

ST PETER'S NEWS

What's happening and how to pray - March 2026

A favourite moment in the Winter Olympics?

It seems like everyone caught at least a bit of the Winter Olympics bug in the past month... a welcome break from the dreary weather and the equally dreary news cycle!

And there's no shortage of favourite moments to choose from with this sporting event - gravity defying leaps, astounding speeds on the slopes, medal-winning moments...

My absolute favourite though, was a quirky little 'in-the-background' moment that I just happened to stumble across on the BBC news website. In an 'Unusual Olympic Jobs' interview, they spoke with one of the team of ski-ers who volunteer their time to get out on the slopes early each morning to paint the lines on the tracks! A role that takes skill & dedication, the interviewee's delight in it was evident: He knew that his effort was part of what makes all the joy and excitement of the Winter Olympics possible. It made me think of Jesus word's to his friends - 'The son of man did come to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many'. We live in a world that encourages us to think that joy is found in being the first, the best, the top of the tree. That more and bigger is always better. The life and teaching of Jesus offer us a very different perspective. In Jesus we learn that joy is not found in pushing to the front of the queue, nor in seeking all the glory, but in quiet acts of simple service that bring life and beauty to our world. Like getting up early to paint lines on the slopes, they may not be easy, they might be mundane, but they are more precious than gold (or a gold medal!) *Rachel*



FAIRTRADE RETURNS TO ST PETER'S - LAUNCHING EASTER DAY!

We're really delighted to be working to renew our 'Fairtrade Church' status, **starting with the launch of a monthly Fairtrade Stall**. We hope this is going to be a youth-led initiative that gives our young people the opportunity to experience planning and running a project. **Our first Fairtrade Stall will be after the service on Easter Day, 5th April** - so be sure to bring your pennies to spend on snacks, gifts and store cupboard staples.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Fri 6th March, 7pm -

Transport in and about Aireborough

An illustrated history talk, by Bill Jagger See over for more details and ticket info.

Tues 10th March - 12pm - Community Lunch

at the Jubilee Hall. Book your place by emailing rawdonscommunitylunch@gmail.com

Mondays in March, 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. At Rawdon Library.

Bible Study House Group is also meeting every Monday in Lent, 7:30pm at Peter & Debbie's. No Bible knowledge required! Tea, coffee, cake and fellowship.

Fri 20th March - 7 to 8:30pm - Youth Club

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

WORSHIP AND SERVICES

Sundays at 9:30am - Sunday Worship

A more contemporary service, with communion twice a month. Key Club will run in this service.

10:30am - Coffee for both congregations

Sundays at 11am - Holy Communion

A traditional communion service, with organ & piano accompaniment to our sung worship.

Tuesdays at 9:30am - Morning Prayer

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

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

Worshiping together in Holy Week is one of the most profound & moving experiences of the church year. So why not make a note now of the opportunities we have to journey through that week together this year:

Sun 29th March - Palm Sunday

At both 9:30 and 11am, we will be making space to hear and respond to the story of Jesus' final days.

Thurs 2nd April - 7pm - Remembering the Last Supper

A special, intimate communion service to remember Jesus' last supper with his friends.

Fri 3rd April - Good Friday - 2pm - An hour at the Cross

A space to gather and remember the depths of God's love for us on this most holy of days.

Sat 4th April - 7pm - Easter Eve Service of Light

Our celebration of the resurrection begins in this beautiful service with ancient roots.

Sun 5th - 10am - Easter Day Celebration

A joyful communion service bringing the whole church family together to celebrate that Christ is Risen - Alleluia!



DEANERY CONFIRMATIONS - 8TH MARCH, 7TH JUNE & 18TH OCT

Deanery confirmations will be taking place this year at St John's Yeadon, St Paul's Ireland Wood and St Chad's Headingley. Confirmation is a really special opportunity to make for yourself the promises that were made for you when you were baptised. The sessions we hold in the run up to it are a great opportunity to ask questions and explore faith further. Speak to Rachel, Linda or Carol if you'd like to know more.

TRANSPORT IN AND ABOUT AIREBOROUGH -

An illustrated talk giving a brief look at the transport and its infrastructure over the ages that affected the area of the old Aireborough UDC. People and goods have travelled between places since the earliest of times and gradually the number of journeys made has increased and the means of transport has changed. Today we take getting about easily very much for granted - it was not always so! **Tickets £5, including light refreshments, from Marian** - marianjsmith100@btinternet.com (or catch her on Sundays).

NEW MONTHLY BOARD GAMES MORNING - 9:30 to 11:30am

On the last Saturday of the month at Rawdon Cricket Club. All ages welcome, free entry, free teas and coffees, bacon butties to buy. What a great community event from our near neighbours.

For your prayers

Please pray for:

The whole church family as we begin our new service times - for fellowship, friendship and faith to thrive at St Peter's.

People who are taking part in our Start Course - that God might be at work in the time we spend together.

Families who are considering having their children baptised at St Peter's - we have one baptism in March, and three more families we are talking with about summer baptisms.

For all in our church family who are ill or grieving.