



Making Disciples who make Jesus known

HEADLINE NEWS!

We are so sad to share the news that **JEAN BURTON** died unexpectedly this week. Many people knew and loved Jean, who has been a faithful servant of Christ at St John's Church for many years. Her kindness, encouragement, servant-hearted nature and love for others will be hugely missed. Jean was involved in many aspects of church life, including collating, editing and printing the monthly Focus Magazine. As such, the magazine will be temporarily on hold and the PCC will discuss how this can be managed moving forward. Going forward, if you would be willing to help with the production of the church magazine in any way, we would love to hear from you. Please contact Laura or Gill in the Church Office. Details of Jean's funeral will be shared in due course.

HARROGATE CIVIC SOCIETY are holding a talk at St John's on Wednesday 25th September about John Sheepshanks, the third vicar of St John's, everyone is invited to attend this free event. Refreshments will be served from 6.45pm (donations for church costs), with a short tour of St John's at 7pm and the talk starting at 7.30pm. Please email: events@harrogatecivicsociety.org if you wish to attend.

TEAM RECTOR VACANCY UPDATE

The process for appointing a new team rector has already begun and there are a number of meetings planned across the autumn with the Archdeacon to pull together our person specification and parish brochure ready to advertise later in the year. You can help us with this, at both churches there is a **COMMENTS BOX**. Please fill out one of the comments sheets and put it into the box, this will help those putting together the parish brochure make sure we as a parish move in the right direction and we get the right person to the role to help achieve this.

TODAY'S SERVICES AND EVENTS

SUNDAY 15TH SEPTEMBER (*Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity*)

- 9.00am Holy Communion (SJ)
- 10.30am Morning Worship (SJ)
Readings: James 3:1-12; Mark 8:27-38
- 10.30am Morning Worship (SL)
Readings: James 3:1-12; Mark 7:1-8
- 6-7.15pm Ignite (Year 7+ Youth Group) (SL)

CHURCH LIFE

Thank you to everyone that has knitted poppies so far for our **FLOWERCLUB** display for Remembrance Sunday. We have copies of the knitting pattern in the office and now have a crochet pattern available that you can follow, if you email Gill in the office she can send you the link. There is a box at the entrance to St John's where they can be dropped off. As many as you can make by the **end of October** to enhance their displays will be appreciated. Thank you!



Our **HARVEST SERVICES** are at 10.30am on Sunday 13th October at both churches but you can bring any long life/dry goods harvest donations to any services between 6th and 13th October. This year our donations are being given to Resurrected Bites and they would particularly welcome tinned and packaged goods, especially jars of coffee, cooking sauces, tins of meat/fish/soup.

Wellbeing Café are holding a **MACMILLAN COFFEE AFTERNOON** on Friday 27th September, 1-3pm at St Luke's. Everyone is welcome to go along, £3 entry gives you a bowl of soup and a roll and plenty of activities to enjoy when you are there and all proceeds on that day will be donated.

DISCIPLESHIP & MISSION



THE CHURCH
OF ENGLAND

Diocese of Leeds

There are a number of vacancies at the Diocese of Leeds that may be of interest:

- **Lay Training Officer (0.5) & Residentiary Canon (0.5)** follow [this link](#) to find out more and to apply.
- The diocese are looking to appoint to the team a full time **Diocesan Safeguarding Officer**, for more information on the role and requirements needed of the right candidate click [here](#).
- **Volunteer Area Records Officers** are needed to support the diocesan Archdeacons in preservation of parish records and work 10-12 hours per month. If this is something that might interest you find out more [here](#).

THE GREEN TEAM

HARROGATE REPAIR CAFE

A monthly event where you can bring household items to be fixed. Lets stop things getting binned! Harrogate Repair Café is a community group that promotes repair. Our drop-in event is every 3rd Saturday of each month at the Friends Meeting House, Queen Parade, Harrogate, HG1 5PP

*NOTE - 12-4pm on Saturday 21st September. West Park Church, West Park, Harrogate HG1 1BL. **We have a change of venue for this month**.*

Residents of Harrogate can bring their broken items to fix them on the spot with the help of voluntary repairers.

* clothing / textiles * jewellery * electrical appliances * furniture/wooden objects
* electronic devices * toys and ornaments

YOUTH AND CHILDREN'S WORK

CALLING ALL YOUNG PEOPLE WHO LOVE FOOD:

SAFARI SUPPER

29th September
5.30 - 8pm

- 3 houses, 3 courses!
- Meet 3 different hosts, get to know them as they welcome you!

BOOKING ESSENTIAL

**BOOK BY SUNDAY
22ND SEPTEMBER**

Follow link on church website or email Emma:
youthwork@stjohnsandstlukes.org.uk

Do you have a little time to help with one of our Sunday morning children's groups? We are looking for more **VOLUNTEERS** to help with children's work at St Luke's; and at St John's: creche (0-3 years) and Little and Bright Sparks (3-9 years) on one of the rotas.

All roles require a DBS which will be obtained for you and full training will be given.

If you are interested in helping at one of these groups, either speak to one of the group leaders or contact Gill in the office and she can direct your query to where it needs to go.

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.

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THIS WEEK'S DIARY

MONDAY 16 SEPTEMBER

9-9.30am Morning Prayer (SJ)
7.00pm Pre-Section 11 Meeting (SJ)

TUESDAY 17 SEPTEMBER

9-9.30am Morning Prayer (SJ)

WEDNESDAY 18 SEPTEMBER

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
7.30pm PCC Meeting (SJ)

THURSDAY 19 SEPTEMBER

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

FRIDAY 20 SEPTEMBER

1-3.00pm Wellbeing Café (SL)
6.30-7.15pm Junior Choir Practice (SJ)
7-7.45pm Adult Choir Practice (SJ)
8-8.30pm Men's Choir Group (SJ)

SUNDAY 22 SEPTEMBER

(Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity)
9.00am Holy Communion (SJ)
10.30am Musical Morning Worship (SJ)
10.30am All Age Worship (SL)
*Readings: Genesis 1:1-31
John 1:1-3*
6-7.15pm Ignite (Year 7+ Youth Group) (SL)



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.



CONTACT US

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