



Making Disciples who make Jesus known

HEADLINE NEWS!

INTERNATIONAL JUSTICE MISSION (IJM) is a global organisation working to stop slavery and violence. Right now, 50 million people are trapped in slavery. 1 in 4 is a child – that's the equivalent of every child in England and Wales. IJM believe every person deserves freedom and justice. Their teams work with authorities and partners in 33 regions across 18 countries to combat slavery, trafficking, violence against women and children, and police abuse of power. Today's joint 10.30 service at St John's will focus on God's heart for justice and in particular how IJM are working to rescue and support victims of modern day slavery. Charmaine Marufu, from IJM's North of England team will be speaking to us.



GREAT NEWS! The March 2025 issue of our parish **FOCUS MAGAZINE** is available to buy at both churches for 60p. The copy date for the April issue is **Sunday 9th March**, articles to be sent to sjslfocus@gmail.com or left in the drawer at the back of St John's. Thank you to our new editor, Irene, for taking this role on.

LENT COURSES

unanswered
prayer
the prayer course II

We are going to be running 2 Lent courses this year, one at St Luke's on Thursday afternoons (starting 6th March) and one at St John's on Monday evenings (starting 3rd March), 5 weeks each. Both courses will follow the same material by Peter Greig. There is no need to book onto either course you are welcome to just turn up but if you would like to find out more about attending please speak to Val and John Carr, Judy Noakes or Alison Sykes about the course at St John's or Judith and Colin Ashurst or Barry Stoddard about St Luke's or you can speak to Rev Laura about it.

TODAY'S SERVICES AND EVENTS

SUNDAY 23RD FEBRUARY (*Second Sunday before Lent*)

9.00am Holy Communion (SJ)

10.30am **JOINT** Holy Communion (**SJ**)

Readings: Genesis 2:4b-9; Luke 8:22-25

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

CHURCH LIFE



ST JOHN'S CHURCH BILTON

COFFEE MORNING

SATURDAY 8TH MARCH

ENTRANCE £1

(accompanied children free)

10AM-12NOON

Refreshments included in entry fee

Home-made cakes

Hand-made cards

Large choice of books

Raffle

Tombola



**RAISING MONEY FOR
REPLACEMENT ST JOHN'S
CHURCH HALL TABLES**

CONFIRMATION COURSES AND SERVICE

We have arranged for Bishop Anna to come and hold a confirmation service on Sunday 14th September at St John's. We will be holding a four-week confirmation course starting in April for any adults that are wishing to be confirmed and Emma will be running something similar for any young people. If this is something you have been thinking about please speak to Laura or Emma.

RHYTHM OF LIFE

Our next ROL Sunday is on Sunday 2nd March and there will be a meeting for all those following this journey after the 10.30am service at St John's in the East End room starting at 11.45am. Please confirm to Paul Hooper that you will be able to attend. ven.paul.hooper@outlook.com

We are looking for some more volunteers to learn how to **SET UP AND PUT AWAY COMMUNION** before and after both services on Sundays and on Wednesdays. It is not a difficult role but does need you to be at church 15/20 minutes before the service starts to set up and then to wash the vessels and put away once the service has finished. You would be on a rota so may only need to do this once per month. Full training will be given. Please speak to one of the churchwardens, Laura or the parish office to express an interest.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2025

Friday 7th March at 2pm, Wesley Chapel, HG1 1PP

A service for everyone, refreshments will be served afterwards, you are very welcome to join us. www.wwdp.org.uk



Ash
Wednesday
Service

Wednesday 5th March

10.30am

St John's Church, Bilton Lane,

HG1 3DT

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SERVICES

Palm Sunday 13th April 10.30am Holy Communion at St John's
10.30am Café Church at St Luke's

Tuesday 15th April 7.00pm Reflective Gathering at St Luke's

Wednesday 16th April 7.00pm Reflective Gathering at St Luke's

Maundy Thursday 17th April 7.00pm Holy Communion at St John's

Good Friday 18th April 2.00pm Reflections at the Cross at St Luke's
6.30pm Choral Service at St John's

Easter Day 20th April 10.30am All Age Holy Communion at St John's
10.30am All Age Holy Communion at St Luke's

St John's: Bilton Lane, HG1 3DT
St Luke's: Franklin Square, HG1 5EL

What's Happening

MARCH

Sunday 9th	9.00am	Holy Communion (SJ)
	10.30am	Holy Communion (SJ)
	10.30am	Café Church (SL)
	6-7.15pm	Ignite (Year 7+ Youth Group) (SL)
Monday 10th	9-9.30am	Morning Prayer (SJ)
	7.30pm	Lent Group (SJ)
Tuesday 11th	9-9.30am	Morning Prayer (SJ)
	10.00am	Walking Group (SJ)
	2-3.30pm	Comfort Café (SJ)
	7.00pm	PCC Meeting (SJ)
Wednesday 12th	9-9.30am	Morning Prayer (SJ)
	10.30am	Holy Communion (SJ)
	10.30am	Thirst – Coffee at Dene Park Community Centre
	12.15pm	Community Lunch at Bilton Community Centre
Thursday 13th	9-9.30am	Morning Prayer (SJ)
	9.30-11.30am	Little Fishes (Parent & Toddler Group) (SL)
	12.45pm	Lent Course (SL)
Friday 14th	1-3.00pm	Wellbeing Café (SL)
	6.30-7.15pm	Junior Choir Practice (SJ)
	7-7.45pm	Adult Choir Practice (SJ)
Sunday 16th	9.00am	Holy Communion (SJ)
	10.30am	Morning Worship (SJ)
	10.30am	Morning Worship (SL)
	6-7.15pm	Ignite (Year 7+ Youth Group) (SL)
Monday 17th	9-9.30am	Morning Prayer (SJ)
	7.30pm	Lent Group (SJ)
Tuesday 18th	9-9.30am	Morning Prayer (SJ)
	3.30-5.00pm	Pause (Year 6-13 Youth Drop-In) (SJ Hall)
Wednesday 19th	9-9.30am	Morning Prayer (SJ)
	10.30am	Holy Communion (SJ)
	10.30am	Thirst – Coffee at Dene Park Community Centre
	12.00pm	Thirst Table at Dene Park Community Centre
Thursday 20th	9-9.30am	Morning Prayer (SJ)
	9.30-11.30am	Little Fishes (Parent & Toddler Group) (SL)
	12.45pm	Lent Course (SL)
Friday 21st	1-3.00pm	Wellbeing Café (SL)
	6.30-7.15pm	Junior Choir Practice (SJ)
	7-7.45pm	Adult Choir Practice (SJ)
Sunday 23rd	9.00am	Holy Communion (SJ)
	10.30am	Youth Led Morning Worship (SJ)
	10.30am	All Age Worship (SL)
	2-4.00pm	Crafternoon (SJ Hall)

Monday 24 th	6-7.15pm 9-9.30am 7.30pm	Ignite (Year 7+ Youth Group) (SL) Morning Prayer (SJ) Lent Group (SJ)
Tuesday 25 th	9-9.30am 3.30-5.00pm	Morning Prayer (SJ) Pause (Year 6-13 Youth Drop-In) (SJ Hall)
Wednesday 26 th	9-9.30am 10.30am 10.30am	Morning Prayer (SJ) Holy Communion (SJ) Thirst – Coffee at Dene Park Community Centre
Thursday 27 th	7.00pm 9-9.30am 9.30-11.30am 12.45pm	Synod Morning Prayer (SJ) Little Fishes (Parent & Toddler Group) (SL) Lent Group (SL)
Friday 28 th	1-3.00pm	Wellbeing Café (SL)
Sunday 30th <i>Mothering Sunday</i>	9.00am 10.30am 6-7.15pm	Holy Communion (SJ) JOINT Holy Communion (SL) Ignite (Year 7+ Youth Group) (SL)
Monday 31 st	9-9.30am 7.30pm	Morning Prayer (SJ) Lent Group (SJ)
<u>APRIL</u>		
Tuesday 1 st	9-9.30am 3.30-5.00pm	Morning Prayer (SJ) Pause (Year 6-13 Youth Drop-In) (SJ Hall)
Wednesday 2 nd	9-9.30am 10.30am 10.30am	Morning Prayer (SJ) Holy Communion (SJ) Thirst – Coffee at Dene Park Community Centre
Thursday 3 rd	7.15pm 9-9.30am 9.30-11.30am 12.45pm	Finance & Buildings Committee Meeting (SJ) Morning Prayer (SJ) Little Fishes (Parent & Toddler Group) (SL) Lent Group (SL)
Friday 4 th	1-3.00pm 6.30-7.15pm 7-7.45pm	Wellbeing Café (SL) Junior Choir Practice (SJ) Adult Choir Practice (SJ)

The **PARISH OFFICE** will be closed from Tuesday 25th - Thursday 27th February as the team are attending the New Wine Leaders conference. There will be **NO MORNING PRAYER** on Wednesday 26th and Thursday 27th at St John's.

DATE FOR YOUR DIARIES

This year we will be having an extended **COFFEE MORNING SUMMER FAIR** on Saturday 14th June at St John's. It will run from 10.00am to 12noon and include all the usual stalls but also extras which will be outside the hall and refreshments will be served. If you could be involved in setting up, manning a stall or helping to clear away afterwards please keep an eye out for the sign up sheets which will be on the church noticeboards soon. All proceeds will be for church funds, please support if you can as this is a major annual fundraiser for the parish.

MONDAY FIRST

Join us at Dene Park Community Centre, 2-3.00pm on Monday 6th January for music, worship, learning and cake and a cuppa. Everyone is welcome

SAVE THE DATE

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting is on Sunday 18th May after the 10.30am services at St John's. All are invited to come along to see what has happened in the parish over the past 12 months.

Find us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/stjohnsandstlukes/



SUPPORTING MINISTRY & MISSION

Many of us give regularly to our churches, but beyond our regular lifetime, a **GIFT IN A WILL** can be a final and powerful expression of gratitude and thanksgiving towards God that will help transform a churches future and support mission here in this country, and overseas. Here at St Johns and St Lukes we welcome all gifts in wills, however large or small, and we promise to use your gift to make a difference in our parish. Our PCC legacy policy is to use gifts to help fund significant development projects; whether this be to buildings, to purchase equipment, or to support mission. If you would like to have more information on this, pick up a leaflet in church, visit our website [here](#) or contact Rob Bath on 07817 799640, or by email robertabath@yahoo.co.uk.



Over £1.2 million was raised through travel bookings last year!

What could you raise for us with your 2025 holiday?



Thinking about a 2025 holiday? TUI, Booking.com, Haven Holidays, Expedia, loveholidays & 1,000s more work with **EASYFUNDRAISING** so Bilton St John & St Luke - Yorkshire can receive a free donation when you book! On average, we could get a £30 donation from a trip you are booking anyway! To find out more, visit: https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/travel-hub?utm_campaign=pmc&utm_source=facebook&utm_medium=social&utm_content=travel-fb1



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 PGS, scan the QR code to find out more.



THE GREEN TEAM



JOIN US FOR AN EVENING WITH

CHRIS POWELL

**'FROM TRASH TO TREASURE FROM
PACKER TO PIRATE'**

AN INSPIRING TALK BY CHRIS ON THE IMPACTFUL
WORK OF THE CONE EXCHANGE IN HARROGATE.

DATE: TUESDAY 4TH MARCH

TIME: 7 PM START

LOCATION: ST LUKE'S CHURCH CENTRE
FRANKLIN SQUARE, HARROGATE HG1 5EL

REFRESHMENTS INCLUDED
ADMISSION FREE - DONATIONS GREATLY
APPRECIATED...

ALL DONATIONS FROM OUR EVENT WILL BE USED TO
PURCHASE A NEW PIECE OF EQUIPMENT WHICH WILL BE USED
BY CHRIS IN HIS VOLUNTARY WORK WITHIN OUR COMMUNITY.

HOSTED BY ST JOHN & ST LUKE'S GREEN TEAM



Thank you for your continued support recycling **PRINTER CARTRIDGES**, the latest box sent off raised £42 for church funds and saved all that plastic from going to landfill!

Do you know that we recycle printer cartridges and batteries at both churches? Do you also know you can bring in other items to be recycled at St John's too? Bring in your **DENTAL PRODUCTS, MEDICINE BLISTER PACKS, WRITING INSTRUMENTS AND CONTACT LENSES**. These can all be taken to various shops/outlets to be recycled and there are bags available, so if you know you will be near one of the recycling hubs,

maybe you could take the products with you?
Let's work together!



YOUTH AND CHILDREN'S WORK

IGNITE

SUNDAYS

6-7.15PM
ST LUKE'S CHURCH



THIS WEEK:

Thankfulness
plus:
MAFIA!!

a St Aidan's
lunchtime club

10:10

ALL WELCOME

A PLACE TO CHAT,
PLAY GAMES,
MAKE FRIENDS,
EXPLORE THEMES

wednesdays
12.35-1.20
in the chapel.
bring your lunch

THIS AND NEXT WEEK'S DIARY

MONDAY 24 FEBRUARY

9-9.30am Morning Prayer (SJ)
12.00pm Funeral: Jack Brown (SJ)
7.30pm Green Team Meeting

TUESDAY 25 FEBRUARY

9-9.30am Morning Prayer (SJ)

WEDNESDAY 26 FEBRUARY

10.30am Holy Communion (SJ)
10.30am Thirst at Dene Park
Community Centre

THURSDAY 27 FEBRUARY

9.30-11.30am Little Fishes (Parent
& Child Group) (SL)
7.30pm Small Group Leaders
Meeting (SJ)

FRIDAY 28 FEBRUARY

1-3.00pm Wellbeing Café (SL)

SUNDAY 2 MARCH *(Sunday next before Lent)*

9.00am Holy Communion (SJ)
10.30am Parade Service (SJ)
Reading: Luke 9:28-36
10.30am Holy Communion (SL)
*Readings: Exodus 34:29-end
Luke 9:28-36*
11.45am Rhythm of Life Meeting
(SJ)
6-7.15pm Youth Worship Night at
Wesley Chapel

MONDAY 3 MARCH

9-9.30am Morning Prayer (SJ)
2-3.00pm Monday First at Dene
Park Community Centre

7.30pm Baptism Information
Session (SJ)

7.30pm Lent Group (SJ)

TUESDAY 4 MARCH

9-9.30am Morning Prayer (SJ)
7.00pm Cone Exchange Talk (SL)

WEDNESDAY 5 MARCH

9-9.30am Morning Prayer (SJ)
10.30am Holy Communion with
Ashing (SJ)
10.30am Thirst at Dene Park
Community Centre

THURSDAY 6 MARCH

9-9.30am Morning Prayer (SJ)
9.30-11.30am Little Fishes (Parent
& Child Group) (SL)
12.45pm Lent Course (SL)

FRIDAY 7 MARCH

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

7-7.45pm Adult Choir Practice (SJ)

SATURDAY 8 MARCH

10.00am-12noon Coffee Morning in
church hall (SJ)

SUNDAY 9 MARCH *(First Sunday of Lent)*

9.00am Holy Communion (SJ)
10.30am Holy Communion (SJ)
*Readings: Romans 10:8b-13
Luke 4:1-13*

10.30am Café Church (SL)
6-7.15pm Ignite (Year 7+ Youth
Group) (SL)

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