

Christ Church High Harrogate



Ascension Day - Thursday 14th May

GRAPEVINE £1.00
May 2026

**Knareborough Choral Society
St. Asaph Choral Society
Harrogate Philharmonic Orchestra**



HAYDN: THE CREATION

40th Anniversary Celebration

DANIEL RODRIGUEZ - CONDUCTOR

Eleonore Cockerham Toby Ward Andrew Greenan

RIPON CATHEDRAL

Saturday 23rd May, 7:30pm



Tickets available on website
£22 early bird
£25 at the door
Students Free
www.knareboroughchoralsociety.com

Registered charity no. 1057498

GRAPEVINE MAY 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 June 2026 edition is 22nd May

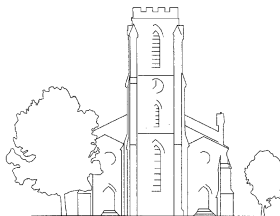


WEDDINGS & BAPTISMS

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

Parish Office

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Harrogate HG1 4SW
Tel: 01423 530750



E: info@christchurchharrogate.org.uk
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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Thank you



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WHO'S WHO at Christ Church, High Harrogate



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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)

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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

MAY comes, and brings ASCENSION DAY (14th), WHITSUN or PENTECOST (24th), and ELECTIONS (7th). What a curious, very real, powerful and inviting combination. I came across this poem _

The Holy Spirit

Come with birds' voices when the light grows dim
Yet lovelier in departure and more clear :
While the warm flush hangs yet at heavens' rim,
And the one star shines clear.

Though the swift night haste to approaching day
Stay thou and stir not, brooding on the deep :
Thy secret love, thy silent word let say
Within the senses' sleep.

Softer than dew. But where the morning wind
Blows down the world, O Spirit ! show thy power :
Quicken the dreams within the languid mind
And bring thy seed to flower!

Evelyn Underhill (1875 - 1941)

'The Lion Christian Poetry Collection', comp. Mary Batchelor, 1995 ; P.323

- I thought at first as I began to read, '*I do not understand this at all.*' But then, as I continued and came to its conclusion _ '*I do ; at least in part ; and enough.*' As with ASCENSION, I can encourage only to "*see where it takes us*", what sense and heart and intention does it make us Feel ? So also PENTECOST (Whitsun). God rises and God comes. We know it, even though something in our little, little grey cells struggles against it, and for some it always will. Which has to be true. True. For God does not come in one mere way, else how would the Spirit be spirit, and not but a fixed person in time and place ? God created - called & guided - sent wisdom & invited - walked amongst, died & rose - having shown us the way, departed - leaving wide open the example of a trusting soul _ that we would wait, and follow in such a frame, and in turn receive the Truth of God : present and powerful in all his ways, up and down ; for us to reach out and bless the world around us, by his life, hope & loving glory growing within. The 14th, 24th, and 7th _ and every day besides. The Lord be with you. x Mt.

The Annual Parishioners Meeting

(APM)

for the election of churchwardens
immediately followed by

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting

(APCM)

will take place on

Sunday, 10th May 2026 at 11:30am

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

CAN YOU HELP?

'Happy Wanderers' Little Red Bus drivers are needed
for Sunday morning 10am services.

We are looking for additional
drivers to join our Sunday
morning rota. If you would like
to join the team or would like
to find out more, please
contact Team Leader Rowena
Wright via the Parish Office.

Thank you.



Junior Church & Creche

Dear Christ Church Junior Church,

We were so touched to receive your wonderful donation of £107 following your tombola. What a fabulous idea for a fundraiser!!

Thank you so much for continuing to raise awareness and support for Open Arms. It comes at a brilliant time, as we've been running a school meal appeal in support of our Nursery School children this month and hope you are happy for us to use your gift in this way.

Open Arms provides over 600 children with free pre-school education and a nutritious bowl of fortified porridge every weekday through nine, community-led Nursery Schools. This makes such a difference to these young children – not only supporting their health, growth and development through what is often their only meal of the day, but giving them the energy and incentive to go to nursery every day, so they can learn, play and build the best foundation for future schooling and success.

The money you raised will provide 11 of these children with school meals for a whole month. And at the moment, all donations are being doubled by a generous match funder – so actually you've helped to provide **22 children with a month of life-changing school meals!**

To see just what an impact these meals make, you can read about a little boy called Gracious [here](#) – just one of many hundreds of children who have and are benefiting from this support.



Thank you again for always remembering Open Arms and for all the care and effort you put in to help build brighter futures for vulnerable children in Malawi. It is hugely appreciated ❤️

With every blessing and heartfelt thanks from all of us,

Gayle Dowling

Fundraiser, Open Arms Malawi

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.

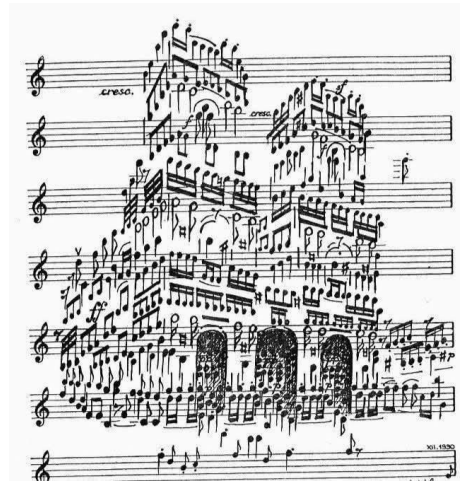
Other activities involving Junior Church throughout the year are outlined in newsletters to parents.

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

Music Notes

Our electric piano in the Choir Vestry, which has been an invaluable resource for choir practices for many years, is now very old and in extremely poor health. You only have to come and see us while we are rehearsing to understand what I mean. You will, of course, be greeted by the sounds of wonderful singing, but the sounds from the piano are more akin to the groans and growls of what I have described as a very hungry sea monster waiting impatiently to be fed than a musical instrument! The piano has been temporarily repaired in the past, but it has become apparent that money would now be better invested in a new instrument. Since digital pianos were invented, massive strides forward have been made in improving not only the technical capabilities, but also the tonal quality and versatility of such instruments. It is my belief that we should be looking to purchase an instrument which will serve us ably for many years as a regular rehearsal piano, but which can also be moved fairly easily into the church itself for use both as a solo piano recital instrument and also a versatile instrument for accompanying soloists and ensembles.



To achieve this, the church has agreed to set up an account dedicated solely to raising funds to buy the best possible instrument we can afford. Our Junior Choristers have volunteered to take charge of the fundraising and publicity for this project, and you will be able to read more of this elsewhere in this magazine. It is the choristers' intention to display regular progress reports on events and funds raised on a dedicated notice board in the concourse for everyone to view. I am immensely proud of the girls for their enthusiasm and dedication, and I hope that you will feel able to support their efforts over the coming months in whatever ways you can.

David Darling

Christ Church family – we need you!

Many of you have commented on how much you have enjoyed hearing some of the new pieces we have introduced, but the sounds currently coming from the Choir Vestry piano are the total opposite!

The Vestry piano, which has served the choir for many years, is making choir rehearsals extremely difficult due to the grumbling noises it is making. The piano has been making strange noises for some time; now it is getting extremely bad and making it difficult to concentrate. (It is a miracle that it made it through Holy Week and Easter Day, I didn't think for one moment that it would survive!) The noises it is producing sound a bit like a grumbling tummy, and it won't become quiet. It is making it very hard to hear and listen to the accompaniment.

David has many important things to teach us, and the piano makes it hard for us to learn from him. The piano in the Vestry has already been repaired in the past but is now beyond fixing. Therefore, we urgently need to buy a new piano to replace the old one.

As church funds are limited, the Junior Choristers are determined to raise the money for a new piano. The price for this instrument varies depending on its make and what sound quality it can produce. If we are able to buy a good piano, it will be able to serve us for many years, it will have a good sound quality, tone and capability, and it can be moved into the church to attract pianists from the local area to play at our lunchtime recitals.

The choir means a lot to me, and it has given us all many opportunities that we will not forget:

- Bethany (our head chorister) successfully auditioned and is a member of the National Youth Choir.
- I got the opportunity to sing Choral Evensong at Ripon Cathedral.
- Bethany, Isla and I sang solos at the Harrogate Competitive Festival (Bethany won the Senior Northern Chorister Class!).
- Myself and some other choir members sang Handel's Messiah at Pannal.

- Our Church Choir joined with other choirs from the local area to sing a Choral Evensong including the debut performance of David's own piece, Bless O Lord.

To buy the piano, the Junior Choristers are busy making things to sell and thinking of ways to help raise funds. Watch this space for further ways you can support us!

If you wish to give a donation (however big or small) that will be gratefully received to get us started! 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 : -

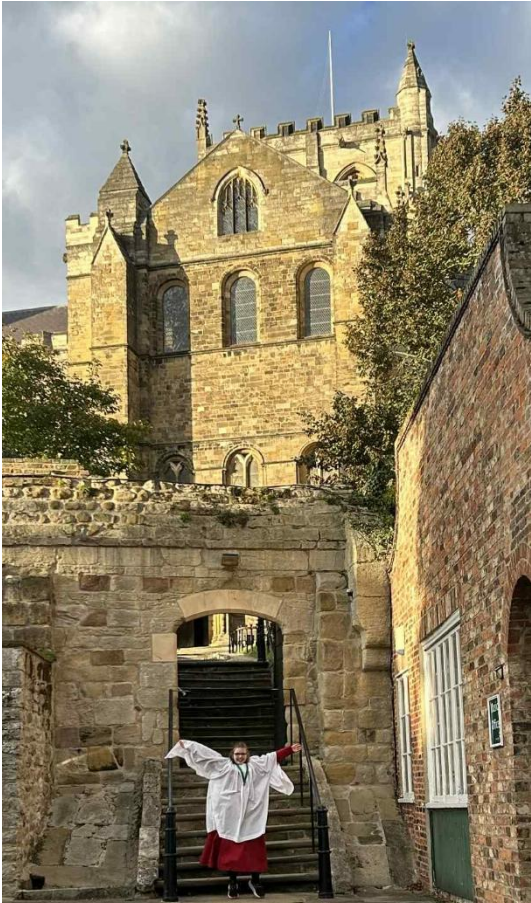
1. By **Bank Transfer** to:
Christ Church Parochial Church Council Harrogate
Sort Code 20 – 37 – 13 Account Number 1 0 2 4 9 1 5 7
Please make your payment reference 'Choir Piano'
2. By **cash** in a marked envelope and handed to Hannah, Bethany, David Darling, a church warden or to Jill in the Parish 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.



Isla, Bethany and Hannah at the Harrogate Competitive Festival



Hannah and David at Pannal



Hannah at Ripon Cathedral



Bethany at the National Youth Choir

*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

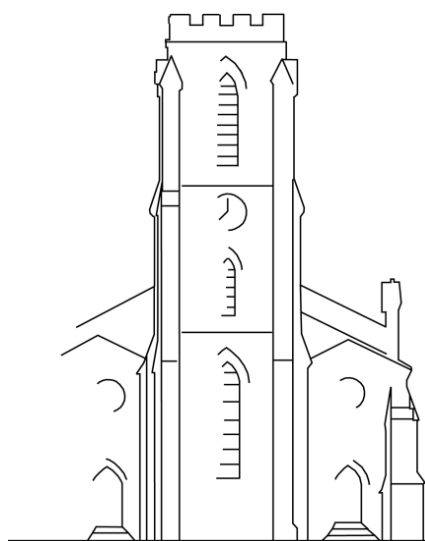
(to be confirmed)

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.

HOW DO I MAKE MY FAITH COUNT?

Come along and find out...

Events 2026

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

For more details email vocations@leeds.anglican.org

Registration via Eventbrite

Contacts

Exploring Vocation Together



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Administrator

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Revd Canon Sean Robertshaw
Diocesan Director of Vocations
sean.robertshaw@leeds.anglican.org



**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

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

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

COUNTRY FOCUS UK

We have started to see applications come in for the UK and its so exciting being able to help local charities and meet the people coming to collect tools. Pictured below is a charity called 'Grow Wild Outreach' who collected their tools from Rugby this week.

Grow Wild is a national community here in the UK, providing nature-based opportunities for children and adults with additional needs. This includes autism, SEND, and mental health challenges.

TWAM was proud to supply gardening tools and a table saw, amongst others, to Anthony and the Grow Wild team.



PLEASE CAN YOU HELP

We are very low on all laptop bags and would love if you could help us spread the word to get more donated to us - so that we can safely send our laptops to people requesting tools.

HOSTS NEEDED.....

Cuore is fast becoming recognised as the North's leading young professional chamber orchestra. These young professional orchestral members are all aged between 22 and 30 and are based mainly in the UK, but a good number of them fly in from Europe to perform with the orchestra.

To help keep the costs down for this newly formed group, Cuore has a network of hosts that support over a three-day period leading up to a concert.

In June, I am looking to host 42 players. Whilst I have half covered already, I am still looking to find hosts for a further 20 players. If you think you can help, please could you contact me on my email address paul@cuorechamberorchestra.com and I can let you know more about how hosting works. The dates in question are Thursday evening 25 June until Sunday morning 28 June.

With many thanks for your help with this.

Paul Dutton (Logistics Manager Cuore Chamber Orchestra Ltd).

Cuore Chamber Orchestra upcoming concert

Saturday 9th May

St Wilfrid's Church, Harrogate

Time: 07:30 PM

Tickets: £5 / £30

Reserve your tickets:

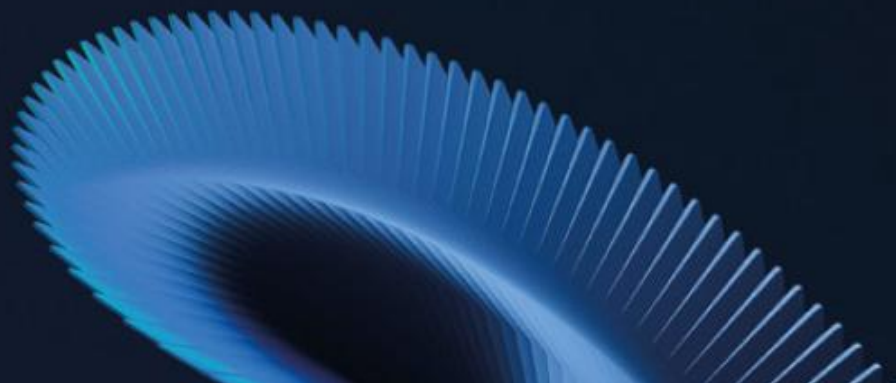
W. cuorechamberorchestra.com

T. 07810 512961

A celebration of Joseph Haydn

Featuring Soloist Cansin Kara

**Cuore
Chamber
Orchestra**



‘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**

Thank you so much for responding to the Easter Challenge and donating so many Easter Eggs and other chocolate items that meant the no underprivileged children in our area missed out on an Easter treat. In fact, a bit like the “Feeding of the 5000” there is still some left over as treats for the weeks to come.

When we visited the foodbank warehouse in mid-April, stocks seemed to be low, but this was mainly due to the Easter break when supplies from the local Supermarkets had not been collected. We delivered a lot of their “most needed” items and thanks to your generosity we were able to take some of the more expensive items such as tins of ham, minced beef with onions, tins of stewed steak, tins of meatballs in tomato sauce and tins of chicken in white sauce. So along with the instant mashed potato, tins of vegetables, tins of fruit and custard we provided all the components of really nourishing meals – thank you so much.

As ever there are always shortages – these are the current ones:

- Long-life cartons of milk

- Long-life fruit juice

- Tinned fruit

- Custard

- Table sauces – tomato ketchup or brown sauce

- Toothpaste


- Washing up liquid

However, as usual, all donations of any kind will be gratefully received just as long as they don’t contain any traces of alcohol.

Christ Church remains one of the biggest donors to the Foodbank after two of our local supermarkets. Take a look at the statistics that have been posted on the notice board in the concourse.

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>.



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



Christian Aid Week 10th – 16th May 2026

This month, our church shares with many others the annual challenge to support the work of Christian Aid - work which I've seen at first hand.

Let's take an opportunity to pray for its international work, for all who live in conditions of war, famine, disaster and destitution, not of their making.

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

Please return your envelopes on or by 16th May.

Also, don't forget to WEAR RED for CHRISTIAN AID on Sunday 10th May and make a donation for the delight and privilege of having done so!!

Please give as generously as you are able.

Thank you, Ian Shelton and the Christian Aid Team



Would you like to join the Christ Church Sound Team?



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

Full training will be given.

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

The Stained Glass Windows of Christ Church.

Following a description of the Great East Window in (Grapevine December 2025) and the Reredos (Grapevine February 2026) this article completes a review of all the remaining stained-glass windows of Christ Church.

Nave windows and entrance hall



Nave South side...

1. Crucifixion
2. Give me understanding that I may learn thy commandments.
3. Ascension



4. Christ appearing to Mary Magdalene



5. Sympathy with sick and afflicted. (entrance hall)

Nave north side.



6. Nativity, in the stable.

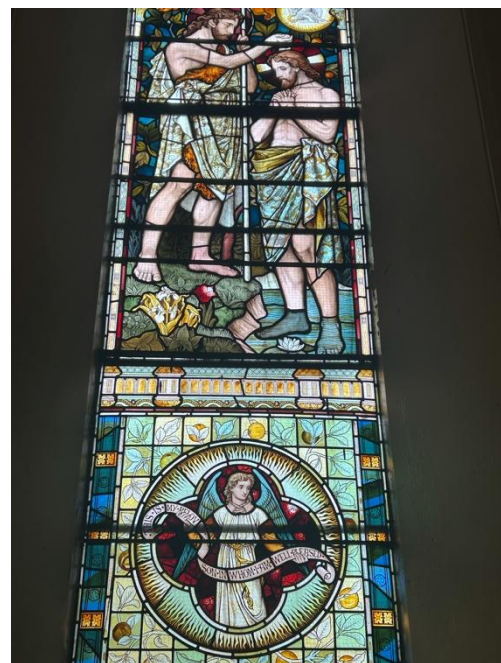


7. In the morning shall my prayer prevent thee.

South transept, Tower and Lady's Chapel



South transept.
8. St. Peter and St. Andrew.



Tower
9. Baptism of our Lord

East of Tower.



10. First steps of Jesus to Crucifixion.



Lady Chapel
11. North window...Mary



12. East window...Jesus

Descriptions...

1. Crucifixion
2. Give me understanding that I may learn thy commandments.
(Ps. 119 v. 73)

3. Ascension to Heaven.
4. Christ appearing to Mary Magdalene.
5. Sympathy with sick and afflicted. (Ps.35 v.14).
Note: this picture has been installed back to front'
6. Nativity. The stable showing Jesus in the crib with Mary, his mother, and an angel
in attendance...shared with the animals.
7. In the morning shall my prayer prevent thee. (Ps. 88 v.13)
8. Saint Andrew and Saint Peter, the former with his distinctive cross in green against the background of dark blue and red. The lower panel of this light depicts the call of Andrew and Peter by the sea of Galilee. In the other light St. Peter holds his keys and an open Bible displays the words from his first Epistle. "Peace be with you all that are in Christ Jesus". Underneath is shown St. Peter receiving from the risen Christ the three-fold charge "Feed my sheep," while beside him burns the fire of coals on the shore of the lake (end of St. John's gospel).
9. Displays the baptism of our Lord by John the Baptist. Apart from the main subject there is a realistic representation of aquatic and water side plants - Iris, Tulip, white water Lily, and Arrowhead are shown in the bottom left-hand corner.
Also shows Holy Spirit, in the form of a dove, top right.
Below shows Angel with wings confirming with God the baptism of Jesus...." 'This is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased'.
10. First steps of Jesus with the cross watched by his mother, Mary, and a Roman centurion.
11. Mary, the annunciation... the Christian celebration of the Archangel Gabriel's announcement to the Virgin Mary that she would conceive and bare Jesus, the Son of God.
The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee...Behold the handmaid of the Lord.
12. Jesus...Symbolises the Baptism of Our Lord...Behold the Lamb of God...
This is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased.

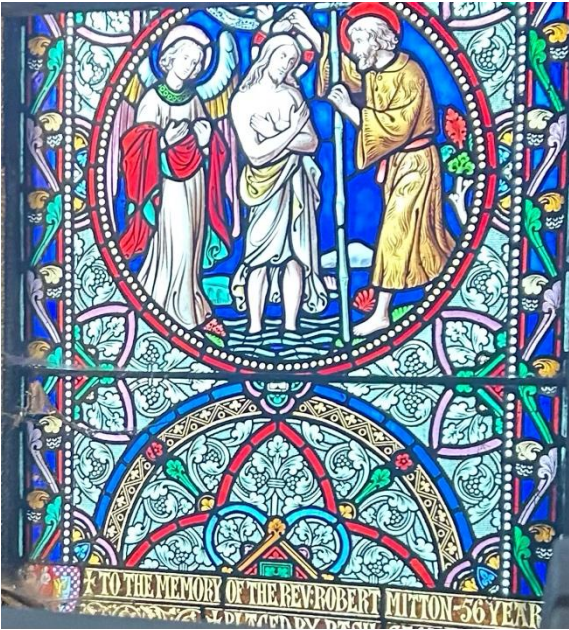
North transept...

In addition to the above there is a memorial window in the North transept, now hidden by the organ.

With the invaluable help of David, we managed to gain access to the loft behind the organ and take some 'part' pictures of the window between the beams and pipes. Here are our best interpretations.

They show that the windows do exist in prime form.

There are six subjects portrayed.



13. Christ's baptism...Luke 3 v.21
God's voice is heard
'You are my Son'.



14. Pool of Bethesda...Jesus
healing a man, paralysed for 38 yrs



15. Pool of Siloam...Jesus healing a
blind man.

The three pictures hidden from view are:

16. Moses with Israelites in the desert, striking water from the rock...Exodus 17 v.1-7

17. Naaman bathing in Jordan to be cured of his leprocy...2 Kings 5 v.10

18. Samaritan woman at the well. Jesus shows equality against prejudice ...John 4 v.7

The windows with their religious descriptions are quite amazing. The quality of the pictures is outstanding, and we encourage everyone to take some time to digest the Biblical stories told on the windows while appreciating the talent and expertise of the people who made them possible.

Love, peace and joy to everyone.

Brian Hamilton and Fr. Tony Callan-Travis

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*

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Harrogate Mothers' Union Programme 2026

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

Tuesday 2nd June - Outing to York Gate gardens.

Tuesday 7th July - Tea Party

We do not meet in August



Ladies Circle

Woodlands Methodist Church
Wetherby Road, Harrogate

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

Forthcoming talks.....

- 13th May History of Harrogate Civic Society with *A Brown*
10th June 'Yorkshire Lass' Playwright in New York
with *Jennifer Hayes*
24th June A Musical Evening with *B Allen*
8th July A Call & Vocation to work with the Visually Impaired
with *Revd C Taylor*

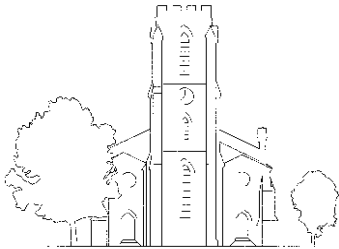
Visitors always welcome. £1 for refreshments.

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

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 3rd May
(June's draw will be on Sunday 7th June)

April's Winning Numbers are:

**AND THE
WINNERS ARE ...**



1st Prize £80.00 number 99
2nd Prize £50.00 number 23
3rd Prize £30.00 number 62
Bonus Prize £30.00 number 54

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
'phone 01423 819374 or 0783 3364 336

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

CONNECT

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: 13th May

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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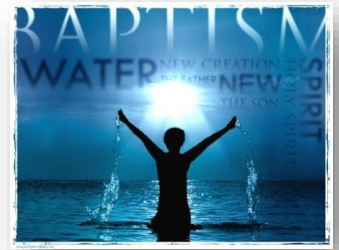
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From the APRIL Registers

Holy Baptisms :

There were no baptisms in April

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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 :

Friday 24th April – Antony 'Tony' BLAND

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Burials of Ashes :

Wednesday 8th April – Peter John Alcock OSBORNE



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.

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Website: christchurchharrogate.org.uk

What's on in the Parish Centre?

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

Mondays:

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

Tuesdays:

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

Wednesdays:

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

Thursdays:

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

Fridays:

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

Saturdays:

Christ Church

