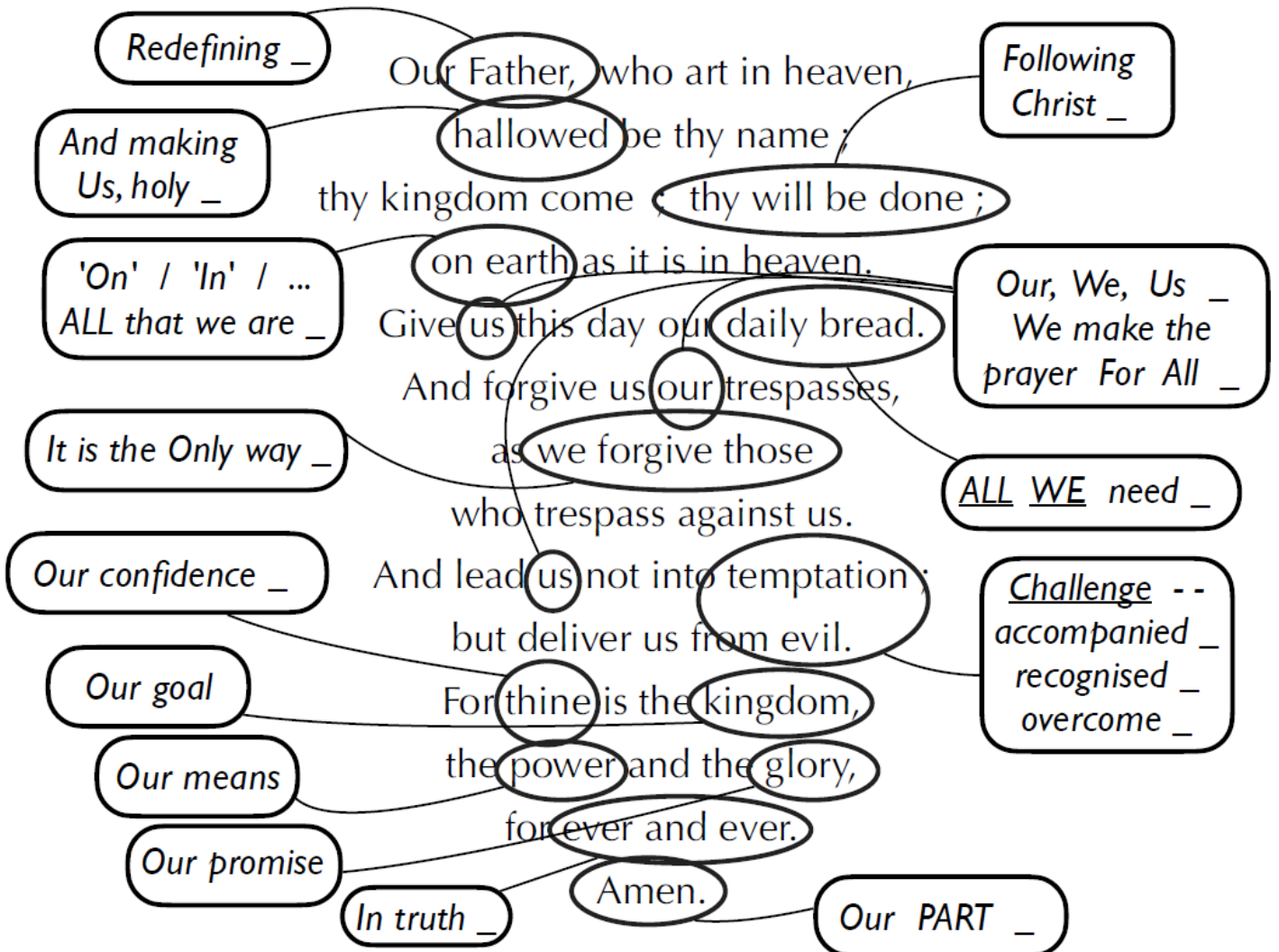
Thursdays and Fridays 9.00 – 1.00pm (afternoon hours may vary)

Saturdays 9.30am – 5.30pm

Please always feel welcome to come in, light a candle, write a prayer, or simply sit in the silence of the church. If you are making a special visit, please do let us know so that we can be **absolutely sure** that the church will be open for you.

WELCOME

Through Lent, about thirty of us have been following a book by Stephen Cottrell, Archbishop of York, on the Lord's Prayer. As I think he says somewhere, probably the most widely known prayer in the world. Just 70 (or so) words of prayer ; just 147 (or so) pages of book. And Us.



Such few, tiny, scribbles do no justice to the thoughts and discussions in the groups, the insights & questions of the participants, the questions and ideas within the book : and little at all to that which we Pray. Yet the prayer bears the highs and lows, the swift unthinking recitation and the occasions when it dwells from and un-locks our hearts and their desire. Do not be surprised if thirty around you now make this prayer with a new vision : from something so familiar. A man who truly forgave those who imprisoned and killed him, and who is experienced as raised from the dead : this is not something just to be dismissed as 'familiar' in our culture, or as anything less than life-changing in the World. In part, it is as known to us as we ourselves : in equal truth, it is as Unknown as everything which, as Truth, it enables us to grow to be. Happy Easter.Mx.

The Annual Parishioners Meeting

(APM)

for the election of churchwardens
immediately followed by

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting

(APCM)

will take place on

Sunday, 10th May 2026 at 11:30am

The 2025 Annual Report and Financial Statements
will be considered along with the election of
Church Officials for 2026

Jumble Sale update....

Thank you to everyone who contributed so much time, planning, effort, muscle, and jumble (!!!) for our **Jumble Sale** - both BEFORE and ON the day ; and raised over £1700.

You will be pleased to know that items left over have been donated to: -

Bags to Parish – clothing, bags and shoes

Lifeline Harrogate charity – a few items of household goods

DVDs and CDs – Salvation Army and Oxfam

Books – A Community Library, local schools, Oxfam Bookshop and other charity shops

Essential Needs – Household items



Junior Church & Creche

Mothering Sunday Celebrations

Mothering Sunday was indeed a busy celebration for Junior Church. We were thrilled that some of our older members were being Confirmed in the service, while we enjoyed many activities in Junior Church thinking about the New Testament reading Colossians 3: 12-17, with particular reference to the words, 'Therefore, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience... Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony.' All the activities related to these words and we could explore these attributes through crafts, painting, games and Lego !

At the end of the service we presented daffodil posies to the whole congregation, which a wonderful team had prepared the previous day.

Finally, we finished our celebrations with the joy of our Junior Church Tombola in aid of 'Girlguiding Birk Crag Build' and 'Open Arms Malawi'. We had a plethora of prizes giving people lots of chances to



win increasing the fun and excitement! An amazing £214 was raised for our chosen charities. Thank you to all who contributed and helped to make this event such a success.



For more information regarding Junior Church and Creche please contact
christchurchjc@gmail.com

Junior Church & Creche

The Junior Church & Creche at Christ Church offers **children of all ages** a positive, exciting and supportive introduction to Christian faith, life and worship as a foundation for life.

Older children are given encouragement and support in preparation for **Confirmation** as part of their own journey into Christian commitment.

On **Sunday mornings** during term-time, children gather for Junior Church & Creche in the Parish Centre. Children are asked to arrive by 9:50am in readiness for the start of the service. They join the congregation in the front pews of the church at the start and end of the 10.00am service. For the remaining time, they work across four age groups in the Parish Centre:

- Creche and Reception children:
- Year 1 and 2;
- Years 3, 4, and 5; and
- An older group consisting of years 6-9.

These groups follow a syllabus called 'ROOTS'. By following this syllabus, the children gain a good grasp of the key events and teachings of the Bible and develop a personal relationship with Christ.

Junior Church members are asked to bring a weekly donation to the collection plate which goes to the Church funds in order to support the youth work of Christ Church. In addition, Junior Church also aims to support three charities each year – one local, one national and one international. We manage this through various events such as cake stalls and tombolas.

Other activities involving Junior Church throughout the year are outlined in newsletters to parents.

If you have not previously registered with Junior Church & Creche or if your details have changed, please email us at christchurchjc@gmail.com

If you are interested in being a Leader or Helper with Junior Church & Creche, please email us at christchurchjc@gmail.com

February 21, 1925

Price 15 cents

THE NEW YORKER



Meeting time: Tuesdays 10am-noon (2 hours)

Duration: 10 weeks, starting April 21, 2026
(with a break for halfterm)

Fee: £105

Location: Christ Church Parish Centre
Church Square, Harrogate HG1 4SW

Reading *The New Yorker*: the final chapter

Newcomers most welcome!

Join an engaged and friendly group of dedicated readers to read and discuss literary highpoints from *The New Yorker*. In this course we'll explore short fiction and poetry by some of the world's greatest writers from the 1960s to the present day. Lively and rewarding discussion - not to mention tasty biscuits and coffee - awaits!

Robert Hemmings has been teaching, researching, and writing about literature and culture for more than 30 years.

For more information, please contact **Robert** at rhemmings@gmail.com

Volunteer Pianist Required

Dementia Forward is looking for a volunteer pianist to work on a rota basis on Thursday mornings 11.00am - 12.30pm in the Parish Centre for their Singing for Fun group.

If you can help, please contact the Parish Office for further details.



HOW DO I MAKE MY FAITH COUNT?

Come along and find out...

Events 2026

10 February 2026, 7pm-9pm @Leeds Minster

Discussion Evening - Bishop Chris Edmondson will help us think about how we hear God's call

22 April 2026, 6pm-9pm @Wakefield Cathedral

Vocations Fayre - connect with people from a broad range of ministries, including lay, ordained and chaplaincy. Pre-event Choral Evensong at 5:30pm

13 June 2026, 10am - 3pm @Bolton Abbey Priory

Vocations Retreat Day - Spend time discerning with God and others whilst immersed in the history and beauty of Bolton Abbey

23 September, 7pm-9pm @St Peter's Huddersfield

Discussion Evening - Hear about real experiences of starting a new ministry for lay and ordained

18 November, 7pm-9pm @Church House Leeds

Discussion Evening - Hear perspectives on ordained ministry from the new and the retiring

For more details email vocations@leeds.anglican.org

Registration via Eventbrite

Contacts

Exploring Vocation Together



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Baby basics Leeds

Thank you!

If you would like to donate, we are in need of the following-

If you have any good quality clean preloved items of the below:

- * Moses basket (preferably with liner)
- * Moses basket sheets
- * Baby towels
- * Baby baths
- * Muslin squares
- * Blankets and sleeping bags
- * Toys and books (suitable for newborns and under 12 months)
- * Newborn clothes (size 0- 3 months) inc. hats, scratch mitts, bibs, socks
- * Maternity nighties
- * Maternity nursing bras
- * Flannel for mum
- * Flip flops/sliders for mum
- * Small bag suitable for as a hospital/ nappy bag

**Or if you could add some items to your weekly shop
(these must be unopened):**

- * Nappy cream
- * Cotton wool
- * Baby wipes
- * Baby 'top to toe' wash
- * Baby shampoo
- * Nappies (size 1 preferably but also size 0, 2 and 3)
- * Toothbrush and toothpaste suitable for under 12 months
- * Maternity pads
- * Shampoo/conditioner/shower gel for mum (also including afro suitable products)
- * Deodorant
- * Breast pads
- * Toothbrush and toothpaste for mum
- * Disposable maternity knickers
- * Lip balm for mum
- * Small item as a gift for mum eg. special toiletries/
hand cream/ hairband/ bobbles etc



Thank you so much for all of the blankets and baby hats you have been knitting over the past few months. They have been extremely well received. Please do keep them coming!

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Baby Basics Leeds's post



Baby Basics Leeds

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Thank you to the wonderful knitters at Christchurch in Harrogate who regularly support us. We are incredibly grateful for all your beautiful donations xx



Email: babybasicsleeds@gmail.com

- Website: <https://baby-basics.org.uk/centre/leeds>
- Registered Charity Number 1168099

A Note from Last Month's Magazine...

Brian Hamilton's article in last month's Grapevine put me in mind of the late Tony Naylor's book "Park Place, High Harrogate: Mansion to Apartments" published about ten years ago, which I helped to edit, and for which I wrote the introduction. Park Place Mansion in the early 19th century was the home of Richard Sheepshanks (1794-1855), a son of a Leeds textile manufacturer, and who gave the money for the building of Christ Church. A member of the Sheepshanks family became the first vicar of Christ Church in 1831. Subsequently Sheepshanks also funded the building of St. John's Church, Bilton, where another member of the family also became the first vicar. See Wikipedia for more information about Richard Sheepshanks and his sister Anne who gave a legacy in Richard's name to the Astronomy Department of the University of Cambridge. Richard is buried at Trinity College Cambridge.

Park Place Mansion, which was demolished in 1961, had extensive grounds between Park Parade and Harcourt Drive. The original intention was to replace it by three blocks of apartments, of which only the existing 12-storey block of 50 apartments was ever built. The other two blocks were to have been lower and longer, but each containing about 50 apartments.

God bless all my friends at Christ Church.

Tony Wren

Park Place





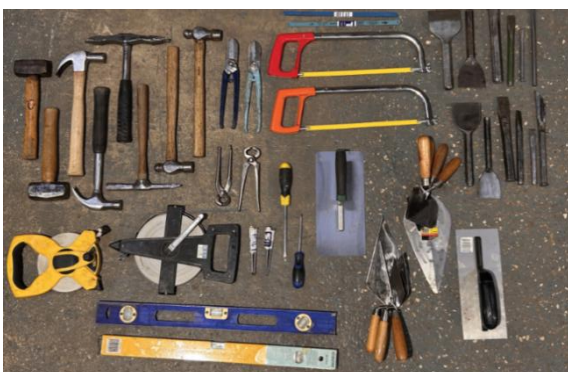
Please note: we are currently not receiving donations of tools whilst we take a break to gather our thoughts about how we manage the ever increasing number of donations arriving here at church. Thank you so much to everyone for helping with the tool collection on Sunday/Monday 15th/16th March. The tools will we are sure, be put to good use.

Tools for the UK

We are delighted to announce the full launch of our tool distribution in the UK. This marks a significant milestone in our ongoing mission to equip charities and groups with the tools they need, while fostering a greener, healthier future for all. By opening applications within the UK, we look forward to reaching those who may benefit directly from our support.

If you, or someone you know, could benefit from our services, we warmly encourage you to get in touch. Please contact us at unitedkingdom@twam.uk, or visit www.applytotwam.uk/united-kingdom, and our UK Country Coordinator will respond promptly.

We look forward to collaborating with local partners, charities, and community members as we embark on this exciting new chapter together.



Duke of Edinburgh Students Volunteering

DofE students at Rugby School have been spending their Thursday evenings refurbishing tools for us (photos of tools they have refurbished below) under the guidance of TWAM volunteers Hugh, Roger, Helen and Tim.



*Here are the lunchtime recitals for the 2026 season.
Thank you to our Director of Music, David Darling, for organising
this wonderful variety of musicians and singers.*

Christ Church Lunchtime Recitals Series 2026

Wednesday 4th February

Ed Deakins (Cello)

Wednesday 4th March

A-level Musicians from
St Aidan's and St. John Fisher Associated 6th Form

Wednesday 1st April

Alannah Saphir (Flute)

Wednesday 6th May

Nick Fletcher (Classical Guitar)

Wednesday 3rd June

Adrian Selway (Organ)

Wednesday 1st July

Lily Ziff (Soprano)

Wednesday 2nd September

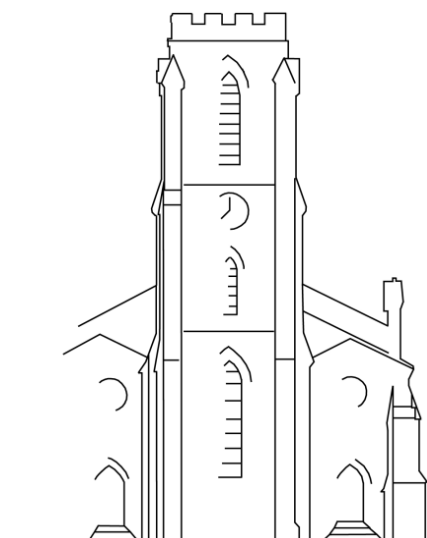
(to be confirmed)

Wednesday 7th October

Matthew Lazenby (Organ)

Wednesday 4th November

Persia Shafi - Cliffe (Soprano)



All recitals begin at 12.15pm and are followed by a light lunch

*Admission to the recitals is free, but a donation towards Christ Church Music Fund
is most welcome. A small charge is made for lunch*

Do you enjoy singing?

Are you aged 7 or over?

The Choir of Christ Church would love to hear from you!

Becoming a Chorister can give you these benefits...

- A free musical education, which will stay with you for life
- Equal opportunities for boys and girls aged 7+
- Progress through the Royal School of Church Music Singing awards
- Learn new musical skills by being part of a centuries-old English choral music tradition
- Develop confidence through teamwork and also from opportunities to sing solos
- Get paid...yes, really!...for doing something you enjoy doing.
(Money earned will depend on experience and attendance among other things)
- Choir outings and social activities
- Perform solos and as part of an ensemble at the Harrogate Competitive Festival
- Join with other choirs to sing larger-scale works
- Personal development as a member of a church choir can lead to university choral scholarships



Our choir is a friendly closely-knit group of singers aged 7+ to 80+. All members support each other and rejoice in the success of fellow choristers. Choir practices take place on Thursday evenings from 6.30-7.45p.m. and on Sunday mornings at 9.30a.m. before the morning service. Our Junior Choristers also meet after the service to prepare the music they will be singing on their own at the All-Age service and to work towards their RSCM awards.

For more information, speak to any member of the choir or contact our Director of Music, David Darling. Email: david.darling@live.co.uk, telephone 07975 791028, or have a word after any service.

Music Notes

At the end of a recent service, I asked the Christ Church congregation how each of them would feel about singing a solo in public. Not surprisingly there were no takers! It takes courage as well as skill to sing a solo. We are fortunate in our choir to have a number of excellent singers who are very happy to contribute solo lines or verses in our anthems as required...over the last year at least ten singers have put their heads above the parapet to do so, and I know that this is very much appreciated among the clergy, choir and congregation, and most certainly by me. Now take a moment to consider what it must be like for a young singer not only to present a solo in relatively unfamiliar public surroundings, but in front of other talented singers of their own age group and an adjudicator whose former pupils once included the Princess of Wales!



The scene is set...and up step Isla and Hannah to compete against each other and against twelve other choristers from the Harrogate area and further afield for the title of Junior Northern Choristers' Champion. For Isla it was her first time competing, and, to her immense credit, she came away with an Honours certificate. Hannah also achieved Honours and third place. The adjudicator praised her for a very expressive performance, fully involving us in the text

of her hymn.

Meanwhile our Head Chorister Bethany was watching in support of her fellow choristers, but probably with a thought on whether her nerves would allow that top G in the descant of her hymn to ring out as she wanted! Bethany was competing for the prize of 2026 Senior Northern Choristers' Champion, a title which in past years had been won by a

number of singers who had gone on to make a successful career as soloists on national and international stages.



In winning the competition this year with an Honours certificate, Bethany really does join an illustrious list of singers. The adjudicator, in awarding her first prize, commented on the enormous potential in her young voice...and that top G in the descant? No problem! The girls had plenty of support in the audience from family and friends...all of us left feeling immensely proud of Bethany, Hannah and Isla and their achievements at the Harrogate Competitive Festival. Congratulations to all three of our young soloists!

If you are able, please do come along and support our next lunchtime recital at 12.15p.m. on Wednesday, 1st April, when we will be privileged to be entertained by flautist Alannah Saphir, a returning local artist, this year all the way from Glasgow Conservatoire, herself a former winner of the Harrogate Competitive Festival Young Musician award. You will be most welcome!



Alannah Saphir

photo from 2025 HACS Harrogate Music Festival 2025

On Friday, 3rd April, some of our choir will be joining other local singers to sing Parts 2 and 3 of Handel's Messiah at St. Robert's Church, Pannal (7.00p.m. start). Wonderful music, which promises to be a most moving reflection on the death and resurrection of Jesus. Admission is free.

David Darling

‘MEET AND EAT’

AT

CHRIST CHURCH PARISH CENTRE

COME AND JOIN US FOR A CHAT

AND A BITE TO EAT

THIRD WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH

FROM 11.30AM TO 1.00PM

(with food served from 12.00 noon)



Everyone welcome

2026

18th February

18th March

15th April

20th May

17th June

15th July

No August Meal

16th September

21st October

18th November

2nd December

**If you require transport, please contact
the Parish Office for details 01423 530750**



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34141.8 kg of emergency food was given to the people of Harrogate in 2025
This fed just over 3,600 individuals.



90

we currently have 90 volunteers giving their time



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14.4 Million people in the UK live below the poverty line

ITEMS URGENTLY NEEDED

STRONG CARRIER BAGS

Tinned Meat

Tinned Fruit

UHT Milk

Longlife Juice/ Cordial

Male Deodorant

Razors

Shaving Foam




Thank you so much for your ongoing donations, especially for the lovely Easter gifts for the children. We have been overwhelmed by everyone's generosity.

A very Happy Easter to all of our supporters!

Best wishes,

Kath Barff

If you would like to make a cash donation in lieu of food donations to the Harrogate Foodbank please see Kath Barff. For more information and food updates please visit <https://harrogatedistrict.foodbank.org.uk/> or look for Harrogate Foodbank on Facebook. 

If you would like to help the foodbank directly, the ways in which you can donate financially are listed on their website: <https://harrogatedistrict.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-money>.



Christ Church Brownies Would you like to join us?



Christ Church Brownies meet weekly in the Parish Centre on Tuesday evenings (term-time) between 5.30pm and 7.00pm.

Catering for children aged between 7 – 10 years of age we offer a varied programme of events with meetings involving work towards badges in addition to which we do craft and cooking sessions, games, fencing and archery, treasure hunts and have annual trips to both the Great Yorkshire Show and the Harrogate Theatre Christmas Pantomime.

The brownies are given a badge book when they join containing all the information they need to work towards badges. Girl Guiding have also added 18 new interest badges including Games Master, Animal Helper, Kindness and Safety.

Brownies move up to Guides the term after their 10th Birthday which is also on a Tuesday evening in the Parish Centre at Christ Church. The Guides meet at 7.00pm and finish around 8.45pm.

Brownies gives the girls the opportunity to meet new friends, to try different things and hopefully to learn a little whilst also having fun.

We currently have spaces available if you would like to join us.

If your children would like to join us or, to find out more information about volunteering with the Brownie Leaders, please email christchurchbrownies@yahoo.com





Christ Church Easter Flowers

If you would like to make a donation towards the Easter flower displays in church, please contact Tara Sagar (Head of the Flower Team), Shirley Morris (Treasurer) or contact the Parish Office. Payment can be made by cash, cheque (payable to Christ Church PCC – please write Easter Flowers on the back) or bank transfer to our normal account using Easter Flowers as the reference.

Bank Details are as follows : -

Barclays Bank plc, 25 James Street, Harrogate

Sort Code: 20-37-13

Ac/No: 10249157

Ac/Name: Christ Church Parochial Church Council Harrogate

Christian Aid 2026



The Church I once worked in had a remarkable woman. Alison (whose 90th birthday was this February) had been a missionary, before returning to England to teach. She was a force of energy, determination, practical kindness and getting the best out of us! How did she do it? One day, she let her secret out. “I pray, then I act”.

Next month in May, our church shares with many others the annual challenge to support the work of Christian Aid, work which I’ve seen at first hand. Before then, like Alison, there’s an opportunity to pray for its international work, for all who live in conditions of war, famine, disaster and destitution, not of their making.

We can change things (Christian Aid is often the first aid agency to respond to crisis situations). Change, by prayer, change by responding ourselves. Please support us when on **Sunday 10th May** we’ll be giving out Christian Aid donation envelopes, and our team will be equipped with buckets to receive them.

Please pray before, then give as generously as you are able.

Thank you, Ian Shelton and the Christian Aid Team

Would you like to join the Christ Church Sound Team?



We are looking for volunteers to join the Sound Team on a once a month rota basis for the 10.00am Sunday Services. Other sound cover is also needed to be shared between the team at festival times such as Christmas and Easter.

Full training will be given.

For more information please speak with any of the Sound Team on a Sunday morning, contact Rob Walters (Sound Team Lead) via the Parish Office or speak with churchwarden Tim Bendelow.

THANK YOU – CAN YOU HELP?

Christ Church



High Harrogate

We mean each deliberately.

‘Christ Church’ currently has a running deficit of £50,000 to cover all bills and expenses, including full support to the wider Church. We are also possibly facing additional

IF you are able to help, we will be extremely grateful – as we already are for ALL your support. Please contact the Parish Office for details.

The Harrogate School of Theology and Mission



Seminar

18 April 2026: Wilding Disciple-making and Mission

Venue: Woodlands Methodist Church Harrogate

Date: 18th April 2026, 10.00 – 12.00 noon with breakfast available from 9.30 am

Tickets:

- General admission: £8
- Under 18s: free
- Buy Tickets on EventBrite

We are delighted to invite the Revd Ben Askew to deliver April's Seminar.

Over the last few years there has been a growing interest in the idea of re-wilding. This broad term describes a commitment to letting natural processes lead land management and conservation. It has led many households to discover wildflowers in the lawn during 'no mow May', to the reintroduction of keystone species into eco-systems, and to a re-discovery of the abundance of creation, when allowed space and freedom. I'm keen to learn from this ecological movement, partly because so much of my faith has been grown by enjoying wilder spaces, but also because I think we might find that God's wild Spirit works in surprising and re-energising ways among us as we ease back from control and learn unforced rhythms of grace.

Tickets: £10 (including breakfast and refreshments); Students: £7; Under 18s free.

There is also a Zoom option/live-stream: £5 per person, must be purchased online in advance.

HSTM continues to meet monthly Everyone is welcome to join us. More details along with the up-and-coming programme can be found at <https://hstm.org.uk/>



We are the Harrogate Branch of Mothers' Union, and meet monthly, in the Community Room on the left-hand side of St Mark's Church on Leeds Road. We start at 2.00pm and finish with a cup of tea and a biscuit around 3.30pm.

All are welcome to come; you do not have to be a mother, or married, or, indeed, female! It would be lovely to see any of you at our meetings, and there will always be a warm welcome

Please do come along and join in.

Many thanks, *Val Preece*

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Harrogate Mothers' Union

Programme 2026

Tuesday 7th April - tba

Tuesday 5th May - Speaker Tony Wilson on Birds in Holy Places

Tuesday 2nd June - Outing to York Gate gardens.

Tuesday 7th July - Tea Party

We do not meet in August

Ladies Circle, Woodlands Methodist Church, Wetherby Road, Harrogate

We are a small group, meeting on alternate Wednesdays at 7pm in the Middle Hall at Woodlands Methodist Church, for fellowship, a speaker and refreshments.

Forthcoming talks.....

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| 15 th April | Underwater Adventures with Revd R Parry |
| 29 th April | Delhi to Udaipur with M. Newby |
| 13 th May | History of Harrogate Civic Society with A. Brown |
| 10 th June | Yorkshire Lass – Playwright in New York with J Hayes |

Visitors always welcome. £1 for refreshments.

For further information please contact:

Ann Winter (President) Tel: 887439

The 100 Club Draw

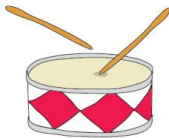
Ongoing

Each number will cost £5 per month. People may pay for as many months in advance as they wish. The number(s) can be paid for in cash, by bank transfer or by standing order. Contact Norman for details.

The next draw will take place on Sunday 5th April
(May's draw will be on Sunday 3rd May)

March's Winning Numbers are:

**AND THE
WINNERS ARE ...**



1st Prize £80.00 number 19
2nd Prize £50.00 number 31
3rd Prize £30.00 number 71
Bonus Prize £30.00 number 40

Since June 2019, £12535 has been paid out in prizes;
£13200 has been transferred into church funds.

There are still plenty of numbers left should anyone else like one, (or more!!) Please contact Norman for more information or to register.

The more numbers, the higher the prizes.

email - normanlpotter@btinternet.com
'phone 01423 819374 or 0783 3364 336

**REMEMBER... YOU'VE GOT TO
BE IN IT TO WIN IT!**

C-O-N-N-E-C-T

Wednesday

**Do you want to get out and about for a change
of scenery and to meet friends
and new people?**

Then why not come and join us for an hour or so?
We offer a warm space, good company with a hot drink,
homemade cake and biscuits.

We have interesting conversations, play the occasional
game and offer many books from our library for you to
peruse and borrow.

Open to **everyone** and with

no need to book

we will be open on the

2nd Wednesday of each month

1.30pm – 3.00pm

in Christ Church Parish Centre (HG1 4SW)

Next Meeting: 8th April

Please contact the Parish Office for more information

Tel: 01423 530750 or

Email: info@christchurchharrogate.org.uk



**VOLUNTEERING
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CHURCH**

Sunday Morning Refreshments

Help is required for the 10.00am Sunday Services on the 2nd, 3rd or 5th Sundays of each month. Please contact Christine Lofthouse or the Parish Office for details.

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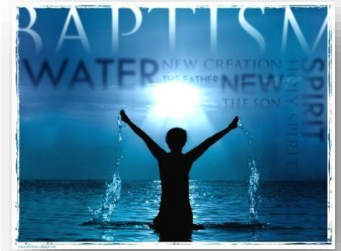
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From the MARCH Registers



Holy Baptisms :

There were no baptisms in March

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Confirmation Service:

Sunday 15th March 2026

with the Rt Revd Anna Eltringham, Bishop of Ripon

Amelia Rose Hughes

Ella Jessica Hughes

Clara Lieffie Lund

Lucy Isabelle Sagar

Harry George Rollinson

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Weddings in church :

There were no weddings this month

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Services at Stonefall Crematorium :

Monday 2nd March – Mavis Meadowcroft

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Funeral Services in church :

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Burials of Ashes :


Thursday 5th March – Marjorie Redmond





CHRIST CHURCH PARISH CENTRE

Christ Church, Church Square, Harrogate, HG1 4SW

 What3Words: talked.bowls.doors

An ideal venue for:

- family gatherings
- children's parties
- exercise classes
- group meetings
- rehearsal/practice space

Various spaces available along with a fully equipped kitchen and full disabled access.

Please call the Parish Office on 01423 530750 for details

Email: info@christchurchharrogate.org.uk

Website: christchurchharrogate.org.uk

What's on in the Parish Centre?

If you would like to know more about hiring one of the Parish Centre Rooms or joining any of the groups shown below, please call into the Parish Office, ring 01423 530750 or send a message to info@christchurchharrogate.org.uk

Mondays:

- 10.00 – 12.00 'Joined by a Thread' Creative Sewing Group (once or twice a month)
- 13.15 – 14.45 Singing for the Brain (Alzheimer's Society) (weekly)
- 18.15 – 21.15 NADFAS (3rd Monday of each month except August and December)
- 19.00 – 21.00 Art with Jonothan Potter
- 19.00 – 22.00 RSPB (Harrogate) (2nd Monday of each month September – April)

Tuesdays:

- 09.30 – 10.45 Keep Fit (weekly)
- 10.00 – 12.00 Literature Classes with Robert Hemmings (10 wk courses)
- 13.00 – 15.00 Dementia Forward Wellbeing Café (weekly)
- 13.00 – 15.00 Dementia Forward Carers Support (monthly)
- 13.00 – 15.00 Dementia Forward Voices (quarterly)
- 17.30 – 21.00 Brownies/Guides (weekly term-time)

Wednesdays:

- 09.30 – 09.50 Intercessory Prayer
- 10.00 – 10.45 Holy Communion Service in the main hall
- 12.15 – 14.00 Lunchtime Recital with light lunch (1st Wednesday of the month)
- 11.30 – 14.00 Meet & Eat Social Gathering (3rd Wednesday of the month)
- 13.30 – 15.00 Connect Wednesday (2nd Wednesday of the month)
- 19.00 – 22.00 Harrogate Choral Society (weekly)

Thursdays:

- 09.15 – 10.15 Mojo Fitness (Pilates) with Marion Oakley
- 11.00 – 12.30 Dementia Forward Singing for Fun Group (weekly)
- 13.00 – 15.00 Art Class with Jonothan Potter
- 14.00 – 16.00 Harrogate Parkinson's Society (3rd Thursday)

Fridays:

- 09.30 – 10.00 Songbirds Singing Classes for pre-school children (weekly term-time)
- 09.30 – 10.45 Keep Fit (weekly)

Saturdays:

Christ Church

