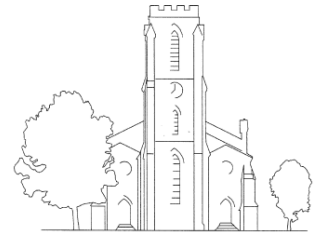


# Christ Church High Harrogate



 **Music Themed** 

**Bake  
OFF**



**Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> June**

**Cakes auctioned after judging**  
See inside for further details !!

**GRAPEVINE £1.00**  
**June 2026**

# Christ Church Choir Piano Appeal

## Sponsored Hymn Sing and Cake Decorating Competition



**Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> June, 2026**  
from 1.45pm in the Parish Centre

### *Supporting our Choir Piano Appeal*

*Please come along and enjoy an afternoon listening to and joining in the singing of YOUR favourite hymns on the afternoon of Saturday, 6<sup>th</sup> June. Stay awhile, relax among friends and indulge yourself with refreshments including delicious home-made cakes!*

*To ensure that we sing your favourite hymn(s), please make a donation to the Choir Vestry Piano Appeal and fill in your name, hymn (and tune if the hymn can be sung to more than one tune) and your preferred time slot on the sign-up sheet in the Concourse.*

*Time slots:*

1. 2.00 to 2.30
2. 2.30 to 3.00
3. 3.00 to 3.30
4. 3.30 to 4.00
5. 4.00 to 4.30
6. ANY TIME!

*If you feel able to offer a donation of cakes (for the café) or raffle prizes, they will be most gratefully received.*

**We look forward to seeing you there!!**

# GRAPEVINE JUNE 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](mailto: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 July/August 2026 edition is 22<sup>nd</sup> June** ★

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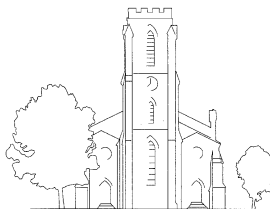
## WEDDINGS & BAPTISMS

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

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### Parish Office

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Harrogate HG1 4SW  
Tel: 01423 530750



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What3Words: talked.bowls.doors

### Normal Opening Hours:

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



<http://twitter.com/ChristChurchHG1>



[www.facebook.com/ChristChurchHighHarrogate](http://www.facebook.com/ChristChurchHighHarrogate)



[www.christchurchharrogate.org.uk](http://www.christchurchharrogate.org.uk)

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*Thank you*



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## **WHO'S WHO at Christ Church, High Harrogate**



**Vicar: The Revd Matthew Evans**

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**Curate: Revd Caroline Taylor**

**The Parish Office**

Tel: 01423 530750

Email: [info@christchurchharrogate.org.uk](mailto:info@christchurchharrogate.org.uk)

### **Honorary Assistant Priests:**

The Revd Dr Geoff Turner (retired)

The Revd Arnold Clay (Methodist Minister – retired)

The Revd Linda Potter (retired)

The Revd Christopher Parkin (retired)

The Revd Ian Shelton (retired)

The Revd Michael Price (retired)

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

**Treasurers:** Shirley Morris, Rachel Rollinson

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**Parish Clerk:** Jill Walters [info@christchurchharrogate.org.uk](mailto:info@christchurchharrogate.org.uk)

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**PCC Secretary:** Paul Mottershead

[PCCSecretary@christchurchharrogate.org.uk](mailto:PCCSecretary@christchurchharrogate.org.uk)

**Sacristan Team:** Paul Mottershead & David Convery

**Head Server:** Paul Mottershead

**Pastoral Care:** Revd Linda Potter

Carla Baranovsky (Safeguarding Officer) [Safeguarding@christchurchharrogate.org.uk](mailto:Safeguarding@christchurchharrogate.org.uk)

Liz Leatherbarrow (Bereavement Support Team) (contact via the Parish Office)

**Electoral Roll:** Denise Lynn (contact via the Parish Office)

**Sidesmen & Sideswomen:** John Woolliscroft (contact via the Parish Office)

**Head of Social Media:** Thomas Lachmann [Socialmedia@christchurchharrogate.org.uk](mailto:Socialmedia@christchurchharrogate.org.uk)

### **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



High Harrogate

# Parochial Church Council 2026-2027



## Members:

Revd Matthew Evans	Vicar of Christ Church
Revd Caroline Taylor	Curate
Norman Potter	Church Warden
Shirley Morris	Church Warden (Treasurer)
Anna Harrison	Church Warden
Vacancy	Church Warden
Beth Hamer	Member (Deanery Synod representative)
Christine Jack	Member (Deanery Synod representative)
Paul Mottershead	Member (PCC Secretary & Vice Chair)
Rachel Rollinson	Member (Co-Treasurer)
Elizabeth Leatherbarrow	Member
Elizabeth Mottershead	Member
Linda McGuinness	Member
John Woolliscroft	Member
Alastair Pollard	Member
Lizzie Hughes	Member
Tina Hutchinson	Member
Carla Baranovski	Safeguarding Officer
Vacancy	Member
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Frequency of Meetings:

Approximately 6 per year

Minutes of Meetings:

Once approved they are placed in a folder held by the Parish Clerk and are available for inspection by parishioners.

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## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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

## A LETTER FROM THE VICARAGE...

Inspiration can come in the most unlikely places.

Such as this, from the weird - and perhaps not so often wonderful - world of 'Instagram' :

The longest recorded conversation that Jesus had in the Bible was with a **broken woman at the well.**

It's reminder that Jesus meets us in our brokenness, always has time for us, and offers healing, restoration, and hope.

No one - absolutely no one - is too far gone for His redeeming love.

Inspiration can come in the most unlikely places.

But why would we be surprised ?

*- - 'For in [Christ Jesus] all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers - all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together.'*

We are invited to receive, accept, and in shorthand so Believe, the place of God - In, Before, Beyond, Through and For the World. A created order that is from and held in God's Grace. So why would we NOT meet God's inspiration in any thing, and EXPECT to meet God anywhere - for 'He is Lord of all.' Inspiration can come in the most unlikely places. In you and for you. In those we love. In places where we struggle, in the Ones with whom we struggle. Inspiration can come in the most unlikely places \_ because in Christ, God has redeemed the World.

*x Matthew*



## **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

**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](mailto:christchurchjc@gmail.com)**

**If you are interested in being a Leader or Helper with Junior Church & Creche, please email us at [christchurchjc@gmail.com](mailto:christchurchjc@gmail.com)**



Thank you to everyone who supported the **Junior Church Cake Stall** on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May. We raised a wonderful total of £258.27 towards Open Arms Malawi and Girlguiding Birk Crag Build.

## Christian Aid Week 10<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> May 2026

Thank you to everyone who supported our collection for Christian Aid week.

After undertaking the final count we can now confirm that we have raised the following : -

Cheques and cash £670.22

Gift Aid to be added £100.75

Making an amazing grand total of £770.97.

We can't thank you enough for your support and wonderful generosity.

*Thank you.*

*Ian Shelton and the Christian Aid Team*



## 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.*



# Choir Piano Appeal update

Thank you to everyone who has donated to the Choir Piano Appeal. So far we have raised over £1700 which is very exciting.

Please do join us on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> June at 1.45pm in the Parish Centre for our Decorated 'Music Themed' Cake Competition and Auction and Hymn-Sing. There will also be a café serving delicious cakes, and a raffle and small fundraising stalls.

If you wish to give a donation (however big or small) please feel free to pass it to one of the Churchwardens or pop and see Jill in the office.



Thank you in advance for all your support and generosity.

Let's keep the gift of music at Christ Church going for years to come.

## Hannah

### Ways to Donate

Here are the ways in which you can make a donation towards the new Choir Vestry piano : -

1. By **Bank Transfer** to:  
Christ Church Parochial Church Council Harrogate  
Sort Code 20 – 37 – 13      Account Number 1 0 2 4 9 1 5 7  
Please make your payment reference 'Choir Piano'
2. By **cash** in a marked envelope and handed to Hannah, Bethany, David Darling, a church warden or to Jill in the Parish Office.
3. By **cheque** made payable to Christ Church PCC with 'Choir Piano' written on the reverse. Please hand into the Parish Office, or give to a Churchwarden, Hannah, Bethany or David Darling.

*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 4<sup>th</sup> February**

Ed Deakins (Cello)

### **Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March**

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

### **Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April**

Alannah Saphir (Flute)

### **Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> May**

Nick Fletcher (Classical Guitar)

### **Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June**

Voces Seraphorum (Vocal Ensemble)

### **Wednesday 1st July**

Lily Ziff (Soprano)

### **Wednesday 2nd September**

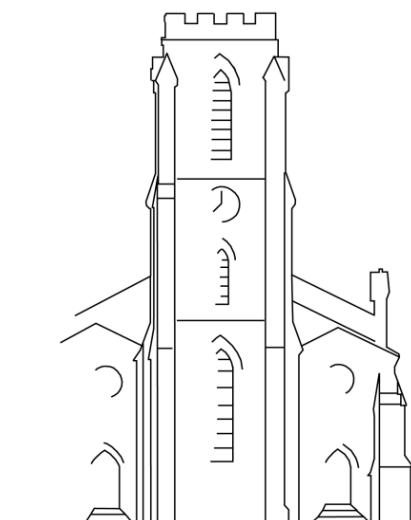
(to be confirmed)

### **Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> October**

Matthew Lazenby (Organ)

### **Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:david.darling@live.co.uk), telephone 07975 791028, or have a word after any service.

# Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June : Environment Sunday 2026

Many organisations acknowledge World Environment Day in a diverse number of ways. Here are 3 that you have probably come across – it can be a confusing field!

- **World Environment Day:** (Friday, June 5<sup>th</sup>) Hosted globally by Azerbaijan, this year's theme centres on the urgency of climate action and positive community tipping points.
- **Environment Sunday:** (Sunday, June 7<sup>th</sup>) A day marked by churches and faith groups across the UK to focus on creation care.
- **Great Big Green Week:** (June 6<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup>) The UK's largest annual celebration of community action to tackle climate change and protect nature. Local gatherings typically include repair cafés, nature walks, and community swaps.

## Local Activities (Harrogate & North Yorkshire)

- **RHS Garden Harlow Carr:** Located on Crag Lane, this RHS garden allows nature lovers to immerse themselves in botanical collections, woodland paths, and alpine displays.

The message this year focuses on the urgent signals the Earth is sending and the signals we choose to send back.

*The planet doesn't argue. It doesn't negotiate. It sends signals—rising seas, raging wildfires, heatwaves, melting glaciers. We said 1.5°C was the limit. We are crossing it.*

*For decades, the world has heard the climate story—warnings, targets, distant deadlines. Too often, the response has been clouded by noise: delay, distraction, denial.*

*But listen closer now. Beneath the noise, another signal is rising. Solar panels stretch across rooftops. Wind turbines line the horizon. Cities are being redesigned for people. Forests are being replanted. Positive tipping points are taking root in every corner of the planet.*

*World Environment Day 2026 focuses on climate change—on the urgent signals the Earth is sending and the signals we choose to send back. UNEP's global campaign calls on all of us to step in, to move further, to steer a world already in motion. The question is no longer if change comes, but how we guide it and how fast it happens.*

## Let's turn this into prayer now

God, as we hear news of our planet in distress, give us the motivation to protect Your majestic creation. We pray for not just the wildlife, but all people most affected by change and disruption, that we may play our part in helping to conserve and restore our wonderful world. Amen.

## Wilding Disciple-making and Mission - May 2026 from the Harrogate School of Theology and Mission

Meeting again at Woodlands Methodist Church on the Wetherby Road with its gardens, flower beds and vegetable plots at the rear is always a pleasure- and a goodly sized group gathered from local churches in our Deanery and the Methodist circuit. Rev. Ben Askew from Kairos delivered the April Seminar.

As he remarked, 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. Ben spoke of the theological basis in the abundance and generosity of God, and our biblical reference came from the Gospel of Matthew, and the Sermon on the Mount (ch.6).

We considered the effect on habitats and ecosystems and the need for education, learning more about the problems and solutions with a focus on the future. What will it bring? Thankfully the anxieties of previous generations has lessened and we should always give thanks for what we have as we 'Look, Consider, Go Outside and Let Go.' What is your Wild Story? Bishop Anna was in attendance, and we were pleased to welcome her.

*Christine Jack*



## 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](mailto:vocations@leeds.anglican.org)**

Registration via Eventbrite

#### Contacts

*Exploring Vocation Together*



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Revd Canon Sean Robertshaw  
Diocesan Director of Vocations  
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**Baby  
basics**

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!



**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](mailto:babybasicsleeds@gmail.com)**

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

# ‘MEET AND EAT’

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## 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

18<sup>th</sup> February

18<sup>th</sup> March

15<sup>th</sup> April

20<sup>th</sup> May

17<sup>th</sup> June

**15<sup>th</sup> 22<sup>nd</sup> July (new date)**

No August Meal

16<sup>th</sup> September

21<sup>st</sup> October

18<sup>th</sup> November

2<sup>nd</sup> December

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

# Harrogate and District Foodbank



As some of you aware, Andy and I have sold our house in Harrogate and are moving on in the near future. As a result, the way Christ Church supports our local Foodbank will change slightly:

- Donations of goods can be left as usual in the Narthex or Parish Centre. Sue Craven has kindly agreed to 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 as normal and donations will be brought to church to be added to the Christ Church donations.


If you have any queries, I’ll be happy to answer them whilst I’m still here. On a personal note, I would like to thank everybody who has helped to make Christ Church the Foodbank’s 3<sup>rd</sup> biggest doner after 2 large supermarkets. Your support has been amazing, and you’ve responded so positively to our many specific appeals such as “Bring a can to Church today” and “You CAN make a difference” to say nothing of chocolate at Easter and Christmas. I was always overwhelmed by your generosity at Harvest where all the donations were divided between Foodbank and Harrogate Homeless Project.

It has been such a privilege to take the donations that have either been bought or brought to Church and the response from Foodbank staff has always been so very warm and appreciative. I have been proud to represent Christ Church, as together we’ve tried and succeeded to make a real difference to those in need in our community.

For one last time, the latest shortages are: UHT milk, coffee, washing up liquid, tinned custard and rice pudding plus male and female deodorants.

With my love and grateful thanks for all that you have done!

## *Kath*

*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 10<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:christchurchbrownies@yahoo.com)



## 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 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.....***

- 10<sup>th</sup> June 'Yorkshire Lass' Playwright in New York  
with *Jennifer Hayes*
- 24<sup>th</sup> June A Musical Evening with *B Allen*
- 8<sup>th</sup> July A Call & Vocation to work with the Visually Impaired  
with *Revd C Taylor*

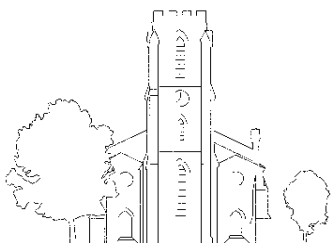
Visitors always welcome. £1 for refreshments.

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

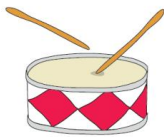
The 100 Club Draw

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 7<sup>th</sup> June**  
(July's draw will be on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> July)

## April's Winning Numbers are:

**AND THE  
WINNERS ARE ...**



1<sup>st</sup> Prize £80.00 number 29  
2<sup>nd</sup> Prize £50.00 number 8  
3<sup>rd</sup> Prize £30.00 number 91  
Bonus Prize £30.00 number 86

Since June 2019, £12725 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](mailto: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

**2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month**

**1.30pm – 3.00pm**

in Christ Church Parish Centre (HG1 4SW)

**Next Meeting: 10<sup>th</sup> June**

Please contact the Parish Office for more information

Tel: 01423 530750 or

Email: [info@christchurchharrogate.org.uk](mailto:info@christchurchharrogate.org.uk)



***VOLUNTEERING  
OPPORTUNITY AT CHRIST  
CHURCH***

***Sunday Morning Refreshments***

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

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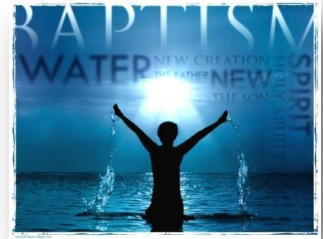
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## From the MAY Registers

### **Holy Baptisms :**

3<sup>rd</sup> May – Kayden Mevlan DERVISHI

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### **Weddings in church :**

There were no weddings this month

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### **Services at Stonefall Crematorium :**

There were no services at Stonefall this month

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### **Funeral Services in church :**

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> May – Jennifer RAWNSLEY

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### **Burials of Ashes :**

There were no burials of ashes this month



## **CHRIST CHURCH PARISH CENTRE**

Christ Church, Church Square, Harrogate, HG1 4SW

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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](mailto:info@christchurchharrogate.org.uk)**

**Website: [christchurchharrogate.org.uk](http://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](mailto: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 (3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month except August and December)
- 19.00 – 21.00 Art with Jonothan Potter
- 19.00 – 22.00 RSPB (Harrogate) (2<sup>nd</sup> 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 (1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month)
- 11.30 – 14.00 Meet & Eat Social Gathering (3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month)
- 13.30 – 15.00 Connect Wednesday (2<sup>nd</sup> 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 (3<sup>rd</sup> 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

