

ST PETER'S NEWS

What's happening and how to pray - June 2026

If you then,... know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!

Words from the Bible - Gospel of Luke

I wonder when you last gave a gift? And for what reason? Perhaps for a birthday or an anniversary? At Pentecost, which fell this year on 24th May, we celebrated God's gift of his Holy Spirit to the church, and reflected that this gift, too, was given for a reason.

In the aftermath of Easter, when Jesus' friends and followers ask him when he is going to show the world that he is alive, that death is defeated, that God's new creation has begun, Jesus' unexpected answer is that actually, they're going to be the ones doing that. I can almost hear their jaws hitting the ground, so astonished are they by this answer. "Us?! What makes you think we can do that?"

Jesus' instruction - to wait for God's Spirit to empower them - makes me smile. It's so honest. He knows that they can do it - but not alone, not in their own strength. And this is of course the reason for the gift. So that those

first followers could go on to do what Jesus called them to: To become agents of hope in the world; People who pointed to a better future that had already begun in the here and now, in the resurrection of Jesus. The Spirit is still given to God's people today, for the same reason. So that we too can be agents of hope in our world, lifting people's eyes to what is possible with God. The invitation - at Pentecost and the whole year through - is to ask and receive. The gift is there for all who want it.

With every blessing as always,

Rachel

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sun 7th June, 10:30 to 11am - Fairly Traded Stall

Our monthly Fairly Traded stall is back - don't forget to bring your purse!

11th - 13th June, Aireborough Beer Festival @ Guiseley Theatre

Support one of our biggest fundraisers of the year - see over for details.

Fri 19th June - 6:30pm - Youth Club Extra 7 to 8:30pm - Youth Club

30 mins of life, faith & big questions, followed by our usual Youth Club for yrs 5 - 9.

Sat 27th June - 10am - 2pm - 'PCC+ Vision Day @ The Grove, Horsforth

Open to anyone who is passionate about seeing our church growing and flourishing, see over for details.

The kettle's on

From 10:15 - 11:15am every Sunday. If you are attending our 11 o'clock service, you are most welcome to arrive for a cuppa from 10:15am - Come in through the back of church, or by the St Peter's Room external door, whichever is easier. Please don't worry if the 9:30 service is still in progress as you arrive - you are not disturbing it by passing through! A chat over a cuppa is such an important part of our life together as a church family, let's keep it as a priority as we settle into our new service rhythm.



NEWS ROUND UP

The feedback on **May's Variety evening** has been overwhelmingly positive! A good time was had by all, and the evening raised in excess of £400 for church. **An enormous thank you to the team** who brought this (& us) together.

Thanks too to everyone who came along to our **Christian Aid Coffee afternoon** or made a donation during Christian Aid week. News on the total raised next month. Our next opportunity to support the work of this important charity will be the Christian Aid sponsored walk in September.

On the subject of sponsored walks, **Bev Anderton is undertaking a 26-mile walk in support of the Alzheimer's society**, a cause very close to her heart. If you would like to support her in this, there is a sponsor sheet at the back of church.

Finally, do be praying for **a special session with Y6 pupils at St Peter's school on Mon 15th June**. Rachel & Kim (our local Leeds Faith in School's worker) will be leading an hour's workshop on moving up to secondary school. The session ends with a gift to each of the children from our church - a booklet called 'It's Your Move' from Scripture Union - full of great advice on starting secondary school, plus stories of faith.

For your prayers

Please pray for:

New and returning local councillors as they seek to serve our towns and city.

Young people & staff at Benton Park school, as they continue through exam season.

For our Vision Day and all who will attend it - for fruitful conversations.

For all those in our communities who suffer from any kind of hatred or intolerance.

WORSHIP & SERVICES

Sundays at 9:30am - Sunday Worship

A more contemporary service, with communion twice a month. Key Club runs 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.

Midweek Communion Service - 10am

Every other Wednesday at Billing View. Confirmed dates: 3rd & 17th June, 1st, 15th & 29th July.

BEER FESTIVAL

There are lots of ways you can support one of our biggest fundraisers of the year, the Aireborough Beer Festival. **Pick up a flyer** from the back of church & **spread the word**; Sign up to **help out on the refreshment stall** (also at the back of church). Or **come along and enjoy** the beer! Google Aireborough Beer Festival tickets to get yours.

VISION DAY

Our Vision Day on **Sat 27th June** is **open to anyone who cares about seeing our church growing and flourishing**, so that we can be a real blessing to the community of Rawdon.

If you would like to join the PCC and others in worship, prayer and thoughtful conversation about our priorities over the next two years, **sign up at the back of church**, or drop an email to vicar@stpeterschurchrawdon.co.uk.

We will be meeting at The Grove, Horsforth, between 10am - 2pm.