

Making Disciples who make Jesus known

HEADLINE NEWS!

VOLUNTEERS THANK YOU EVENT

Sunday 26th January

5.30-7.00pm at St Luke's

Everyone that helps at either church, or in a church related group in any way is warmly invited to this event hosted by the clergy team to say Thank You! If you are planning to come please let the office know so we can cater for the right numbers.



UNEXPECTED GUEST

Will you join our tradition of setting a place for an unexpected guest (who might be Jesus)? Rather than turkey and all the trimmings, we put onto the plate what the meal would have cost, and bring that to either church. This year all donations received will go to **Harrogate Homeless Project**.

Plates are available for collection now and donations can be made until the end of January.



The **TEAM RECTOR VACANCY** advertisement is live on the Diocesan website and can be found by clicking [here](#).

Please pray that the right person sees the vacancy and is called to apply at the first time of asking so that we may have a new rector in place as soon as is possible.

Closing date for applications is Sunday 26th, the shortlisting meeting will be on Thursday 30th and interviews are planned in for Wednesday 12th February.

TODAY'S SERVICES AND EVENTS

SUNDAY 19TH JANUARY (*Second Sunday of Epiphany*)

9.00am Holy Communion (SJ)

10.30am Morning Worship (SJ)

Readings: 1 Corinthians 12:1-11; John 2:1-11

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

CHURCH LIFE

SMALL GROUPS

Just as Jesus formed his own small group so we know that we all flourish, find support and learn well in small groups.

We believe small groups can/should:

- increase a sense of belonging to church
- stimulate spiritual growth through shared exploring of the Bible, prayer and mutual encouragement
- inspire & equip people to love & serve God, each other & the world

We currently have a number of spaces in some of our existing groups and welcome new groups starting.

If you are interested in finding out more about joining or setting up a small group, come along after the service at St John's on Sunday 26th January, approx. 11.40am in the East End Room to meet with Juliet Duke who will be available to tell you more.

We are still looking for someone that can take over the collation and editing of our parish **FOCUS MAGAZINE**. It is a great way for the community to see what is happening in and around the churches and has been greatly missed since Jean Burton passed away. If you think you can give some of your time each month to put this together please speak to the parish office.

HARROGATE SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY & MISSION LIVE LECTURES IN 2025



Saturday 22nd March, 10.00am-12noon at St Mark's, Nicola Slee, 'Abba Amma: Improvisations on the Lord's Prayer'. In this lecture, Nicola Slee will share something of her own journey with the Lord's Prayer and suggest that we are called, not so much to repeat the prayer unvaryingly, as to live in its pattern and improvise around it to find our own authentic way of praying and our own authentic relationship to the Abba Amma God of Jesus.

Tickets from £5 for a zoom/student ticket, or £8 for in person attendance. Under 18s are free. To purchase your tickets please [click here](#)

SEMINARS IN 2025

Saturday 22nd February, 10.00am-12noon at Woodlands Methodist Church led by Dr David Hanson, retired ENT Consultant about the Christian considerations of potential changes in law regarding "assisted dying". Live speaker with group discussion.

Saturday 12th April, 10.00am-12noon at Woodlands Methodist Church, we are delighted to invite Penny Pullen to deliver our seminar in April.

In this interactive session, we'll explore some of the challenges facing people with invisible (but nevertheless limiting) illnesses as they try to be part of our churches, to be valued and belong. We'll hear from Penny's research into 'The Ethics of Inclusion' which focused on this underserved group. We'll think theologically, using the Body of Christ metaphor of 1 Corinthians 12, and discuss ideas we can put in place to transform our churches.

Tickets for seminars are £5 and are also available from the link above.

USED POSTAGE STAMPS are once again being collected by local Girlguiding to raise funds to finish off the rebuild of Birk Crag. Stamps can be dropped off in the parish office, at 22 Albany Avenue or 52 Hill Top Avenue.

YOUTH AND CHILDREN'S WORK

IGNITE SUNDAYS
6-7.15PM
ST LUKE'S CHURCH

**THIS WEEK:
RESOLUTIONS
PLUS
MAKE YOUR OWN PIZZA!**

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

UNWANTED CHRISTMAS GIFTS

Did you receive a gift for Christmas that you won't make use of? Please consider donating it to be used at one of our monthly coffee mornings at St John's. Any donations can be left at the back of either church and will help us raise funds for our chosen charities.



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**

We are beginning a new weekly young people's group called **PAUSE** on a Tuesday from 3.15-5pm. It is going to be a drop in cafe space in St John's hall for young people in Y6-Y13. The aim is to provide a warm, welcoming space, where there is someone friendly to chat to, some games to play and some food and drinks. So, we are looking for a few warm and friendly people to join the team please! No skills are needed except a heart for young people and the ability to chat and listen and maybe play a few rounds of Connect 4! You don't need to be on the rota every week; depending on numbers it's more likely to be once a month and it will only run in term time.

Please could you prayerfully consider whether or not this is something you would like to be involved in, and contact myself : youthwork@stjohnsandstlukes.org.uk
Thanks so much
Emma

What's Happening

JANUARY

Sunday 26th	9.00am	Holy Communion (SJ)
	10.30am	Holy Communion (SJ)
	10.30am	All Age Worship (SL)
	11.40am	Small Groups Information Meeting (SJ)
	5.30-7.00pm	Volunteer's Thank You event (SL)
Monday 27th	9-9.30am	Morning Prayer (SJ)
	2.00pm	Café Church Leaders Meeting
Tuesday 28th	9-9.30am	Morning Prayer (SJ)
Wednesday 29th	9-9.30am	Morning Prayer (SJ)
	10.30am	Holy Communion (SJ)
	10.30am	Thirst - Coffee at Dene Park Community Centre
Thursday 30th	9-9.30am	Morning Prayer (SJ)
	9.30-11.30am	Little Fishes (Parent & Toddler Group) (SL)
Friday 31st	2.20pm	Funeral: Thomas Wilkinson (Stonefall)
	1-3.00pm	Wellbeing Café (SL)

FEBRUARY

Sunday 2nd	9.00am	Holy Communion (SJ)
	10.30am	Parade Service (SJ)
	10.30am	Holy Communion (SL)
	6-7.30pm	Youth Worship Night at Wesley Chapel
	9-9.30am	Morning Prayer (SJ)
Monday 3rd	2-3.00pm	Monday First at Dene Park Community Centre
Tuesday 4th	9-9.30am	Morning Prayer (SJ)
Wednesday 5th	9-9.30am	Morning Prayer (SJ)
	10.30am	Holy Communion (SJ)
	10.30am	Thirst - Coffee at Dene Park Community Centre
Thursday 6th	9-9.30am	Morning Prayer (SJ)
	9.30-11.30am	Little Fishes (Parent & Toddler Group) (SL)
Friday 7th	1-3.00pm	Wellbeing Café (SL)
	6.30-7.15pm	Junior Choir Practice (SJ)
	7-7.45pm	Adult Choir Practice (SJ)
Saturday 8th	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)
	12.30pm	Baptisms (SJ)
	6-7.15pm	Ignite (Year 7+ Youth Group) (SL)
Monday 10th	9-9.30am	Morning Prayer (SJ)
Tuesday 11th	9-9.30am	Morning Prayer (SJ)
	10.00am	Walking Group (SJ)
	2-3.30pm	Comfort Café (SJ)
Wednesday 12th		NO Morning Prayer
	9.00am-4.00pm	Team Rector Interview Day (SJ)

	10.30am	Holy Communion (SL)
	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	1-3.00pm	Wellbeing Café (SL)
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)
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)
Friday 21 st	1-3.00pm	Wellbeing Café (SL)
Sunday 23rd	9.00am	Holy Communion (SJ)
	10.30am	JOINT All Age Worship (SJ)
	6-7.15pm	Ignite (Year 7+ Youth Group) (SL)
Monday 24 th	9-9.30am	Morning Prayer (SJ)
	7.30pm	Green Team Meeting
Tuesday 25 th	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)
Friday 28 th	1-3.00pm	Wellbeing Café (SL)
<u>MARCH</u>		
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	Baptism Information Session (SJ)

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.



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



THE GREEN TEAM

BIG GARDEN BIRDWATCH 2025

Can you spare one hour within 24th-26th January to take part in the world's largest garden wildlife survey? Follow this link to register for your free pack and to find out more information.

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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!

YOUR TIME COULD MAKE ALL THE DIFFERENCE TO A YOUNG PERSON



Life can be a lonely path for some young people. The NYY Buddy scheme can be an enriching experience for both you and the young person you support. Volunteer to befriend a 14-19yr old for as little as one hour a week. **Help make a difference in your community.**

For more information please contact:

Stef Benson
Buddy Network Coordinator
07398 149496
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North Yorkshire Youth
Volunteer Buddy Network
One to one support for 14-19yr olds

THIS WEEK'S DIARY

MONDAY 20 JANUARY

9-9.30am Morning Prayer (SJ)

7.00pm PCC Meeting (SJ)

TUESDAY 21 JANUARY

9-9.30am Morning Prayer (SJ)

7.00pm Deanery Synod Meeting
(St John's
Knaresborough)

WEDNESDAY 22 JANUARY

9-9.30am Morning Prayer (SJ)

10.30am Holy Communion (SJ)

10.30am Thirst at Dene Park
Community Centre

3.00pm Funeral: Olive Ward
(Stonefall)

THURSDAY 23 JANUARY

9-9.30am Morning Prayer (SJ)

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

7.00pm Girl's Night Out at Kismet

FRIDAY 24 JANUARY

1-3.00pm Wellbeing Café (SL)

6.30-7.15pm Junior Choir Practice
(SJ)

7-7.45pm Adult Choir Practice (SJ)

SUNDAY 26 JANUARY (Third Sunday of Epiphany)

9.00am Holy Communion (SJ)

10.30am Holy Communion (SJ)

*Readings: 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a
Luke 4:14-21*

10.30am All Age Worship (SL)

Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

11.40am Small Groups

Information Meeting (SJ)

5.30-7.00pm Thank You Event (SL)

DISCIPLESHIP & MISSION

Ever wondered what theology means and how to study it? Need some guidance on how to dig a bit deeper? Don't know where to start? This free and updated course is for you! Don't miss out - sign up now for a March start. **INTRODUCTION TO THEOLOGY** (ITT): A 12-session journey looking at the Christian faith, thinking about your own faith journey and developing theological skills. This is a great place to start when considering where God is calling you. In recognition of travel and internet accessibility issues, we are introducing a new hybrid version of the course as well as an in-person one. For more information click [here](#).

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