

Christ Church High Harrogate



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July & August 2026

Choir Vestry Piano Appeal update:

Thank you to everyone who supported our Sponsored Hymn Sing; what an amazing event it was! There was such a sense of community and fun throughout the afternoon, and we are pleased to say it raised a phenomenal amount of money towards our Piano Appeal.

A big thank you to all who baked (and ate) delicious cakes, played the games, bought from our handmade crafts stall, sponsored a hymn and donated. Your generosity is very greatly appreciated. Shout out to Christine and Janice for your incredible help in the kitchen and to Rachel for organising a spectacular music themed Bake Off.

As a result of the Sponsored Hymn Sing event and the generous donations we received, I am delighted to say that we have now reached our target!

A new piano will be making an appearance in our Choir Vestry very soon. Truly, thank you to everyone who has contributed , however big or small. Your kindness throughout the appeal means so much to me.

Thank you for keeping the gift of music going at Christ Church for many years to come.

Hannah



Target Reached

GRAPEVINE JULY & AUGUST 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 September 2026 edition is 21st August

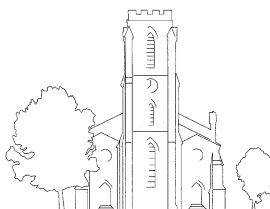


WEDDINGS & BAPTISMS

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

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What3Words: talked.bowls.doors

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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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

LETTER FROM THE CLERGY TEAM

I am very grateful to Matthew for the invitation to write something for this summer edition of the Grapevine.

That said, it's quite difficult to guess what "summer" may look like! As I write in mid-June, rain is hammering down and I'm resisting the urge to turn the heating back on, but by the time this is printed, we may be in another heatwave.

We have always lived with unpredictable weather in the UK, but now it seems to be unpredictable and more extreme at the same time – a challenging combination.

And yet some basics remain the same as ever.

- It is still a beautiful, fertile, generous creation.
- Amidst this beauty the creation forms and re-forms itself with forces of unimaginable power.
- The powerful, generous beauty of the creation works best for us when we work with it, not against it.

So, whatever summer brings, here are three simple thoughts for this and every season.

- Firstly, the creation is a gift to treasure. We didn't make it and we should remember to be thankful for all its gifts.
- Secondly, the creation demands our respect. Its power is unimaginable; when we forget to be respectful we do damage – that's a fact of life.
- And finally, let's co-operate with nature – that way we will keep this beautiful, fertile, generous home. The Bible teaches us to steward the earth wisely, and as we go on pushing back the boundaries of human capabilities we need to remember to steward this glorious gift with gratitude, respect and wisdom.

Michael



New Way of Sharing News!!

Do you want to get the news about what's happening at Christ Church 'as it happens'?

Do you want reminders about services and events?

Do you want to know as soon as we have the heating back on in church?

Then sign up NOW for our new 'free' email subscription service to get news straight to your inbox.

To sign up, go to the church website ***christchurchharrogate.org.uk***, select ***Communication*** from the top line and then click ***email sign-up***. Simply enter your email address and name and that's it !

You can also use the QR code (see below) to register with our email service and get all the latest Christ Church news straight to your inbox

- be the first to know!!



Please Note: We are using an email service called MailChimp to provide this service and their logo should be included in the messages from us.

Mailchimp are compliant with UK data protection laws. Once you have signed up, our initial message may drop into your Junk Folder so if you haven't heard from us, please check there!

For more information see Paul Mottershead or Tina Hutchinson.

Note: we will only send you information about Christ Church, we will not share your details with anyone else. Please see the Privacy Notice when you subscribe for more details.

Junior Church & Creche

Terrific Tech Thomas

Junior Church has been very blessed by the dedication and enthusiasm of the brilliant Thomas Lachmann. During Thomas' time as a child in Junior Church, he loved being involved ; so it seemed a natural progression for him to become one of our Young Leaders when he reached the age of 15. He soon realised that the Junior Church Team were lacking in technical ability (!) and he offered his assistance ! We were immediately grateful for his expertise, but nothing could have prepared us for the way he expanded and excelled in this role. He realised we needed a social media presence and embarked on developing the Christ Church Facebook page. He used this platform to post about upcoming events held at church and in the surrounding area, he created videos documenting key events which had taken place at church and to celebrate our congregation's achievements, as well as to highlight particular roles and opportunities - and more ! Furthermore, he expertly crafted apt and exciting sound effects for our annual Pantomimes and was in sole responsibility for managing all the lighting, sound effects and music during the performances, playing a crucial role in this event.

Thomas recently finished his A-Levels and is now heading to Austria to study further. On the 14th June, Junior Church had to say farewell to



Thomas. We made 'Thank You' cards and presented him with a gift in recognition for all he had so kindly given to us.

Thomas will be sorely missed by all at Junior Church and the wider congregation. He has given us so much in his kindness, dedication and skills : helping the youngest children in their Junior Church activities, supplying technical abilities to Junior Church and the wider Church life, playing the trumpet in All Age Services and at Remembrance, helping at Parish Events throughout the Church calendar, and crafting our

social media presence.

We wish him well on his new adventure and will always be grateful for all he has done to help Christ Church. However, his dedication continues, as even from Austria he will continue to manage our 'Christ Church Facebook page' and keep everyone updated ! Thank you Thomas, and good luck !

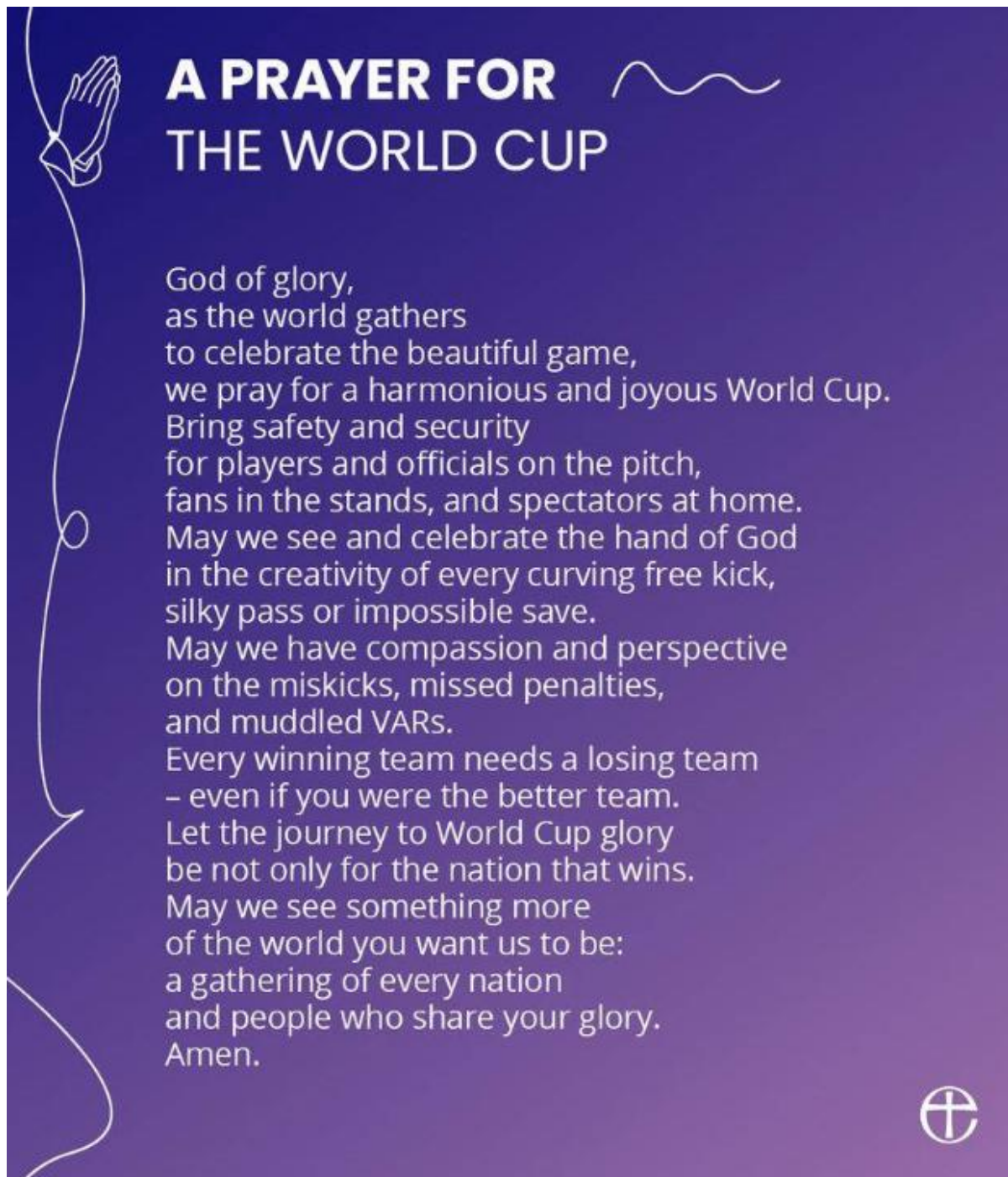
For more information regarding Junior Church and Creche please contact

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A prayer for the World Cup 2026

<https://www.churchofengland.org/media/news-and-press-releases/prayer-world-cup-2026>

The Church of England invites us to share their prayer for a 'harmonious and joyous' event, bringing nations and people together, celebrating God's hand in the creativity of every curving free kick.... and asking for compassion and perspective amid missed penalties or muddled VARs



**A PRAYER FOR
THE WORLD CUP**

God of glory,
as the world gathers
to celebrate the beautiful game,
we pray for a harmonious and joyous World Cup.
Bring safety and security
for players and officials on the pitch,
fans in the stands, and spectators at home.
May we see and celebrate the hand of God
in the creativity of every curving free kick,
silky pass or impossible save.
May we have compassion and perspective
on the miskicks, missed penalties,
and muddled VARs.
Every winning team needs a losing team
– even if you were the better team.
Let the journey to World Cup glory
be not only for the nation that wins.
May we see something more
of the world you want us to be:
a gathering of every nation
and people who share your glory.
Amen.



*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

Voces Seraphorum (Vocal Ensemble)

Wednesday 1st July

~~Lily Ziff (Soprano)~~ to be rescheduled

NO August Recital as we take a break!

Wednesday 2nd September

Christ Church Musicians

Wednesday 7th October

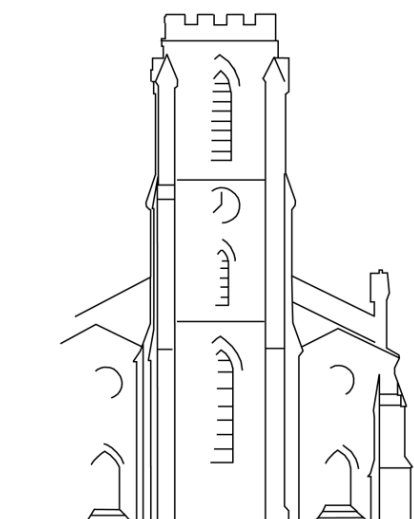
Matthew Lazenby (Organ)

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*



Music Notes

Choir Piano Appeal Update

We launched our appeal to raise money for a new piano on 26th April, and only seven weeks later Hannah stood proudly in front of the congregation to announce that we had achieved our target. What generosity and kindness from our wonderful Christ Church family! I am overwhelmed by the support and good will shown by so many of you towards our project, which will allow us to invest in a high-quality digital piano which will hopefully benefit our choir and the whole Christ Church community for many years to come. Thank you from the bottom of my heart to everyone who has contributed in any way in helping us realise our dream. Our old choir vestry piano can now gracefully retire and growl no more through our choir practices!

Thinking back, I am immediately struck by the pace with which the appeal gathered momentum. It all started with some informal musings in the Parish Office in the early Spring, when Jill suggested that our Junior Choristers might like to lead the fundraising. Further casual conversations with the girls got them thinking about what they could do, and the making of crafts began, ready to be marketed and sold on the launch date.

A visit with Fran and Hannah to a large piano showroom near York just before Easter captured Hannah's imagination...and the rest is history!

I continue to be extremely proud of our Junior Choristers, and my hope is that as they grow into young adults they will remember their years as part of the Christ Church Choir and enjoy singing for many years. But of course we couldn't have achieved what we set out to do without the help of our adult singers and instrumentalists, and also the girls' parents and grandparents along with Jill in the Office, who put their trust in what our younger singers were doing and gave them support and guidance where needed. The highlight was undoubtedly our Sponsored Hymn Sing and tea party, with an abundance of glorious cakes to enjoy (including three stunning musically-themed entries in the cake baking

and decorating competition which looked far too attractive even to contemplate eating!). Such was the success of the afternoon which brightened up the gloom of the weather outside that many of you have requested that we repeat the event...just saying we've taken onboard your thoughts. Watch this space for details of another community afternoon hopefully later in the year!

Thank you one and all from myself and the Christ Church Choir for your love and support.

Wednesday Lunchtime Recital Series

We are very grateful to the vocal ensemble Voces Seraphorum and its conductor Kevin Paynes for filling at short notice the gap caused sadly by Adrian Selway's indisposition at last month's Wednesday lunchtime recital. Unfortunately Lily Ziff, through unavoidable circumstances, has had to pull out of the recital on 1st July, but we are very much hoping that she will delight us with her repertoire of vocal favourites spanning the centuries on another occasion. With such little time to find a replacement musician, we have decided to cancel our July concert. We will take our summer break in August, but recitals will resume on Wednesday, 2nd September when our own singers and instrumentalists will showcase their talents in a varied programme of their favourite pieces.

If any member of the congregation or the wider Christ Church community would like to take part in this recital, you will be most welcome. Please have a word with me before we break for the summer holiday.

David Darling

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.

Creation Care in July/August: At the Seaside

Every summer, many of us make our way to the coast as a break from our usual routine. It's time to discover the sea, the ocean with its remarkable marine life, and understand the vital role we all play in safeguarding ocean health. The Bible doesn't talk of the ocean, Galilee is a very large lake. The Bible prefers to speak of the seas or the deep; the people of the Bible knew the dangers and so do we. We do well to take care.



Psalm 104:25: "There is the sea, vast and spacious, teeming with creatures beyond number—living things both large and small," or **Acts 27:28** "They took soundings and found that the water was a hundred and twenty feet deep. A short time later they took soundings again and found it was ninety feet deep."

The ocean covers 70% of the Earth, sometimes called the "blue planet". One of the struggles with marine conservation is that from the shore all looks well, yet we know below the waves there is a continuing degradation of biodiversity and habitats through overfishing, pollution and the underlying stress of long-term climate change.

The Victorians used to prescribe "sea air" as a cure for major diseases like tuberculosis. While medically, we've moved on, they were partly right in their thinking, as the air around water is supercharged with healthy negative ions. When we breathe these negative ions in, they have such a healthy impact on our body, helping with everything from stress to energy levels. They accelerate our ability to absorb oxygen, that stabilises our mood, feelings of wellbeing, and happiness. That is why a deep breath while walking along the beach can feel so good and make you instantly feel better.



So, let's enjoy our seaside resorts, eat sustainable fish and chips, play and discover in the tidepools, pick up some litter and snooze in a deckchair or stretched out on the warm sand. This summer, connect with the ocean with respect and gratitude for all marine life - nature as God's creation.

Christine Jack (Creation Care, with input from Arocha UK)

National unity and global challenges on agenda in final meeting of current Synod

Church of England News and Press Release 25/06/2026

A call for Christians to promote national unity in a time of polarisation and the theological case for protecting the planet are among the national and global issues being considered at the upcoming meeting of General Synod.

Members of Synod, the Church of England's national assembly, will gather in York from July 10 to 14 for the last group of sessions of their five-year term, ahead of elections in the autumn.



In addition to key legislation on subjects such as clergy conduct rules and the Abuse Redress Scheme, Synod will be discussing a wide range of challenges facing the church and nation from a Christian perspective.

Members will spend time discussing questions of national unity and the role of the church in a time of social, economic and technological change.

In a paper published today, the Bishop of Leicester, Martyn Snow, who chairs the Church of England's Bishops' Working Group for Promoting Unity in our Nation, looks at factors causing fragmentation and argues: "As the Established Church, we should model a healthy sense of patriotism."

Also among the materials published today is "Hope for All Creation: A theological response to the environmental crises" – a landmark new theological text, or teaching document, from the House of Bishops, produced by the Church of England's Faith and Order Commission (FAOC).

It offers a theological framework for understanding and responding to environmental crises including climate change, drawing from the Anglican tradition and the life and worship of the Church.

It comes as Synod prepares to give final approval to a significant change to the ecclesiastical calendar by introducing a new annual “Festival of Creation in Christ”, which includes prayers and readings reflecting God’s creation.

Another key liturgical change due for final approval is the introduction of an annual commemoration of the “21 Martyrs of Libya” – a group of Christian men who were killed for their faith in Christ by Isis terrorists 10 years ago. The annual commemoration will be a vivid reminder of how Christians are still persecuted around the world today.

Papers published today also include the final outputs of the Church of England’s Trust and Trustworthiness project, carried out over almost five years and drawing from in-depth interviews with people across the Church.

There will also be debates on other motions, including some brought by individual members and dioceses. Subjects to be discussed include: looked-after children and care-leavers; neurodivergence; Israel and Palestine; and the church’s response to same-sex relationships.

Synod will also receive an update from the Church of England’s Net Zero Carbon Programme on the progress being made in response to the ambition set by Synod in 2020 for the Church to work towards reaching net zero carbon emissions.

There will also be an update on safeguarding work from the new Lead Bishop for Safeguarding, Robert Springett.

Our Rugby refurbishment centre (CV21 2UH) holds volunteer-run **Yard Sales every last Saturday of the month, 9am - 1pm**. You are all invited to come and see what we have to offer!

Meanwhile, our Ipswich refurbishment centre (IP2 0UD) is delighted to open a **permanent on-site tool shop**, opening on the **1st July**, and **open Monday to Friday 9am - 3pm** thereafter. We look forward to seeing you there soon!

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HOW DO I MAKE MY FAITH COUNT?

Come along and find out...

Events 2026

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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CAN YOU HELP?

We are looking for additional drivers for Sunday morning 10am Services (on a rota basis).

If you would like to join the 'Little Red Bus' Team or would like to find out more, please contact Team Leader Rowena Wright via the Parish Office.

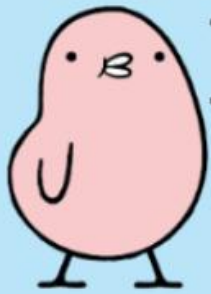
Thank you.





**Baby
basics**

Thank you so much for all of the blankets and baby hats you have been knitting over the past few months. **If you would also like to make some small booties or cardigans** they would be extremely well received too. Please do keep them all coming!



**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

Email: babybasicsleeds@gmail.com

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

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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 22nd July (new date)

No August Meal

16th September

21st October

18th November

2nd December

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

Harrogate and District Foodbank



We begin this month's write-up with a huge 'thank you' to both Andy and in particular, to Kath, for being our Foodbank Reps for so many years. Christ Church has grown to be the Harrogate Foodbank's 3rd biggest donor (after 2 large supermarkets) thanks to Kath and Andy's great organisation and dedication. What a wonderful job they have done!

Kath is in the process of handing over the reins to Sue Craven who will be our new Foodbank Rep (thank you Sue!). She will be coordinating the collections of food from our lovely parishioners and ensuring that they get safely delivered to the local Foodbank warehouse.

The procedures at Crist Church will remain in place but just to remind you.....

- Donations of goods can be left as usual in the marked boxes in the Narthex or Parish Centre. Sue will then sort these out and prepare them for collection by the Harrogate Foodbank team.
- Monetary donations can be handed in to either Shirley Morris or Jill in the Office. They will collect the money and when sufficient has been received, they will arrange for the "most needed" items to be delivered directly to the Foodbank warehouse from a local supermarket.
- Noreen Abell's WhatsApp group will continue to operate as normal and donations will be brought to church to be added to the Christ Church donations.

The latest shortages are: Strong Carrier Bags, UHT milk, coffee, washing up liquid, tinned custard and rice pudding, jam, male and female deodorants.

Please do give what you can. As the Summer Holidays approach, families miss the hot meals their children receive at school and so the demand for extra food is extremely high. Please help if you are able.

If you would like to make a cash donation in lieu of food donations to the Harrogate Foodbank please see Shirley Morris or Jill Walters. 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





Who we are: PhysioNet is a UK-based charity dedicated to providing surplus physiotherapy and mobility equipment to children and adults with disabilities in low- and middle-income countries. We work throughout the UK operating solely with a network of enthusiastic volunteers.

Our story: PhysioNet was Founded in 2008 by Peter Thompson, who was inspired by his extensive experience in developing countries. In 2004, while assisting an orphanage in Bosnia, Peter recognised the ease of acquiring paediatric therapy equipment in the UK and the pressing need for such resources abroad. After two years of seeking existing charities to bridge this gap, he established PhysioNet in 2008. The charity's inaugural large shipments were dispatched to South Africa and Fiji in 2009. Since then PhysioNet has significantly impacted the lives of individuals with disabilities worldwide.

How to donate equipment: If you would like to donate some equipment please contact PhysioNet via their website <https://physionet.org.uk/get-involved/help/> or

Email: info@physionet.org.uk

Tel: 07369 266732

When donating equipment and to help our volunteers please:

- Check tyres and pre-charge powered chairs. Batteries must hold enough charge to drive the equipment up the ramp into our collection vehicle.
- For any electrical items, please include the charger and battery and ensure the item is fully charged before collection. This helps account for transit time and enables our volunteers to begin work quickly.
- Secure any loose or small parts—including user manuals—by attaching them to the item (e.g., placed in a carrier bag and tied on).
- Include all cushions and harnesses. We clean these before shipping and rely on them; sourcing replacements is often prohibitively expensive, especially for children's equipment.

PhysioNet welcomes equipment donations from across mainland UK. We generally require around 20 items per collection (although high-value collections may still be possible depending on location and equipment type).

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.

Harrogate



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*

E: valcpreece@gmail.com or Tel: 01423 879620 or 07855 647603

Harrogate Mothers' Union Programme 2026

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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| 8 th July | A Call & Vocation to work with the Visually Impaired with <i>Revd C Taylor</i> |
| 22 nd July | Beetle Drive |
| 5 th August | Old Harrogate: Down Memory Lane with B O'Rourke |
| 19 th August | Annual Lunch |

Visitors always welcome. £1 for refreshments.
For further information please contact:
Ann Winter (President) Tel: 887439

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 costs in the Lady Chapel and Sanctuary soon.

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 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 July
(August's draw will be on Sunday 2nd August)
(September's draw will be on Sunday 6th September)

June's Winning Numbers are:

**AND THE
WINNERS ARE ...**



1st Prize £80.00 number 33
2nd Prize £50.00 number 97
3rd Prize £30.00 number 38
Bonus Prize £30.00 number 37

Since June 2019, £13105 has been paid out in prizes;
£14200 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!**



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 July

There will be no meeting in August

Please contact the Parish Office for more information

Tel: 01423 530750 or

Email: info@christchurchharrogate.org.uk



***VOLUNTEERING
OPPORTUNITY AT CHRIST
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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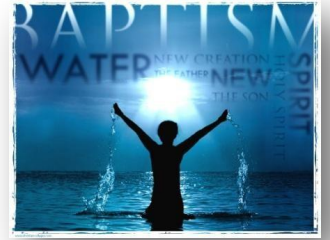
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From the JUNE Registers

Holy Baptisms :

There were no Baptism this month

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Weddings in church :

Saturday 27th June

Wayne Christopher SMITH & Chloe May HODGKINSON

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Services at Stonefall Crematorium :

There were no services at Stonefall this month

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Funeral Services in church :

Tuesday 2nd June – Sybil Marie MOVLEY

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Burials of Ashes :

There were no burials of ashes this month





55 million suspicious emails reported by the public



Members of the public have reported 55.7 million suspicious emails to the Suspicious Email Reporting Service (SERS). The free service was created by the UK's National Cyber Security Centre (NCSC) in 2020 and since its launch has resulted in the **removal of 250,000 scams across 443,000 malicious websites.**

Why you should report phishing scams: 'Phishing' is when criminals use scam emails, text messages or phone calls to trick their victims. The aim is often to make you visit a website, which may download a virus onto your computer, or steal bank details or other personal information.

The NCSC is a UK government organisation that has the power to investigate and take down scam email addresses and websites. Reporting a scam is free and only takes a minute. By reporting suspicious emails, messages and calls, you can:

- reduce the amount of scam communications you receive
- make yourself a harder target for scammers
- protect others from cyber crime online

How to report suspicious emails and text messages: If you've received an email or text message that doesn't feel right, **STOP!**

- **break the contact** – don't reply, click on any links, call any phone numbers or make any payments
- **check if it's genuine:** contact the organisation directly using an email address or phone number you know is correct, e.g. from your utility bills, via a search engine, on the back of your card or by **calling 159** for banks
- Report suspicious **emails** by forwarding them to: **report@phishing.gov.uk**
- Report suspicious **text messages** by forwarding them to: **7726** (*it's free of charge*)

How to report suspicious phone calls: If you've received a phone call that doesn't feel right, **STOP!**

- **hang up**
- **check if it's genuine:** contact the organisation directly using contact details you know are correct, such as those on a utility bill, official website, the back of your card or by **calling 159** for your bank
- **don't trust the Caller ID** display on your phone – it's not proof of ID
- **report it** by sending a text to 7726 with the word 'Call' followed by the scam caller's number

If you have been a victim of cyber crime or fraud, tell the police at **www.reportfraud.police.uk**.

For advice and guidance on what to do if you have been a victim of fraud, please visit: <https://stopthinkfraud.campaign.gov.uk/recovery-from-fraud/>



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

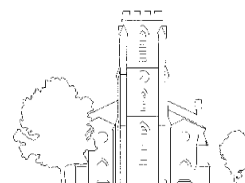
Mondays:

- 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)

Christ Church



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: