

Christ Church High Harrogate



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Mothering Sunday – Sunday 15th March
A day to celebrate the love and care of all who have
a mothering role

GRAPEVINE £1.00
March 2026

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 MARCH 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 April 2026 edition is 20th March

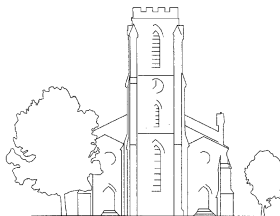


WEDDINGS & BAPTISMS

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)



<http://twitter.com/ChristChurchHG1>



www.facebook.com/ChristChurchHighHarrogate



www.christchurchharrogate.org.uk

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Thank you



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WHO'S WHO at Christ Church, High Harrogate



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The Revd Arnold Clay (Methodist Minister – retired)

The Revd Linda Potter (retired)

The Revd Christopher Parkin (retired)

The Revd Ian Shelton (retired)

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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

A LETTER FROM THE VICARAGE...

A month that carries us to PALM SUNDAY, and then stretches its hand further into HOLY WEEK than we might think. Yet does not have the joy of holding Easter.

A month that holds most of our LENTEN OBSERVANCE, yet neither that season's beginning nor end.

A month that holds our turn into Spring, MOTHERING SUNDAY, St David's (1st) and St Patrick's (17th) days, as well as St Joseph (19th), our own northern saint Cuthbert (20th) _ and, 'The Annunciation of the Lord' - March 25th, nine months before Christmas Day _ already tying us forward, and always on, in a promise across eternity. Nowt to be scared of, just know the embrace.

Writing this in February, days are already becoming longer - nights shorter, and, occasionally (for this year !) skies brighter : but we know how much more this will increase - most probably to our great delight - as March becomes the month through which we travel.

In a slightly odd phrase and perhaps not one particularly crafted, 'March does a lot of *"heavy lifting"*', and carries us from and out-of the dark and leaden-skied weeks and months, - punctured brightly by : - the candles of Advent, - the greenery, lights and grace of Christmas, - the fellowship, hope and prayer of the New Year, - Our silliness, and God's far reach to the World, of Candlemas. These coming weeks, pick us up and take us far on. We are bourn on rapidly, with change all around _ and before we know it we are in a world-transformed : - by Spring, by light, by Lenten thought and prayer and Renewal-by-Repentance.

I'm not eulogising the month, but I am of Life _ which this 'month' has the good fortune to present to us in many burgeoning ways, even whilst still not even holding the seeming Ace-cards or celebrations. But, the truth of God in the lived Now, is very much a part of what these weeks perhaps offer us to perceive, and know - be we northern, southern or world saints _ living in the name of Christ. x Mt.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

A service for everyone!

Friday 6 March

I will give you rest, come

Mowbray Community Church

Westmoreland St, Harrogate

HG1 5AT at 2pm

The offering is shared between many International Charities helping women & Children. Please bring cash or a cheque to the service, if you would like to donate to World Day of Prayer.



Nigeria 2026



INFORMED PRAYER PRAYERFUL ACTION

24-7 365 Days a year Prayer movement Ecumenical International Women-led

wwdp.org.uk

Registered Charity Number 233242

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

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

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WANTED

Pair of Wellington Boots Size 4 – any colour or pattern - no holes please!
Contact Jill in the Parish Office if you can help!

Creation Care in March 2026

World Wildlife Day is 3 March. This UN-designated day celebrates the world's wild animals and plants, their importance to ecosystems, and the threats they face. The 2026 theme highlights medicinal and aromatic plants and their role in health, heritage and livelihoods, while drawing attention to threats such as habitat loss and illegal trade. Pray for greater awareness and protection of wildlife and the natural resources we depend on. **Earth Hour** is a global event where people turn off non-essential lights for one hour to show care for the environment. This year it takes place from 8:30–9:30pm on 28 March. Earth Hour encourages positive action for the planet. Consider lighting a candle and reflecting on God's love for creation. Pray for justice for those most vulnerable to climate change and ask God what actions He invites you to take.

HOLY WEEK (30 March) As we journey through Holy Week, pray for a time of reflection, peace and renewal for all. May this week be an opportunity to rededicate ourselves to God's work and give thanks for the ultimate sacrifice of Jesus on the cross. Pray that His presence deepens our relationship with God, strengthens our relationships with one another, and inspires us to care for and protect His creation. Arocha.org.uk

New Dishwasher has arrived!

Thank you very much to everyone who contributed so generously to the Dishwasher Replacement Fund. We are thrilled to announce that on Monday 2nd January our new dishwasher arrived.



The delivery men arrived in a huge van at 8.15am and dropped off the new dishwasher whilst also removing the old one. The installation engineer worked hard to get the machine installed and working within 3 hours. We are now up and running to everyone's delight! Full user guides can be found on the top of the dishwasher.



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 are also looking for ***baby clothing*** for babies of ***0-6 months of age***. They are especially in need of ***warm Snowsuits*** to keep them extra safe and cosy during these cold winter/spring months.

If you think you can help, please pop into the Parish Office for more details or to drop off your donations.
Thank you.



Cleaning Services:

Do you require some help around the home?

Reliable local lady is looking for additional hours during the week.

Full references available.

Please contact the Parish Office for details.

A Brief History of Christ Church

In mediaeval times there had been a chantry Chapel on the site of Christ Church, but it was swept away, together with most of its kind, in 1549, and for 200 years there was no regular place of worship in Harrogate.

In 1743 proposals were made for the erection of St. John's Chapel and the building was completed in 1749. The Chapel was built on the site of what today is the Parish Centre. There were trees growing very close to it and a low wall surrounding its burial ground. (Figure 1).

The history of the Christian community here is bound up with Harrogate's development as a spa town stop. As the population of Harrogate grew, it was decided to build a new church.

In 1831 the new church was completed and the 82-year-old Chapel demolished (Figure 2). It had no chancel and no transepts, no lady Chapel, no porches. The interior of the Chapel was probably whitewashed. Underneath the church, extending for the whole length of the nave, is a vaulted crypt. The total cost of the new church was £4500. The Chapel income was derived from compulsory church rates which were levied on parishioners and occupiers of land within the Township. Coal for heating the building cost well under £1 each year up to the end of the 18th century.

By the end of 1859 churches were all flourishing. Many new churches were being built, and old ones restored or enlarged.

In 1860 it was decided to consider proposals for enlarging the church to meet the requirements of a greatly increasing residential population (the 1861 census showed the population for the whole of Harrogate to be 5567).

In 1862 the North and South transepts were added, together with a chancel (Figure 3). A new vestry was added on the South side of the new chancel and an organ chapel on the north side (this has subsequently become the Lady Chapel, 1908).

The vestry was later extended in 1921.

The wall behind the altar under the east window was covered with a handsomely carved and enriched reredos. The 1862 reredos can no longer be seen, but it is understood to still be in situ behind the present one, (installed 1939).

A porch and stairs were added at either side of the tower.

In 1988 the sale of the old school building in Church Square enabled a beautiful Parish Centre to be built adjoining the northwest corner of the church, consisting of a hall, meeting rooms, kitchen, and offices (Figure 4). Throughout its history Christ Church has always been a thriving focal point for the local community, always well supported. Situated in the middle of the beautiful Stray it offers a wonderful location for peace and prayer. Christ Church celebrates its bicentennial in 2031...only 5 years away...prepare yourself for the Celebrations!

God Bless,
Brian Hamilton
References...

History of Christ Church, High Harrogate...Kenneth John Brock
Google.

Figure 1. St, John's Chapel 1749

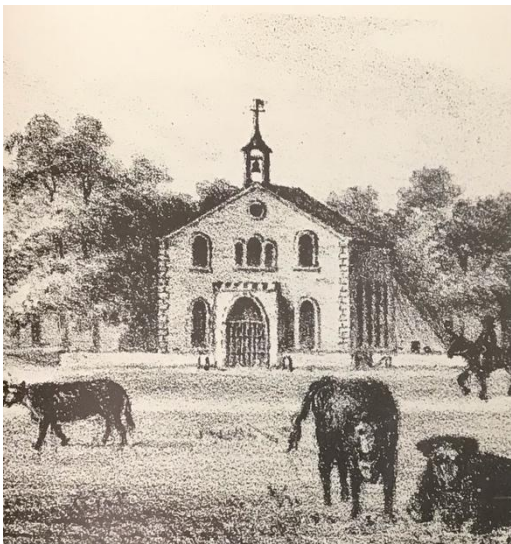


Figure 2. Christ Church 1832



Figure 3 Christ Church 1862

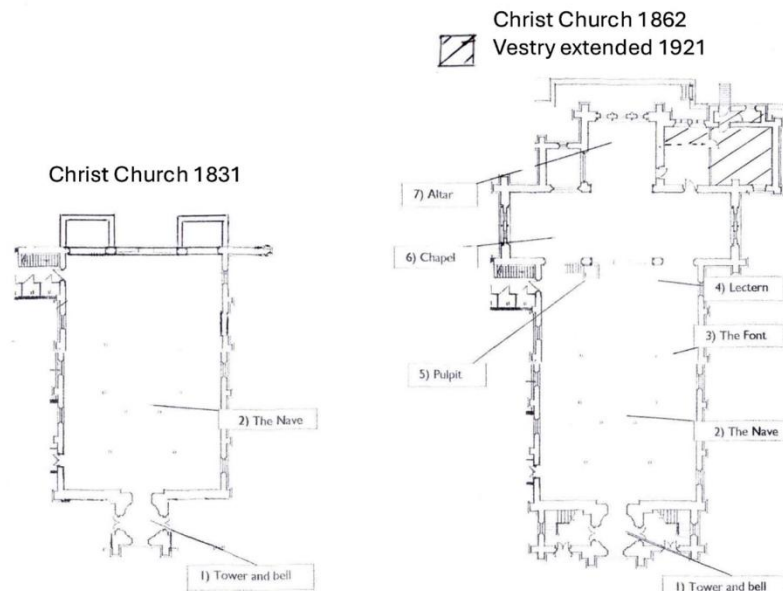


Figure 4 Christ Church with Parish Centre 1988



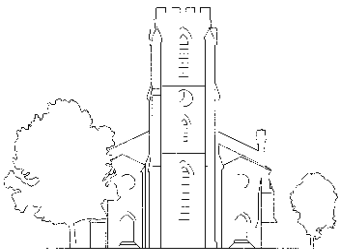
Addition of transepts and chancel.

Note... My sketches below show how the main body of Christ Church was developed since 1831.



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.

Volunteer roles - Northern Van Coordinator

We're excited to share a new opportunity for an existing volunteer who enjoys admin tasks and would like to take on a coordinating role for our Northern van.

This role involves overseeing and coordinating the Northern van's activities, helping to ensure everything runs smoothly behind the scenes. It's ideal for someone who is organised, proactive, and happy communicating with team members.

- Can be done alongside your current volunteer role
- Fully remote – can be carried out from anywhere
- Flexible and manageable alongside other commitments

If you're interested in supporting in this way or would like to find out more, please get in touch!

Go to <https://www.twam.uk/volunteer> and follow the links.

Van Team



Join one of our TWAM Van Teams and become a vital part of our mission to send refurbished tools to African skills centres for livelihood creation.

TWAM Vans collect tools that are donated to us, either from volunteer collectors or members of the public, and bring them back to our Refurbishment Centres. There are driving roles, van management roles, and van administrator roles.

We have vans based in Ipswich, Rugby, Leeds, Maidstone, and Aldershot, and are particularly looking for van team members in **Leeds** and **Kent**. Use the buttons below to apply today or to find our other roles.

Kent

Leeds

Other roles



We are pleased to bring you an update from one of our tool recipients overseas!

Fly Deaf Inclusive is a community training centre on the outskirts of Lusaka, Zambia. They support deaf people across the local area, helping them gain skills, confidence, and a path to independence. One inspiring example is **Charity**, one of their very first trainees.

When the centre opened, Charity stepped forward to learn and to lead. She soon became the secretary, keeping minutes and financial records while also being the first to train, so she could help others. Her passion is tailoring. ***“If you put the work in, you see the reward,”*** she says. ***“I was doing nothing before—now I have something I can work hard for.”***

Charity lives with her parents and siblings and is raising her young child with limited support. Through tailoring, she is building a future where she can provide for her family. Already, she hand-makes ribbons and decorations that bring her joy and pride. Her dream is to design and sell dresses to her community. With luck, one day she will open her own shop.

This is the impact TWAM makes: skills that last, dignity through work, and hopes turned into means.

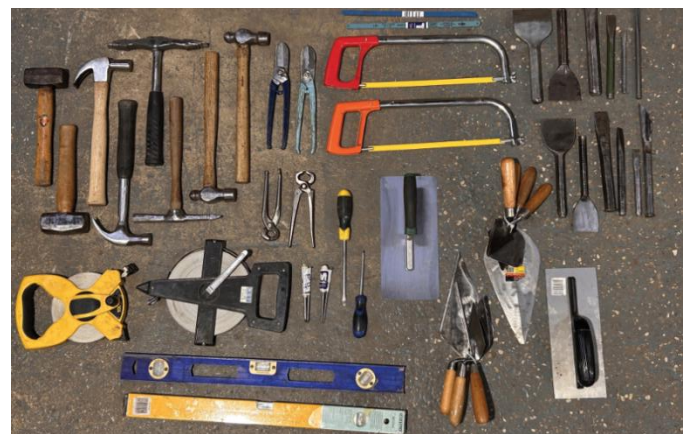
Tools for the UK



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.



*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

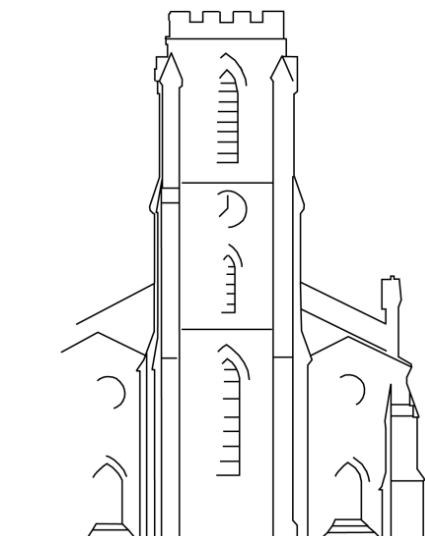
(to be confirmed)

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.

‘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**

We Need Your Help to Keep Our Kitchen Open and Our Community Nourished

At Harrogate Homeless Project, we rely on the kindness and commitment of our local community to help us support people experiencing homelessness across Harrogate. One of the most vital parts of our work is ensuring that everyone who comes through our doors has access to nutritious meals. Regular food donations make this possible—and right now, we urgently need volunteers to help us keep this lifeline running smoothly.

Immediate Need: Food Collection Volunteers

Our food collections from local supermarkets and suppliers are essential to maintaining the level of support we currently provide. These donations allow us to plan meals, reduce costs, and ensure that no one goes without. To continue delivering this service effectively, we are looking for volunteers who can take on one or more of our weekly collection routes.

If you have access to your own vehicle and can commit to a regular collection slot, we would be incredibly grateful. Even a small amount of your time can make a significant and immediate difference to the people who rely on us every day.

If this sounds like something you could help with, please email volunteer@hhphostel.org or ring 01423 566900 —your support will help us sustain and strengthen this vital part of our service.

More Ways to Get Involved

While food collection volunteers are our most urgent need right now, we offer a wide range of other rewarding roles for those who want to make a positive impact in the community. Whether you're interested in supporting our hostel residents, helping at Springboard, assisting with events, or offering skills in administrative or practical roles, there are many ways to get involved.

View our current volunteer vacancies

<https://www.harrogate-homeless-project.org.uk/get-involved/volunteering/>

Volunteering with Harrogate Homeless Project is flexible, fulfilling, and makes a genuine difference to people rebuilding their lives. Whatever time or talents you can offer, we'd love to welcome you to the team.



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



The Harrogate School of Theology and Mission

Unlocking the wisdom of John's Gospel

This lively group continues to meet monthly, alternating Seminars and Lectures from visiting speakers.

The most recent event focused on David Ford's

Commentary on John's Gospel, which is widely regarded

as a new profound and insightful commentary. Ford shows how John emphasises the reality of the Spirit abiding in us, the lived reality of eternal life, with profound and practical inspiration and guidance to disciples of Jesus. Ford reveals John's deep challenges and the Spirit's invitation to us to participate in its continuing, surprising and unfolding work in the world. Of clear relevance to our troubled times, Ford sees John as giving his readers **a global horizon that "can unite them with the desire of Jesus for an ultimate unity of all people and all creation in love and peace."**

In this seminar, Revd Ian Johnston, who has been a leader of Bible Studies based on Ford's Commentary, provided an introduction to this remarkable work.



Next Lecture: Saturday March 28th (*note the change of date*)



Janet Williams's live lecture entitled ***Julian of Norwich and the Last Judgement***.

The lecture will still take place at St Mark's Church, Leeds Road between 10am and 12noon (with breakfast from 9.30am).

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.

Janet studied Classics and Philosophy at Oxford University before completing a Masters Degree in Patristic Theology at Oxford, and a PhD in Religious Studies with the University of Winchester. A stint in investment banking in London and Tokyo was followed by a career in education, teaching Religious Studies, Theology, Classics, and Philosophy at universities and colleges in Japan and the UK. Ordained in Gloucester in 2009, she served as a Minister in Secular Employment before taking up leadership of the West of England Ministry Training Course in 2012. She joined St Hild Theological College as Vice Principal in summer 2018 and lives in Mirfield.

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/>

Harrogate
Mothers' UNION

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*

Email: valcpreece@gmail.com

or phone 01423 879620 or 07855 647603

Harrogate Mothers' Union

Programme 2026

Tuesday 3rd March - AGM

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

The 100 Club Draw

Ongoing

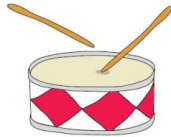
Each number will cost £5 per month. People may pay for as many months in advance as they wish. The number(s) can be paid for in cash, by bank transfer or by standing order. Contact Norman for details.

The next draw will take place on Sunday 1st March

(April's draw will be on Sunday 5th April)

February's Winning Numbers are:

**AND THE
WINNERS ARE ...**



1st Prize £80.00 number 52

2nd Prize £50.00 number 1

3rd Prize £30.00 number 51

Bonus Prize £30.00 number 44

Since June 2019, £12345 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?**

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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: 11th March

Please contact the Parish Office for more information

Tel: 01423 530750 or

Email: info@christchurchharrogate.org.uk



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OPPORTUNITY AT CHRIST
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Harrogate and District Foodbank



First of all, THANK YOU for your continued generous support during this cold and extremely wet period of weather.

The first week of February was the busiest week our four local Foodbanks have ever experienced with food parcels being distributed to 168 people. The Knaresborough Foodbank actually ran out of supplies and more had to be urgently delivered from the warehouse. Our last delivery to the foodbank warehouse was a huge one thanks to your generosity! We took many boxes filled the essential ingredients to make hot, nourishing meals. This included tinned meat, instant mashed potatoes, tinned vegetables, sponge puddings, custard and tinned rice puddings. This was in addition to coffee, long life milk and long-life fruit juice plus toiletry essentials.

Despite this, the Foodbank's urgent needs this month are:
Toilet rolls Tinned fruit Long-life fruit juice


However, the way things are flying out of the warehouse anything that can be used to provide warming meals would be greatly appreciated.

I am continuing to deliver your donations on a fortnightly basis. Thinking of the near future - following on from the success of collecting Chocolate Selection Boxes for the children at Christmas shall we try and do something similar by collecting Easter chocolate treats before the end of March? I promise I wont be tempted to sample the goods 😊

Please keep your donations coming. Christ Church remains one of the biggest donors to the Foodbank after two of our local supermarkets.

Thank you so much!

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>.

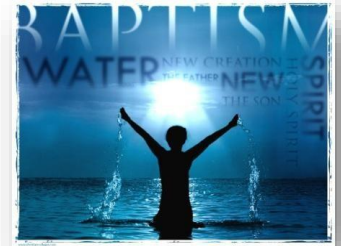
From the FEBRUARY Registers

Holy Baptisms :

Sunday 1st February:

Frederick Oscar HARRIS

Sienna Esme Elizabeth HARRIS



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Weddings in church :

There were no weddings this month



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Services at Stonefall Crematorium :

There were no funeral services at Stonefall this month

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Funeral Services in church :

Thursday 12th February:

Anthea Mary CROSSWAITE

Thursday 26th February:

Kathleen Marguerite PICKLES

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Burials of Ashes :


There were no Burials of Ashes this month





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- children's parties
- exercise classes
- group meetings
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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)
- 19.30 – 21.30 Spa Sweethearts WI (2nd Thursday of each month)

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

