ST PETER'S NEWS

What's happening and how to pray - Nov 2026

"When thou passest through the waters, I will be with thee; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee: when thou walkest through the fire, thou shalt not be burned; neither shall the flame kindle upon thee."
Words from the prophet Isaiah

"Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid."
Jesus' words to his friends - John's gospel

As a church family, November offers us a meaningful opportunity to gather around the theme of remembering. It is a month when our hearts naturally turn toward those who served in times of war, those who worked tirelessly for peace, and those whose lives were forever shaped by conflict. We also hold close the memory of loved ones who have gone before us, trusting that they now rest in God's eternal care and that His love continues to surround all who grieve.
Remembering strengthens our community. When we share stories, we honour the experiences that have shaped us. When we listen to one another, we acknowledge the burdens and blessings carried across generations. These shared memories remind us that faith is not lived in isolation but in the long, beautiful journey God has walked with His people through joy, sorrow, sacrifice and renewal.
This month, let us commit to being a church and community that remembers with compassion. May we be people who listen with patience, support one another with kindness and pray with hope. As we honour the past, may our remembrance lead us to deeper unity, deeper gratitude, and a deeper trust in Christ, who holds all our days and promises that nothing, neither life nor death, can separate us from His love.

Peter Marsh,
(Ministry Team Member)

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Wed 4th Nov - 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.

Tues 10th Nov - 12pm - Community Lunch at the Jubilee Hall
Book your place by emailing rawdoncommunitylunch@gmail.com

Fri 20th Nov - 7:30pm - Youth Club
A safe, relaxed space to spend time with friends. For young people in school years 5 - 9.

Sat 28th Nov - St Peter's School Christmas Fair
Support our church school as they raise much needed funds for educational resources

Sat 5th , Sun 6th, Sat 12th & Sun 13th Dec
St Peter's Community Christmas Tree Festival
Timings, details and how you can help over the page. Don't miss this wonderful coming together of our community - and make sure to bring a friend!

Morning Prayer - every Tuesday at 9:30am

Midweek Communion at Billing View - 4th & 18th Nov, 2nd & 16th Dec, at 10am.

SERVICES IN DECEMBER

To accommodate our Christmas Tree festival opening times, as well as to allow for additional Christmas services, **Sunday services in December will be at 10am.** These will bring together the best of our contemporary & traditional worship, and communion will be offered every Sunday. **Sunday 20th Dec will be our instant nativity...** so get your costumes ready!

CLEANING DREAM TEAM

Huge thanks to the team that gathered to polish, dust, hoover, remove spiders webs and generally get church looking spick and span, ready to welcome the guests we are expecting over Remembrance and into advent and Christmas. Here they all are, after the hardwork and still smiling!



CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

We are delighted that our first Christmas Tree festival is going to bring together over 40 local businesses and community organisations - it's shaping up to be a fabulous festive celebration of Rawdon! **The festival will be open on the first two weekends of December, 10am - 3:30 pm on Sat 5th & 12th, 12pm - 3:30pm on Sun 6th & 13th.** Thank you to everyone who has knitted angels & mice. Please **do consider signing up to welcome folks to the festival or to serve teas and coffees.** Sign up sheets at the back of church, and many hands make light work!

A BAPTISM, A FUNDRAISER & 3 CONFIRMATIONS

On Sun 18th October, we had the privilege of celebrating Isabelle's baptism in our 9:30am service. Ever since she joined us, Isabelle has been rolling her sleeves up and getting stuck in to church life - most recently by joining in the cleaning day (opposite). Inspired by a broken broom(!) she has now set up a just giving page to raise funds for the church. If you'd like to support her in this initiative, you can scan the QR code below or see her posters in church.



Scan to donate

Sunday 18th Oct was special for more than one person from St Peter's. In an afternoon service at St Chad's church, Isabelle, John & Anne (from 11 o'clock) were confirmed along with 29 other candidates by Bishop Arun. What a joy!



For your prayers

Please give thanks for: All those who took the next step in their journey of faith at the deanery confirmation service at St Chad's.

Please pray for: those from St Peter's who are unwell; those who gathered to remember loved ones at All Souls; the fantastic team behind our Christmas Tree festival; All of our Christmas events and services - that through them people might experience something of God's love, welcome and desire to know them.

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