



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. Our joint 10.30 service at St John's on Sunday 23rd February 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.



LENT COURSES

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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.

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

TODAY'S SERVICES AND EVENTS

SUNDAY 16TH FEBRUARY (Third Sunday before Lent)

- 9.00am Holy Communion (SJ)
10.30am All Age Morning Worship (SJ)
Reading: Luke 6:17-26
10.30am All Age Morning Worship (SL)
Reading: Luke 6:17-26

CHURCH LIFE



ST JOHN'S CHURCH BILTON

COFFEE MORNING

SATURDAY 8TH MARCH

ENTRANCE £1 10AM-12NOON

(accompanied children free)

Refreshments included in entry fee

Home-made cakes

Hand-made cards Raffle

Large choice of books 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.

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.

There is **NO** Wellbeing Café during half term, the team will be back on 28th February.



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.

BAPTISM INFORMATION SESSION

Monday 3rd March 7.30pm at St John's.

If you are thinking about having your child baptised at St John's or St Luke's you are welcome to join our list of attendees for this session.

Please get in touch with the parish office to find out more.





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



What's Happening

FEBRUARY

Sunday 23rd	9.00am 10.30am 6-7.15pm	Holy Communion (SJ) JOINT Holy Communion (SJ) Ignite (Year 7+ Youth Group) (SL)
Monday 24 th	9-9.30am 12.00pm 7.30pm	Morning Prayer (SJ) Funeral: Jack Brown (SJ) Green Team Meeting
Tuesday 25 th	9-9.30am	Morning Prayer (SJ)
Wednesday 26 th	10.30am 10.30am	Holy Communion (SJ) Thirst – Coffee at Dene Park Community Centre
Thursday 27 th	9.30-11.30am 7.30pm	Little Fishes (Parent & Toddler Group) (SL) Small Group Leaders Meeting (SJ)
Friday 28 th	1-3.00pm	Wellbeing Café (SL)

MARCH

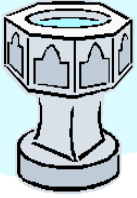
Sunday 2nd	9.00am 10.30am 10.30am 11.45am 6-7.30pm	Holy Communion (SJ) Parade Service (SJ) Holy Communion (SL) Rhythm of Life Meeting (SJ) Youth Worship Night at Wesley Chapel
Monday 3 rd	9-9.30am 2-3.00pm 7.30pm	Morning Prayer (SJ) Monday First at Dene Park Community Centre Lent Course (SJ)
Tuesday 4 th	7.30pm 9-9.30am 7.00pm	Baptism Information Session (SJ) Morning Prayer (SJ) Cone Exchange Presentation (SL)
Wednesday 5 th <i>Ash Wednesday</i>	9-9.30am 10.30am 10.30am	Morning Prayer (SJ) Holy Communion with Ashing (SJ) Thirst – Coffee at Dene Park Community Centre
Thursday 6 th	9-9.30am 9.30-11.30am 12.45pm	Morning Prayer (SJ) Little Fishes (Parent & Toddler Group) (SL) Lent Course (SL)
Friday 7 th	1-3.00pm 6.30-7.15pm 7-7.45pm	Wellbeing Café (SL) Junior Choir Practice (SJ) Adult Choir Practice (SJ)
Saturday 8 th	10.00am-12.00pm	Coffee Morning in Church Hall (SJ)
Sunday 9th	9.00am 10.30am 10.30am 6-7.15pm	Holy Communion (SJ) Holy Communion (SJ) Café Church (SL) Ignite (Year 7+ Youth Group) (SL)
Monday 10 th	9-9.30am 7.30pm	Morning Prayer (SJ) Lent Group (SJ)
Tuesday 11 th	9-9.30am 10.00am 2-3.30pm	Morning Prayer (SJ) Walking Group (SJ) Comfort Café (SJ)

Wednesday 12 th	7.00pm	PCC Meeting (SJ)
	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 13 th	9-9.30am	Morning Prayer (SJ)
	9.30-11.30am	Little Fishes (Parent & Toddler Group) (SL)
Friday 14 th	12.45pm	Lent Course (SL)
	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 17 th	9-9.30am	Morning Prayer (SJ)
	7.30pm	Lent Group (SJ)
Tuesday 18 th	9-9.30am	Morning Prayer (SJ)
	3.30-5.00pm	Pause (Year 6-13 Youth Drop-In) (SJ Hall)
Wednesday 19 th	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 20 th	9-9.30am	Morning Prayer (SJ)
	9.30-11.30am	Little Fishes (Parent & Toddler Group) (SL)
	12.45pm	Lent Course (SL)
Friday 21 st	1-3.00pm	Wellbeing Café (SL)
	6.30-7.15pm	Junior Choir Practice (SJ)
	7-7.45pm	Adult Choir Practice (SJ)
Sunday 23^d	9.00am	Holy Communion (SJ)
	10.30am	Youth Led Morning Worship (SJ)
	10.30am	All Age Worship (SL)
	2-4.00pm	Crafternoon (SJ Hall)
	6-7.15pm	Ignite (Year 7+ Youth Group) (SL)
Monday 24 th	9-9.30am	Morning Prayer (SJ)
	7.30pm	Lent Group (SJ)
Tuesday 25 th	9-9.30am	Morning Prayer (SJ)
	3.30-5.00pm	Pause (Year 6-13 Youth Drop-In) (SJ Hall)
Wednesday 26 th	9-9.30am	Morning Prayer (SJ)
	10.30am	Holy Communion (SJ)
	10.30am	Thirst - Coffee at Dene Park Community Centre
	7.00pm	Synod
Thursday 27 th	9-9.30am	Morning Prayer (SJ)
	9.30-11.30am	Little Fishes (Parent & Toddler Group) (SL)
	12.45pm	Lent Group (SL)

Baptised at St John's on 8th February 2025

Max Elijah Warne

We welcome you into the Lord's family.
We are members together of the body of Christ;
we are children of the same heavenly father;
we are inheritors of the Kingdom of God.
We welcome you.
Amen.



Have you been to **THIRST?**

Every Wednesday throughout the year, **10.30am-12noon** at Dene Park Community Centre.

Thirst is a community event in which **all** are welcome to have a chat and meet others.

Hot drinks £1, cake 20p, it is an inexpensive way to meet friends and make new ones.



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



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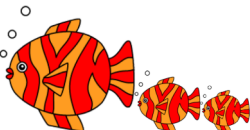
We love welcoming everyone into our churches, whether it's to mark an important time in someone's life, to worship regularly, or to come together in the heart of the community.

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.



YOUTH AND CHILDREN'S WORK

LITTLE FISHES is our parent/carer and child group at St Luke's on Thursdays, 9.30-11.30am and it now has some spaces for new families. £1 per family, includes crafts, toys, games, singing and refreshments. For more information contact Tracey on 875768 or just go along to try it.



Thank you to everyone that contributed to and supported last Saturday's **COFFEE MORNING** at St John's in support of youth work in the parish, a truly wonderful **£731.93** was raised.



a St Aidan's
lunchtime club

10:10

ALL WELCOME

A PLACE TO CHAT, wednesdays
 PLAY GAMES, 12.35-1.20
 MAKE FRIENDS, in the chapel.
 EXPLORE THEMES bring your lunch

THIS WEEK'S DIARY

MONDAY 17 FEBRUARY

9-9.30am Morning Prayer (SJ)

TUESDAY 18 FEBRUARY

9-9.30am Morning Prayer (SJ)

7.15pm Finance & Buildings
Committee Meeting (SJ)

WEDNESDAY 19 FEBRUARY

9-9.30am Morning Prayer (SJ)

10.30am Holy Communion (SJ)

10.30am Thirst at Dene Park
Community Centre

12.00pm Thirst Table at Dene Park
Community Centre

THURSDAY 20 FEBRUARY

9-9.30am Morning Prayer (SJ)

SUNDAY 23 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)

THE GREEN TEAM

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!

CONTACT US

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