

# ST PETER'S NEWS

What's happening and how to pray - Feb 2026

*You show me the path of life.  
In your presence there is fullness of joy;  
Words from The Bible, Psalm 16*

I've been reflecting lately on success and flourishing - and whether we sometimes confuse the former with the latter. Success is usually seen as 'doing well' - gaining qualifications; having a good & well-paid job; getting promotions; owning your own home; seeing the children well-settled in their own work and lives. A nice car/ holidays/ TV bundle might also feature in what our ideas of 'success' look like.

Isn't it funny though - that we can have all of those things, and yet not flourish? Perhaps even feel a little trapped by them, pressured to keep doing, keep achieving, keep paying. And on the flip-side - isn't interesting to notice that individuals and communities can flourish - experience joy, peace, community, contentment - without any of the outward 'trimmings' of success?

Following the Jesus-way, exploring the Christian life - is about flourishing, not success. It's about living in the world in such a way that I - and those around me - experience joy, peace, community and contentment - Whether the 'outward trimmings' of success are present or not. That's what makes the Jesus-way, the Christian life, so radical, and as relevant today as it was 2,000+ years ago. This Jesus-way, this Christian life - is what we try and explore together on a Sunday morning. It's what we are offering people a chance to find out more about through our Start Course (see 'Dates for your diary', opposite, and check out our Facebook page for more details). It's not an easy way, and it doesn't guarantee success... but it offers something worth far more. May God show us the path of life, the way of flourishing - and give us the courage to choose it. With every blessing as always,

*Rachel*

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**Mon 2<sup>nd</sup> & Mon 16<sup>th</sup> Feb -**

**Bible Study House Group** at Peter & Debbie's. No Bible knowledge required! Tea, coffee, cake and fellowship.

**Tues 10<sup>th</sup> Feb - 12pm - Community Lunch**

at the Jubilee Hall. Book your place by emailing  
[rawdonscommunitylunch@gmail.com](mailto:rawdonscommunitylunch@gmail.com)

**Wed 18<sup>th</sup> Feb - 11am - Ash Wednesday communion service and soup lunch**

A deeply meaningful time of worship and fellowship to mark the start of Lent.

**Mon 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb - 7:30pm - Start -**

**God, Jesus and the Journey of life in six sessions.**

An opportunity to explore the Christian faith in a relaxed, group setting over six weeks. Weekly in Rawdon Library

**Fri 27<sup>th</sup> Feb - 7 to 8:30pm - Youth Club**

For school years 5 - 9. A safe space to have some fun with friends.

**LEEDS AREA LENT QUIET DAY  
Saturday, March 7, 9am - 12pm  
Leeds Minster**

Led by Revd Janet Williams, Vice Principal of St Hild College. deep tea  
This Quiet morning will include some reflections on finding every day a 'holy day', on being held by God in season and out of season, and on the transfiguration of time.

Janet is a wonderful, warm and deep teacher of the faith. You are encouraged to bring whatever helps you reflect - such as a journal, knitting, or doodle pad. To book, go to  
[www.leeds.anglican.org/calendar/42](http://www.leeds.anglican.org/calendar/42)

## NEWS ROUND UP

### A NEW LOOK TO SUNDAYS FROM 1<sup>ST</sup> MARCH

Following over 18 months of exploration, conversation and prayer, Sundays will have a different look at St Peter's from the start of March.

#### **9:30am - Sunday Worship**

*A more contemporary service, with communion twice a month. Our children's activities run in this service.*

#### **10:30am - Coffee for both congregations**

*It's not Sunday morning without a chance to chat over coffee! Those worshiping at 11am are invited to arrive from 10:20am.*

#### **11am - Holy Communion**

*A traditional communion service with organ and piano accompaniment to our sung worship.*

### ST PETER'S GAINS FIRST ECO-CHURCH AWARD!

Eco Church is a scheme run by charity A Rocha UK, that equips churches to care for God's creation through their worship, buildings, land, community engagement, and individual lifestyles. **We are delighted to announce that St Peter's have been awarded the 'Eco Church Bronze Award'.**

The small team responsible for applying for our award pay tribute to 'the collective commitment to environmental stewardship and sustainable practices within our church community.' Our efforts to recycle, reduce energy consumption, care for and encourage biodiversity in our outdoor spaces all meant that we were able to meet the criteria for this award. Our next step is to develop an action plan that will lead us toward the Eco Church Silver Award... and more importantly than that, that will help us to continue to take meaningful steps towards a more sustainable future. If this is something you'd like to be involved in, please speak to Peter Marsh.

## WORSHIP & PRAYER IN & FEB & MARCH

### **Sundays in Feb at 8am - Said Communion Service**

*A simple, quiet service in traditional language.*

#### **Sun 1<sup>st</sup> Feb - All Age Candlemas worship**

*With a candlemas procession*

#### **Sun 8th Feb - Holy Communion**

*with Key Club*

#### **Sun 15th Feb - Morning Worship**

*with Key Club*

#### **Sun 22nd Feb - Holy Communion**

*with Healing Prayer and Key Club*

### **Sundays in March at 9:30am - Sunday Worship**

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### **Sundays in March at 11am - Holy Communion**

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### **Tuesdays at 9:30am - Morning Prayer**

*Short, simple and good for the soul. Around 20 mins.*

## For your prayers

### **Please pray for:**

Anyone who has used or is given a Try Praying booklet - that they might indeed experience the kindness of God through it.

Those leading and joining in our Start Course.

All in our church family/ known to us who is unwell or grieving.

World leaders in turbulent times - when we hear a leader mentioned on the news, can we send up a quick prayer, asking God have mercy, and to give wisdom.