



## HEADLINE NEWS!



*Choral Evensong*  
for  
**PENTECOST**  
Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2026  
at 6.30pm

St John's Church, Bilton Lane, Harrogate, HG1 3DT

*All are welcome!*

Daventry Choral Society  
Gabriel Fauré  
**REQUIEM**  
and more



Musical Director - Laura Bailie

Accompanist - Adrian Moore

Soprano - Abigail Baylis

Bass - Matt Pandya

Sunday 7th June 2026, 3pm. Refreshments served afterwards.

St John's Church, Bilton Lane, Harrogate, HG1 3DT

[BOOK YOUR TICKETS HERE](#)

## TODAY'S SERVICES AND EVENTS

### **SUNDAY 17TH MAY** (*Seventh Sunday of Easter*)

9.00am Holy Communion (SJ)

10.30am Morning Worship (SJ)

*Readings: Acts 1:6-14; John 17:1-11*

*Hymns: AMNS 262; AMNS 157; SB 74; SB 92*

10.30am Morning Worship (SL)

*Readings: Acts 1:6-14; John 17:1-11*

*Hymns: SB 179; Living Hope; SB 117; Praise*

12.30pm Baptisms (SJ)

6-7.15pm Ignite (Year 7+ Youth Group) (SL)

# CHURCH LIFE

St John's & St Luke's Women's Group  
invites you to

## Ladies' Night at Lilypad

Friday 5th June  
From 7:30pm

Catch up with old  
friends, make some  
new ones, or bring  
someone along for  
drinks, laughs, and  
maybe a little food  
(or not - you do you!)

134 King's Road, Harrogate  
[www.lilypadharrogate.com](http://www.lilypadharrogate.com)



Thank you to everyone that  
came to last Saturday's **COFFEE  
MORNING** at St John's, a  
marvellous £591.45 was raised  
for Christian Aid.

The next coffee morning is on **Saturday 13th  
June** in St John's Church Hall, 10am-12noon.

Entrance £1 includes tea/coffee and biscuits  
(accompanied children free) and there will be  
the usual stalls: hand-made cards ~ cakes ~  
jigsaws ~ books ~ tombola ~ raffle ~ plus  
refreshments.

All proceeds this month will be for **Bilton &  
Woodfield Library**.

Donations for the tombola and raffle can be left  
at the back of either church. Any donations for  
the cake stall  
can be brought  
from 9.30am  
on the day.



**Bilton & Woodfield**  
Community Library

# DISCIPLESHIP & MISSION

Harrogate Deanery Lay Ministry are running some courses for those looking to  
further their skills:

**Learning Community for Preachers:** Saturday 6th June, 10am-12noon at St  
Andrew's, Starbeck. Join us as we support one another to grow in confidence,  
develop skills and cultivate reflective preaching practices.

**Learning Community for Children & Young People:** Saturday 13th June,  
10am-12noon at St Andrew's, Starbeck. Join us for an encouraging session  
focused on building strong teams, setting clear expectations, and guiding  
behaviour with grace. Connect with fellow leaders and volunteers, share ideas and  
gain practical tools to support the children and young people in your care.

To book a place on either of these sessions contact Gayle Bryon on

[gaylebryonelm@gmail.com](mailto:gaylebryonelm@gmail.com)

**Neurodiversity and Worship:** Monday 15th June, 7-9pm at St Andrew's,  
Starbeck. Session exploring what neurodiversity is (and isn't), barriers that people  
who are neurodivergent might face in church and how we can make worship more  
accessible. To book a place email [natasha.lee@leeds.anglican.org](mailto:natasha.lee@leeds.anglican.org)

# COMMUNITY EVENTS

The **NORTH YORKSHIRE COMMUNITY POLICING VAN** will be parked on the  
driveway at St John's on Tuesday 26th May, 4.30-6.30pm and welcome anybody  
that would like to come for advice or to talk about any issues that are affecting  
them in the local area.

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## Pentecost Celebration

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Join together with local churches for a Pentecost Celebration.

Local churches are coming together for a 45-minute service with worship, a short reflection, and prayer to celebrate Pentecost, Wesley's conversion, and the first printed New Testament translated into English by William Tyndale.

(If the weather forecast is inclement, the celebration will take place at the Wesley Chapel.)

Townwide  
Pentecost  
Celebration

24 MAY  
2 - 2.45PM

War Memorial,  
Prospect Square  
Harrogate

NETMAKERS.  
COMMUNICATIONS

**KAIROS CHURCH** are hosting the town to pray 24-7 for the week running up to Pentecost (18-24 May). We'll be praying for streams of living water, springs of God's presence, to well up in us and flow within our town and region.

You can book your hour here: <https://signup.24-7prayer.com/signup/926ad4>



# 24/7 PRAYER ROOM

STREAMS OF LIVING WATER

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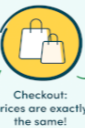
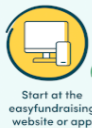
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PARISH GIVING SCHEME

We love welcoming everyone into our churches, whether it's to mark an important time in someone's life, to worship regularly, or to come together in the heart of the community.

If you'd like to support your local church, perhaps you'd consider making a gift? You can make a

regular or one-off gift simply and safely online, through the

**PARISH  
GIVING**

**SCHEME**, scan the QR code to find out more.



# THIS WEEK'S DIARY

## MONDAY 18 MAY

9-9.30am Morning Prayer (SJ)

## TUESDAY 19 MAY

9-9.30am Morning Prayer (SJ)

## WEDNESDAY 20 MAY

9-9.30am Morning Prayer (SJ)  
10.30am Holy Communion (SJ)  
10.30am Thirst Coffee Morning at  
Dene Park Community  
Centre  
12.00pm Thirst Table at Dene  
Park Community Centre

## THURSDAY 21 MAY

9-9.30am Morning Prayer (SJ)  
9.30-11.30am Little Fishes (Parent  
& Child Group) (SL)

## FRIDAY 22 MAY

1-3.00pm Wellbeing Café (SL)

6.30-7.15pm Junior Choir Practice  
(SJ)  
7-7.45pm Adult Choir Practice (SJ)

## SUNDAY 24 MAY (Pentecost)

9.00am Holy Communion (SJ)  
10.30am All Age Holy Communion  
(SJ)  
*Readings: Acts 2:1-21  
John 20:19-23*  
*Hymns: SB 208; SB 74;  
AMNS 157; SB 231*  
10.30am All Age Worship (SL)  
*Readings: Acts 2:1-21  
John 20:19-23*  
6.30pm Choral Evensong (SJ)  
*Readings: Psalms 67/133  
Joel 2:21-end  
Luke 24:44-end*

The **PARISH OFFICE** will be **closed** from Monday 25th until Thursday 28th May and will reopen on Monday 1st June at 9.30am

## CONTACT US

### SAFEGUARDING

For any queries or concerns, contact

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For any urgent matters please call 999 or 111

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