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HEADLINE NEWS!



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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



INTERNATIONAL JUSTICE MISSION



IJM

(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.

TODAY'S SERVICES AND EVENTS

SUNDAY 9TH FEBRUARY (*Fourth Sunday before Lent*)

9.00am Holy Communion (SJ)

10.30am Holy Communion (SJ)

Readings: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11; Luke 5:1-11

10.30am Café Church (SL)

12.30pm Baptism (SJ)

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

CHURCH LIFE

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.

LENT COURSES

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.

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prayer
the prayer course II

LOST PROPERTY

We have quite a lot of property that has been left at St John's and will be sorting it out to donate what we can to charity at the end of the month, please check the box in the Narthex for anything you may have left before we dispose of it.

The PARISH OFFICE

will be closed from Tuesday 25th-Thursday 27th February as the team are attending a conference.

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.



COMFORT BEREAVEMENT CAFÉ

will be at St John's on Tuesday 11th February, 2-3.30pm.

Comfort is a place to be alongside others who are experiencing grief and share the pain of loss. People will be there to listen to you as an individual and respect your story.

Afternoon tea will be served and there will be an opportunity to light a candle for a loved one.

A warm welcome awaits.

There is no need to book, all are welcome.

ST JOHN'S CHURCH

Comfort
bereavement café



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.

Dear Friends,

I wonder if you heard the sermon preached by the Right Reverend Mariann Budde (Bishop of Washington) at the National Cathedrals service of prayer the day after the American presidential inauguration? It certainly caused controversy, making international news and giving rise to heated debate and division including among, it would seem, many Christians.



Whatever your views on President Trump, it seems to me Bishop Budde's sermon was biblically and theologically sound, calling us to love our neighbours, curtail our contempt for others, and be merciful to the vulnerable, frightened and marginalised. I am certain that Bishop Budde knew her sermon would be controversial in that context, with President Trump surrounded by adoring supporters and billionaire celebrities, yet she found the courage to preach it anyway. Sometimes we do need courage in preaching the gospel, it was hard for many to hear at the time of Jesus, and it is still hard to hear now. For it challenges our prejudices, our priorities, and our traditions.



In many ways, there are parallels between Bishop Budde and the bold, biblical woman Esther. In the book of Esther, when it became clear that the Israelites were facing threat, Esther's uncle urged her to speak on behalf of her people:

"For if you remain silent at this time, relief and deliverance for the Jews will arise from another place, but you and your father's family will perish. And who knows but that you have come to your royal position for such a time as this?" Esther 4:14

Esther reveals her true identity to the king and, showing great courage, pleads for her people to be spared. As with Bishop Budde, here we witness a woman who had the courage to plead with powerful men to have mercy on the vulnerable and oppressed.

Whatever we think of Mr Trump, it is interesting to compare the elaborate beginnings of his term of leadership so far and the beginning of the ministry and mission of Jesus on earth. Jesus, born in poverty and living to serve rather than be served, turning everything on its head not because of who he excluded but because of who he included, showing mercy to the vulnerable, marginalised, rejected, despised and disadvantaged.

Being a Christian cannot simply be about adopting a label. It must be about having the courage to speak the gospel to those who hold power, about showing mercy and humility as modelled by Jesus, about challenging prejudice and treating every human being as a child of God, made in his image. May we be people of courage who not only speak the gospel but also live it through our choices and actions.



God bless,
Laura



Bishop Budde's Full sermon via YouTube:
<https://youtu.be/xwwaEuDeqM8>

What's Happening

FEBRUARY

Sunday 16th	9.00am	Holy Communion (SJ)
	10.30am	All Age Morning Worship (SJ)
	10.30am	All Age Morning Worship (SL)
Monday 17 th	9-9.30am	Morning Prayer (SJ)
Tuesday 18 th	9-9.30am	Morning Prayer (SJ)
	7.15pm	Finance & Buildings Committee Meeting (SJ)
	9-9.30am	Morning Prayer (SJ)
Wednesday 19 th	10.30am	Holy Communion (SJ)
	10.30am	Thirst – Coffee at Dene Park Community Centre
	12.00pm	Thirst Table at Dene Park Community Centre
	9-9.30am	Morning Prayer (SJ)
Sunday 23rd	9.00am	Holy Communion (SJ)
Monday 24 th	10.30am	JOINT Holy Communion (SJ)
	6-7.15pm	Ignite (Year 7+ Youth Group) (SL)
	9-9.30am	Morning Prayer (SJ)
Tuesday 25 th	7.30pm	Green Team Meeting
	9-9.30am	Morning Prayer (SJ)
Wednesday 26 th	9-9.30am	Morning Prayer (SJ)
	10.30am	Holy Communion (SJ)
	10.30am	Thirst – Coffee at Dene Park Community Centre
Thursday 27 th	9-9.30am	Morning Prayer (SJ)
	9.30-11.30am	Little Fishes (Parent & Toddler Group) (SL)
	7.30pm	Small Group Leaders Meeting (SJ)
Friday 28 th	1-3.00pm	Wellbeing Café (SL)

MARCH

Sunday 2nd	9.00am	Holy Communion (SJ)
	10.30am	Parade Service (SJ)
	10.30am	Holy Communion (SL)
	11.45am	Rhythm of Life Meeting (SJ)
	6-7.30pm	Youth Worship Night at Wesley Chapel
Monday 3 rd	9-9.30am	Morning Prayer (SJ)
	2-3.00pm	Monday First at Dene Park Community Centre
	7.30pm	Lent Course (SJ)
Tuesday 4 th	7.30pm	Baptism Information Session (SJ)
	9-9.30am	Morning Prayer (SJ)
	3.30-5.00pm	Pause (Year 6-13 Youth Drop-In) (SJ Hall)
	7.00pm	Cone Exchange Presentation (SL)
Wednesday 5 th	9-9.30am	Morning Prayer (SJ)
<i>Ash Wednesday</i>	10.30am	Holy Communion with Ashing (SJ)
	10.30am	Thirst – Coffee at Dene Park Community Centre
Thursday 6 th	9-9.30am	Morning Prayer (SJ)

Friday 7 th	9.30-11.30am	Little Fishes (Parent & Toddler Group) (SL)
	12.45pm	Lent Course (SL)
	1-3.00pm	Wellbeing Café (SL)
Saturday 8 th	6.30-7.15pm	Junior Choir Practice (SJ)
	7-7.45pm	Adult Choir Practice (SJ)
	10.00am-12.00pm	Coffee Morning in Church Hall (SJ)
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 10 th	9-9.30am	Morning Prayer (SJ)
Tuesday 11 th	7.30pm	Lent Group (SJ)
	9-9.30am	Morning Prayer (SJ)
	10.00am	Walking Group (SJ)
	2-3.30pm	Comfort Café (SJ)
Wednesday 12 th	3.30-5.00pm	Pause (Year 6-13 Youth Drop-In) (SJ Hall)
	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
Thursday 13 th	12.15pm	Community Lunch at Bilton Community Centre
	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)
Tuesday 18 th	7.30pm	Lent Group (SJ)
	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)

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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 church's 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.



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.



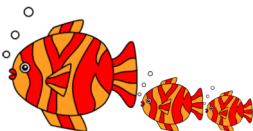

Over £1.2 million was raised through travel bookings last year!
What could you raise for us with your 2025 holiday?



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

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.



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

IGNITE SUNDAYS
6-7.15PM
ST LUKE'S CHURCH

THIS WEEK:
Happiness
plus:
NEWSPAPER ACTIVITY WEEK!

We are starting a new group for young people in years 6-13 at St John's Church Hall on Tuesday's after school. We are looking for some **GOOD QUALITY** used card/board games that we can play with them. They must be appropriate for that age of child and contain all the parts. If you have any you would be able to donate, they can be left in the office at St John's. Thank you.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Guided tour of Knaresborough Forest Park

We were very disappointed that we had to postpone this twice because of bad weather. We have now scheduled two more dates, Sunday 16 February and Sunday 16 March, but they will be recurrent events, so don't worry if you can't make either of these dates.

All the information about these walks can be found on our website at: <https://www.knaresboroughforestpark.org/event-list>

If you sign up for one, this is an expression of interest - it does not commit you to attending but you will be notified if it is cancelled. Please join us for one of these events – it's a great opportunity for us to meet supporters and vice versa!

The KFP team and the Board of Long Lands Common



The **TEAM RECTOR** interview day is this Wednesday.
Please keep in your prayers the panel and attendees and pray that the
right candidate will be found.

THIS WEEK'S DIARY

MONDAY 10 FEBRUARY

9-9.30am Morning Prayer (SJ)

TUESDAY 11 FEBRUARY

9-9.30am Morning Prayer (SJ)

10.00am Walking Group (SJ)

2-3.30pm Comfort Café (SJ)

WEDNESDAY 12 FEBRUARY

9.00am-4.00pm Team Rector

Interview Day (SJ)

NO Morning Prayer

10.30am Holy Communion (**SL**)

10.30am Thirst at Dene Park

Community Centre

12.15pm Community Lunch at

Bilton Community Centre

THURSDAY 13 FEBRUARY

9-9.30am Morning Prayer (SJ)

9.30-11.30am Little Fishes (Parent
& Toddler Group) (SL)

1.00pm Funeral: Robert Renicor
(SJ)

FRIDAY 14 FEBRUARY

1-3.00pm Wellbeing Café (SL)

SUNDAY 16 FEBRUARY (*Third Sunday before Lent*)

9.00am Holy Communion (SJ)

10.30am All Age Morning Worship
(SJ)

Reading: Luke 6:17-26

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(SL)

Reading: Luke 6:17-26

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