

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.

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.

TODAY'S SERVICES AND EVENTS

SUNDAY 12TH JANUARY (*Baptism of Christ*)

9.00am Holy Communion (SJ)

10.30am Holy Communion (SJ)

Readings: Psalm 85:8-13; Luke 3:15-1,21-22

10.30am Café Church (SL)

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

CHURCH LIFE

COMFORT BEREAVEMENT CAFÉ

will be at St John's on Tuesday 14th January,
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.



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.

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

HARROGATE SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY & MISSION LIVE LECTURES IN 2025

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Saturday 18th January, 10.00am-12noon at St Mark's Church, Leeds Road, Bishop of Kirkstall, Arun Arora, 'Living Faithfully: Rediscovering Michael Ramsey's Five Spiritual Helps'.

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 available from the link above.

Congratulations to the following couple that were recently married at St Luke's

Saturday 28th December 2024

**Paul Edward Smith
and Sarah Patricia Shepherd**

May your marriage always bring glory to God, a joy to one another, and blessings to your family for many generations to come.



CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

Thank you to everyone that took part in this year's festival at St John's, the standard was amazing, we had more entries than ever before and also more votes by our community which were spread across almost every entry. The votes have been counted and verified and the following trees were voted as the favourites:

- 1st—Coppice Valley Primary School**
- = 2nd—Ignite Youth Group**
- = 2nd—Bilton Grange Primary School**
- 4th—Richard Taylor School**

Well done to Coppice Valley Primary School, your certificate and small prize will be making it's way to you soon. We can't wait to see what everyone's 2025 entries will look like. Look out for details after the summer.

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,
PLAY GAMES,
MAKE FRIENDS,
EXPLORE THEMES

wednesdays
12.35-1.20
in the chapel.
bring your lunch

What's Happening in January

JANUARY

Thursday 2 nd	11.00am	Funeral: John MacInnes (Stonefall)
Friday 3 rd	1-3.00pm	Wellbeing Café (SL)
Sunday 5th	9.00am	Holy Communion (SJ)
	10.30am	All Age Service (SJ)
	10.30am	Holy Communion (SL)
Monday 6 th	9-9.30am	Morning Prayer (SJ)
	2-3.00pm	Monday First at Dene Park Community Centre
Tuesday 7 th	9-9.30am	Morning Prayer (SJ)
Wednesday 8 th	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 9 th	9-9.30am	Morning Prayer (SJ)
	9.30-11.30am	Little Fishes (Parent & Toddler Group) (SL)
Friday 10 th	1-3.00pm	Wellbeing Café (SL)
	6.30-7.15pm	Junior Choir Practice (SJ)
	7-7.45pm	Adult Choir Practice (SJ)
Saturday 11 th	10.00am-12noon	Coffee Morning (SJ)
Sunday 12th	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 13 th	9-9.30am	Morning Prayer (SJ)
	12.00pm	Pastoral Team Meeting
	8.00pm	Green Team Meeting
Tuesday 14 th	9-9.30am	Morning Prayer (SJ)
	10.00am	Walking Group (SJ)
	2-3.30pm	Comfort Café (SJ)
	7.15pm	Finance & Buildings Committee Meeting (SJ)
Wednesday 15 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 16 th	9-9.30am	Morning Prayer (SJ)
	9.30-11.30am	Little Fishes (Parent & Toddler Group) (SL)
Friday 17 th	7.30pm	Energy Audit Team Meeting
	1-3.00pm	Wellbeing Café (SL)
	6.30-7.15pm	Junior Choir Practice (SJ)
	7-7.45pm	Adult Choir Practice (SJ)

Sunday 19th	9.00am	Holy Communion (SJ)
	10.30am	Morning Worship (SJ)
	10.30am	Morning Worship (SL)
Monday 20th	6-7.15pm	Ignite (Year 7+ Youth Group) (SL)
	9-9.30am	Morning Prayer (SJ)
Tuesday 21st	7.30pm	PCC Meeting (SJ)
	9-9.30am	Morning Prayer (SJ)
Wednesday 22nd	7.00pm	Deanery Synod (St John's, K'boro)
	9-9.30am	Morning Prayer (SJ)
	10.30am	Holy Communion (SJ)
	10.30am	Thirst - Coffee at Dene Park Community Centre
Thursday 23rd	3.00pm	Funeral: Olive Ward (Stonefall)
	9-9.30am	Morning Prayer (SJ)
	9.30-11.30am	Little Fishes (Parent & Toddler Group) (SL)
Friday 24th	7.00pm	Girl's Night Out at Kismet
	1-3.00pm	Wellbeing Café (SL)
	6.30-7.15pm	Junior Choir Practice (SJ)
	7-7.45pm	Adult Choir Practice (SJ)
Sunday 26th	9.00am	Holy Communion (SJ)
	10.30am	Holy Communion (SJ)
	10.30am	All Age Worship (SL)
Monday 27th	5.30-7.00pm	Volunteer's Thank You event (SL)
	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	1-3.00pm	Wellbeing Café (SL)
<u>FEBRUARY</u>		
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
Monday 3rd	9-9.30am	Morning Prayer (SJ)
	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

The Social Committee have organised a **GIRL'S NIGHT OUT** on Thursday 23rd January 2025 at 7pm at Kismet on Kings Road. We were keen to support a local business and we'll have exclusive use.

The menu looks delicious and you have a choice of 3 courses for £30.75 or a main and dessert for £25.25, both prices include a service charge, a glass of wine or beer or a soft drink.

The venues capacity is 28 and there are 3 spaces still available so please let Juliet Duke, Liz Jones or Naomi Kempton know as soon as possible if you would like to attend. A £10 deposit will be payable to secure your place. If you wish to pay directly into a bank account please email juliet.duke2@gmail.com and she will provide bank details. The balance, plus any additional drinks, will be due on the night.

Please also advise of any allergens or dietary needs.

Watch this space men, something will follow for you in the New Year!

Set Menu



M E N U

APPETIZER

Lentil Soup & Sourdough vg gf

Hummus & Lavash vg gf

Haydari & Lavash v gf

Aubergine Ezme & Lavash v gf

Endive Salad w/ Kisir vg

MAIN

Chicken Shish w/ Lavash & Chermoula Salad gf

Lamb Kofte w/ Lavash & Chermoula Salad gf

Falafel w/ Hummus & Chermoula Salad vg gf

Monkfish Kiev w/ Bubble and Squeak & Peas

Smoked Haddock Squid Kedgeree w/ Zesty Veg gf

DESSERT

Pistachio Baklava w/ Clotted Cream Mousse v

Candied Pumpkin w/ Pumpkin Seeds

Praline, Tahini & Raspberry Sorbet vg gf

NY Vanilla Cheese Cake w/ Turkish Raki

& Raisin Ice Cream v

v: Vegetarian vg: Vegan, gf: Gluten free

We have gluten free lavash bread available.



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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 **TEAM RECTOR VACANCY** advertisement has gone 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.

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.



COMMUNITY EVENTS



Ethics Matters

Weekly lectures with discussions
at St Peter's Church, Harrogate
with Dr Peter Vardy

Starting in January 2025

9th January	Ethics Matters
16th January	A good death?
23rd January	Sex/Life
30th January	A just war?
6th February	Money, money, money...
13th February	Artificial Intelligence

All lectures begin at 7pm. Light refreshments will be served.
Book your free place at: stpeterschurchhgtoffice@gmail.com

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 code to find out more.



THIS WEEK'S DIARY

MONDAY 13 JANUARY

9-9.30am Morning Prayer (SJ)
12.00pm Pastoral Team Meeting
8.00pm Green Team Meeting

TUESDAY 14 JANUARY

9-9.30am Morning Prayer (SJ)
10.00am Walking Group (SJ)
2-3.30pm Comfort Café (SJ)
7.15pm Finance & Buildings
Committee Meeting (SJ)

WEDNESDAY 15 JANUARY

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 16 JANUARY

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

7.30pm Energy Audit Team
Meeting

FRIDAY 17 JANUARY

1-3.00pm Wellbeing Café (SL)
6.30-7.15pm Junior Choir Practice
(SJ)
7-7.45pm Adult Choir Practice (SJ)

SUNDAY 19 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*
10.30am Morning Worship (SL)
*Readings: 1 Corinthians 12:1-11
John 2:1-11*
6-7.15pm Ignite (Year 7+ Youth
Group) (SL)

THE GREEN TEAM



Do you know about **HARROGATE CLOTHES BANK**?
They are a facility where people in need of good quality
second hand clothing can go and get clothes for free (no
proof of referral or income is needed).

People can also donate good quality used items to them
(see website for details).

(<https://harrogateclothesbank.co.uk/>)

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