



## Making Disciples who make Jesus known

### HEADLINE NEWS!

**GOOD NEWS!** We have a wonderful new volunteer called Irene that is taking over the compilation and editing of our monthly parish **FOCUS MAGAZINE**. Look out for a new issue coming in March. It would be great to start with a bumper issue of what has been happening since our last copy in September so if you have an article to contribute please send it through to [sjslfocus@gmail.com](mailto:sjslfocus@gmail.com) or leave in the drawer at the back of St John's. Copy date for the March issue is Sunday 9th February.

A multi-generational event of fun games and friendly competition is taking place in St John's Church hall on Saturday 8th February from 12 - 2pm  
Soup and a roll is available for a small donation.

All are welcome!

Why not join us and linger a little longer after the coffee morning in a warm space.

### TODAY'S SERVICES AND EVENTS

**SUNDAY 2ND FEBRUARY** (*Candlemass*)

9.00am Holy Communion (SJ)

10.30am All Age Parade (SJ)

*Reading: Luke 2:22-40*

10.30am Holy Communion (SL)

*Readings: Hebrews 2:14-18; Luke 2:22-40*

6-7.30pm Youth Worship Night (Wesley Chapel)

# CHURCH LIFE



## UNEXPECTED GUEST

Thank you for your donations that are going this year to Harrogate Homeless Project, your generosity means we have sent £280 to help with their mission in Harrogate.

We are looking for some more volunteers to learn how to **SET UP COMMUNION** before 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. 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.



Starts Monday September 2nd

The first Monday of every month  
at Dene Park Community Centre  
from 2pm to 3pm

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.



## 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.

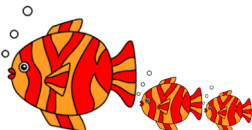
## LENT COURSES

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). More information to follow.

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

# 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,  
PLAY GAMES,  
MAKE FRIENDS,  
EXPLORE THEMES

wednesdays  
12.35-1.20  
in the chapel.  
bring your lunch

WORSHIP | FAITH | FOOD | FRIENDSHIP

**1ST SUNDAY**  
OF THE MONTH

Youth  
**WORSHIP**  
**NIGHT**

6 - 7.30pm  
WESLEY CHAPEL  
28 Oxford St, Harrogate



Register  
online

netmakers.org.uk/harrogate-youth

In partnership with

**NETMAKERS**  
YOUTH

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.



**ST JOHN'S CHURCH BILTON**

**COFFEE MORNING**

**SATURDAY 8TH FEBRUARY**

ENTRANCE £1 10AM-12NOON

(accompanied children free)

Refreshments included in entry fee

Home-made cakes

Hand-made cards

Large choice of books

Raffle

Tombola



**RAISING MONEY FOR**  
**ST JOHN'S & ST LUKE'S**  
**YOUTH GROUPS**

# What's Happening

## FEBRUARY

<b>Sunday 9<sup>th</sup></b>	9.00am	Holy Communion (SJ)
	10.30am	Holy Communion (SJ)
	10.30am	Café Church (SL)
	12.30pm	Baptisms (SJ)
<b>Monday 10<sup>th</sup></b>	6-7.15pm	Ignite (Year 7+ Youth Group) (SL)
	9-9.30am	Morning Prayer (SJ)
	7.30pm	Energy Audit Working Group Meeting
<b>Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup></b>	9-9.30am	Morning Prayer (SJ)
	10.00am	Walking Group (SJ)
	2-3.30pm	Comfort Café (SJ)
<b>Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup></b>		<b>NO Morning Prayer</b>
	9.00am-4.00pm	Team Rector Interview Day (SJ)
	10.30am	Holy Communion ( <b>SL</b> )
	10.30am	Thirst – Coffee at Dene Park Community Centre
<b>Thursday 13<sup>th</sup></b>	12.15pm	Community Lunch at Bilton Community Centre
	9-9.30am	Morning Prayer (SJ)
	9.30-11.30am	Little Fishes (Parent & Toddler Group) (SL)
<b>Friday 14<sup>th</sup></b>	1.00pm	Funeral: Robert Renicor (SJ)
	1-3.00pm	Wellbeing Café (SL)
<b>Sunday 16<sup>th</sup></b>	9.00am	Holy Communion (SJ)
	10.30am	All Age Morning Worship (SJ)
	10.30am	All Age Morning Worship (SL)
<b>Monday 17<sup>th</sup></b>	9-9.30am	Morning Prayer (SJ)
<b>Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup></b>	9-9.30am	Morning Prayer (SJ)
	7.15pm	Finance & Buildings Committee Meeting (SJ)
<b>Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup></b>	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
<b>Thursday 20<sup>th</sup></b>	9-9.30am	Morning Prayer (SJ)
<b>Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	9.00am	Holy Communion (SJ)
	10.30am	<b>JOINT</b> Holy Communion ( <b>SJ</b> )
	6-7.15pm	Ignite (Year 7+ Youth Group) (SL)
<b>Monday 24<sup>th</sup></b>	9-9.30am	Morning Prayer (SJ)
	7.30pm	Green Team Meeting
<b>Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup></b>	9-9.30am	Morning Prayer (SJ)
<b>Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup></b>	9-9.30am	Morning Prayer (SJ)
	10.30am	Holy Communion (SJ)
	10.30am	Thirst – Coffee at Dene Park Community Centre
<b>Thursday 27<sup>th</sup></b>	9-9.30am	Morning Prayer (SJ)

	9.30-11.30am	Little Fishes (Parent & Toddler Group) (SL)
	7.30pm	Small Leaders Meeting (SJ)
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup>	1-3.00pm	Wellbeing Café (SL)

**MARCH**

<b>Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	9.00am	Holy Communion (SJ)
	10.30am	Parade Service (SJ)
	10.30am	Holy Communion (SL)
	11.45am	Rhythm of Life Meeting (SJ)
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	6-7.30pm	Youth Worship Night at Wesley Chapel
	9-9.30am	Morning Prayer (SJ)
	2-3.00pm	Monday First at Dene Park Community Centre
	7.00pm	Lent Course (SJ)
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup>	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 <sup>th</sup>	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 <sup>th</sup>	9-9.30am	Morning Prayer (SJ)
	9.30-11.30am	Little Fishes (Parent & Toddler Group) (SL)
	12.45pm	Lent Course (SL)
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup>	1-3.00pm	Wellbeing Café (SL)
	6.30-7.15pm	Junior Choir Practice (SJ)
	7-7.45pm	Adult Choir Practice (SJ)
Saturday 8 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am-12.00pm	Coffee Morning in Church Hall (SJ)



**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.



*Comfort*  
bereavement café



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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.

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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



# THIS WEEK'S DIARY

## MONDAY 3 FEBRUARY

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

## TUESDAY 4 FEBRUARY

9-9.30am Morning Prayer (SJ)

## WEDNESDAY 5 FEBRUARY

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

## THURSDAY 6 FEBRUARY

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

## FRIDAY 7 FEBRUARY

1-3.00pm Wellbeing Café (SL)

6.30-7.15pm Junior Choir Practice  
(SJ)  
7-7.45pm Adult Choir Practice (SJ)

## SATURDAY 8 FEBRUARY

10.00am-12noon Coffee Morning in  
Church Hall (SJ)  
12-2.00pm Board Games Event in  
Church Hall (SJ)

## SUNDAY 9 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 Baptisms (SJ)  
6-7.15pm Ignite (Year 7+ Youth  
Group) (SL)

People at St John's & St Luke's may have heard through diocesan channels, but our former Archdeacon of Richmond (1993-2006), the **Venerable Ken Good**, has died. His funeral is at 11 a.m. on 11th February 2025 in St Peter's Church, Yarm Rd, Stockton-on-Tees TS18 3PJ. All are welcome to come along, please pass this information to anyone you think may wish to attend.

## CONTACT US

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