



## 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!*

The poster features a white dove with wings spread, surrounded by musical notes and flames. Below the dove is a banner with the event details. At the bottom, a group of children in red and white robes are singing from a book, with a church building in the background.



Choral Evensong  
St. Mary the Virgin,  
Holy Island  
Sunday 7th June 2026 at 4pm.  
With the Choir of St. John the Evangelist,  
Harrogate,

with music by  
Pitoni, Wilby, Robinson,  
Shepherd & Rutter

Designed by pngtree

The poster shows a black cross on a rock in the ocean, with a white dove flying above it. The background is a blue sky with clouds and a sunset or sunrise.

## TODAY'S SERVICES AND EVENTS

### **SUNDAY 10TH MAY** (*Sixth Sunday of Easter*)

9.00am Holy Communion (SJ)

10.30am Holy Communion (SJ)

*Readings: Acts 17:22-31; John 14:15-21*

*Hymns: AMNS 156; AMNS 515; SB 100; SB 85*

10.30am Café Church (SL)

*Hymns: SB 154; SB 118; SB 30; SB 186*

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

## CHURCH LIFE

### GILL RAN A MARATHON

Your sponsorship money has been banked and the total is **£3564**, a truly amazing sum, thank you all. The fundraising page doesn't close for another 4 weeks so you can still sponsor me in person at the office; or follow this link <https://2026tcslondonmarathon.enthuse.com/pf/gill-clarke-3a338#qrCode>



## 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 Andrews'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)

## THE GREEN TEAM

**There is a new registration scheme designed to improve access to North Yorkshire's household waste recycling centres.**

From Monday, **April 27th**, residents will need to register their name, address and vehicle before visiting any of the county's 20 recycling centres. Registration is free, takes a couple of minutes, and lasts for three years.

Residents can register online from April 27th and use the centres straight away.

Nothing will be sent in the post, and staff will check number plates on arrival.

Those without internet access can call the council on **0300 131 2 131**, or visit a library or council office for help. <http://www.northyorks.gov.uk/hwrc>

## 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.  
COMMUNITY NETWORK

**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 with within our town and region.

You can book your hour here: [https://  
signup.24-7prayer.com/signup/926ad4](https://signup.24-7prayer.com/signup/926ad4)



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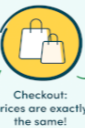
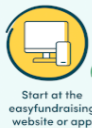
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If you'd like to support your local church, perhaps you'd consider making a gift? You can make a

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

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GIVING**

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# THIS WEEK'S DIARY

## MONDAY 11 MAY

9-9.30am Morning Prayer (SJ)  
7.30pm Baptism Information  
Session (SJ)

## TUESDAY 12 MAY

9-9.30am Morning Prayer (SJ)  
10.00am Walking Group (SJ)

## WEDNESDAY 13 MAY

9-9.30am Morning Prayer (SJ)  
10.30am Holy Communion (SJ)  
10.30am Thirst Coffee Morning at  
Dene Park Community  
Centre  
7.00pm Finance & Buildings  
Committee Meeting (SJ)

## THURSDAY 14 MAY

9-9.30am Morning Prayer (SJ)  
9.30-11.30am Little Fishes (Parent  
& Child Group) (SL)  
12-1.00pm Bible Study Group (SL)

## FRIDAY 15 MAY

1-3.00pm Wellbeing Café (SL)  
6.30-7.15pm Junior Choir Practice  
(SJ)  
7-7.45pm Adult Choir Practice (SJ)

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

9.00am Holy Communion (SJ)  
10.30am Morning Worship (SJ)  
*Readings: Acts 1:6-14  
John 17:1-11*  
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*Hymns: SB 179; Living Hope;  
SB 117; Praise*  
12.30pm Baptisms (SJ)  
6-7.15pm Ignite (Year 7+ Youth  
Group) (SL)

May's edition of our parish **FOCUS MAGAZINE** is available to buy from both churches for 60p or you can read it on the [parish website](#). Articles for June's issue can be sent to [sjslfocus@gmail.com](mailto:sjslfocus@gmail.com) or left in the drawer at the back of St John's by Sunday 10th May.

## CONTACT US

### SAFEGUARDING

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For any urgent matters please call 999 or 111

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