

ST PETER'S NEWS

What's happening and how to pray - Sept 2026

You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and...your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God.

The Apostle Paul writes to the church community in Corinth

There are some things in life that make my heart sing. The beauty of creation; a moment of deep connection with someone; quality time with family; an unexpected act of kindness or generosity.

This month, we have opportunity-a-plenty to both reflect on and practice generosity at St Peter's. On the 13th, we will be celebrating God's generosity to us and reflecting on the call to generous living that is part of being a follower of Jesus. We will also be sharing something about our church finances and what your generous giving to church can make possible. The following Sunday marks the beginning of Fairtrade Fortnight, and at our coffee afternoon on Sat 27th, there's an opportunity to give of your time and money in support of the work of the Fairtrade Foundation - in doing so, you will be contributing to the wellbeing of workers around the world, and also encouraging one another through shared fellowship. Our Harvest Service at 10am on Sun 27th will be another celebration of God's generous provision, as well as an opportunity to bring hope to those in need by gifting 5 (or more!) tinned food or toiletry items in support of local food charities.

Demonstrating generosity - whether through the gift of our money, time or skills - is never easy. It often requires us to go out of our way, perhaps even to forgo something. But we are part of a community that bears witness to a God who is able to enrich us 'in every way so that we can be generous on every occasion.' And when we do take the time and make the effort to be generous? Somewhere, someone's heart sings that someone took the time and made the effort for them. With every blessing as always, Rachel

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tues 8th Sept - 12pm - Community Lunch at the Jubilee Hall

Book your place by emailing rawdondcommunitylunch@gmail.com

Sun 13th Sept - Generosity Sunday

With a special focus in both services on God's generosity towards us, and how we can respond.

Fri 18th Sept - 7:30pm - Youth Club

A safe, relaxed space to spend time with friends. For young people in school years 5 - 9.

Sun 20th Sept - Fairtrade Fortnight begins

With a special focus in both services on how we can respond to God's call to 'do justly & love mercy.'



Sat 26th Sept - Fairtrade Coffee Afternoon

Hot drinks, tasty Fairtrade treats and warm fellowship - all proceeds in support of the Fairtrade Foundation.

Sun 27th Sept - 10am - Joint Harvest Service

Give thanks, Give hope, Give 5 - a special harvest celebration for all the community, in support of local food charities.

Mon 28th Sept - 7:30pm - Moving on

The first of seven weekly sessions exploring what it means to follow Jesus in our daily living.

Wed 30th Sept - 6:30pm

Open Choir Practice



A chance to learn some of the new songs we are using in our 9:30 services - and to sing some of your favourites.

Morning Prayer - every Tuesday at 9:30am

House group - every other Monday

See the screens for details, or speak to Peter & Debbie.

NEWS ROUND UP

Plans for the Christmas Tree festival are coming together well, and the response from the local community has been overwhelmingly positive. So far, the Brownies, Beavers & Cubs, two local nurseries, St Peter's school, Rawdon Community Library, Rawdon Barber Shop, Static Beauty, Sunningdale & Secret Garden have all said they would like to display a tree, with other local businesses committing to buying advertising space in the brochure. Thanks to those who responded to the appeal for wood and fabric. We have now completed the shelving to display Christmas trees between the pews. **Next job... knitted, crocheted or stitched mice and angels...** Speak to Marian if you can help!

A reminder that **the annual Aireborough Sponsored walk for Christian Aid is taking place on Sun 20th Sept, setting off from St Peter's at 2pm.** The walk is around 5 miles. Do consider sponsoring our walkers in support of this fantastic charity (forms at the back of church) - and if you'd enjoy the stroll, anyone is welcome to come along for the walk on the day.

DEANERY CONFIRMATIONS

It's not too late to ask about being confirmed at the Deanery Confirmation Service on Sun 18th Oct at 4pm. Confirmation is an opportunity to make for yourself the promises that were made on your behalf when you were baptised. **Anyone who has been baptised can be confirmed - young or old, new to church or been in the pews for years.** Have a chat with Rachel, Carol or Linda if you would like to know more.

WORSHIP & SERVICES

Sundays at 9:30am - Sunday Worship

A more contemporary service, with communion once a month.

10:30am - Coffee for both congregations

Sundays at 11am - Holy Communion

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

Midweek Communion at Billing View

*10am on the following Wednesdays:
9th & 23rd Sept, 7th & 21st Oct, 4th & 18th Nov*

Moving On ►►

Faith is a journey, and whether you've been on it for years or are just starting out, Moving On is **a fantastic 7-week course to take you deeper. Starting on Mon 28th Sept at 7:30pm**, (please note the change in start date) in the St Peter's Room.

Healing Prayer

Did you know Healing Prayer is offered on the fourth Sunday of every month in both services? On 20th Sept, the members of our healing prayer team will be recommissioned in both of our services, sharing with us a little about what healing prayer is, why it is important to them, and the blessing it can bring to us.

For your prayers

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