

**ST JOHN'S CHURCH NEWSLETTER**  
**"SHARING CHRIST IN THE COMMUNITY"**

**For our prayers this week**

We continue to pray for peace throughout the world, remembering all whose lives are torn apart through war in Gaza, Ukraine, Sudan and in other conflict zones. We pray for all those who have been affected by the plane crash in India. We pray for couples preparing for marriage this summer.

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**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2025 – St John's Day**

Readings: Isaiah 40: 1-11

Luke 1: 57-66, 80

Special Prayer (Collect) for St John's Day

St John's Prayer for Growth

Almighty God,  
by whose providence your servant John the  
Baptist was wonderfully born,  
and sent to prepare the way of your Son our  
Saviour  
by the preaching of repentance:  
lead us to repent according to his preaching  
and, after his example,  
constantly to speak the truth,  
boldly to rebuke vice,  
and patiently to suffer for truth's sake;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. Amen.

God of mission,  
you give fresh life to St John's.  
send your Holy Spirit to give:  
vision to our planning,  
wisdom to our activities  
and power to our witness,  
that we may grow  
in love and commitment to you, in number of  
disciples and in loving service to our neighbours  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Opportunities for worship on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2025**

St John's will be open today, Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2025, at 10.00am for a Family Communion Service for St John's Day. We will be joined by children from St John's School who will be leading the prayers.

The service will be followed by a picnic. Drinks available and lots of games to play. Bring your own blanket/chair and picnic - Everyone welcome.

There will be no JJs this week – all children are invited to take part in the service but there will be some activities for children available at the back of church.

**Live Stream of 10.00am Services**

We will live stream today's service if we can.

Today's service and all services that we have been able to livestream are available on our YouTube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCDyIQ-Vbrv-5bikSlpgV2QQ> just click on the link and select the service from the range of videos in the live tab on the channel. The link is also available on Facebook and via the Services and Events page on A Church Near You.

<https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/7365> . The order of service (in pdf format) is attached to the email containing this newsletter and by 'viewing the attachment' on ACNY, on the service detail.

## **The Revd Rob Harper's Licensing Service**

Rob's Licensing Service will be on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2025 at 7.30pm in Holy Cross Church, 143 Fryston Road, Castleford. WF10 3JL. If you would like to attend the service, please message Rob on 07702875014.

## **This Week**

### **Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2025 – 9.30am – Morning Prayer on Zoom**

The service lasts about twenty minutes and consists of a Psalm, a Bible reading and some prayers. All welcome. <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81143465385?pwd=NGsybHdEZEZ5UFUzdXNYMjJmZDhwUT09>

### **Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2025 – 11.00am – 1.00pm – St John's Weekly Drop-in**

St John's will be open from 11.00am – 1.00pm for a 'Drop-in'. Friendship, free refreshments (coffee and tea) and local information will be available. Do come along and stay for as long or short a time as you wish.

### **Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2025 – 1.30pm – 2.45pm - Samaritan Room - Bible Study - *Luke for Everyone – Session 4***

In this Bible study course we will be exploring the Gospel of Luke. The sessions will take place on Wednesday afternoons from 1.30pm – 2.45pm in the Samaritan Room at Church. There are six sessions in June and July. We will continue the study in the autumn. See below for more dates.

### **Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2025 – 7.00pm – Wakefield Cathedral – Archdeacon's Visitation**

At this special service at the Cathedral Sally and Liz will to be sworn in to the role of Churchwarden for 2025-26. All welcome to come along and support them.

### **Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2025 – 7.30pm – 9.00pm – Samaritan Room – *The Commandments – Session 5***

### **Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2025 – 9.00am – 11.30am – Toddler and Baby Playgroup**

St John's Toddler and Baby Playgroup meets on Fridays, during term time, from 9.00am – 11.30am. If you would like more information about the Toddler and Baby Playgroup, please contact Katy on 07484 775414 or Julie on 07784 733584.

### **Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2025 – 10.00am – Holy Communion Service with Baptism**

We welcome Orla Osborn who is to be baptized today. The service will be live streamed, if possible. The link to the St John's YouTube Channel is in the newsletter each week. The live stream will be available from 10.00am and you can also access it via A Church Near You and Facebook.

## **Advance Notices**

### **Bible Study - *Luke for Everyone* – 1.30pm – 2.45pm – Samaritan Room**

Remaining dates in July are as follows:

Session 5 - Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2025

Session 6 – Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2025

### **Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> July 2025 – 3.30pm – 5.50pm - Messy Church**

You are warmly invited to Messy Church on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> July 2024 from 3.30pm to 5.30pm in church. Outdoor games and activities and picnic food will be provided. All children need to be accompanied by an adult. For further information please contact: Cath Fox [cath.s.fox@outlook.com](mailto:cath.s.fox@outlook.com) If anyone would like to help with Messy Church, please also contact Cath.

**Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2025 – 7.30pm – 9.00pm - Youth Group barbecue in Church** for young people aged 11+ (Year 7 and above). At this summer Youth Group, we also welcome Young People about to go up from Year 6 into Year 7. Please let Stephanie know if your child/ren are planning to attend, so that we can make sure we have enough food for the barbecue!

**Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> July 2025 – 7.30pm – 9.30pm - PCC meeting**

**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2025 – 4.00pm -Tea-Time Service**

Tea-Time Services are very relaxed and include songs, activities, readings and prayers. We try lots of different ways to praise God, learn, pray, and share fellowship with each other. These services are for everyone: families of all shapes and sizes, children, adults, young and old. Why not come along? Drinks and biscuits will be available before the service, and there may even be cake from time to time.

**Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> September – 1.00pm – 4.00pm – Heritage Open Day at St John's**

**Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> September 2025 – 3.30pm – Wakefield Cathedral - Welcome Service for the new Bishop of Wakefield, Bishop Malcolm**

All welcome – no need to book.

**Prayer Chain**

The Church email prayer chain provides prayer support for individuals. If you, or someone you know, needs urgent prayer, please contact Glenys on [drandgmwhite-cooper@talktalk.net](mailto:drandgmwhite-cooper@talktalk.net). If you ask for prayer for someone else, please get their permission before you add them to the prayer chain.

**Daily Hope Phone Line** - The Church of England Daily Hope Phone Line is still available as a source of comfort. Calls are free to **0800 804 8044**.

**Magazine**

**Copy date** for the September magazine is **Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> August 2025**

Contributions to the Editor, Deidre Morris (email: [bandmorris@btinternet.com](mailto:bandmorris@btinternet.com)), by Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> August 2025, please.

**Newsletter**

We intend to send out this newsletter each week by email. If you know anyone else who would like to receive the email, please email [stjohn.churchwarden@gmail.com](mailto:stjohn.churchwarden@gmail.com). The newsletter will also be available on St John's Church Facebook page (@wakefieldstjohns) and A Church Near You website: (<https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/7365>).

Please send items for the newsletter to Stephanie [stephanie.buchanan@btinternet.com](mailto:stephanie.buchanan@btinternet.com) no later than the preceding Wednesday evening.

**Giving to St John's**

If you feel able to give, you can support St John's financially in the following ways:

**Church Services** - We do not take up a collection during services, but there is a box at the back of church for cash donations. Gift Aid envelopes are available so that we can recover Gift Aid on 'one-off' donations. There is also a card reader at the back of church.

**Online donations** can be made at <https://www.parishgiving.org.uk/donors/find-your-parish/wakefield-st-john-the-baptist-wakefield/> or via the QR code below.

**Standing Orders** – will continue as before.

**Stewardship Envelopes** – We have weekly or monthly envelopes for giving by cash or cheque. If you pay tax, we can recover Gift Aid on your giving. Please see Geoff Lockyer.

**Easyfundraising**

Use **easyfundraising** to help raise funds for St John's Church whilst you do your shopping online. Click On this link, or type into your browser, to see a video and sign up <https://tinyurl.com/367nkkd2>

**The Parish Giving Scheme** – This is like a standing order, but the regular payments from your bank account go to PGS, who pass it on to the church. For taxpayers, they also recover the Gift Aid, so it reduces our admin and improves our cashflow.

A further advantage of the PGS is that you can opt to have your regular gift increased annually in line with inflation, which can help it keep up with increasing costs without having to keep changing your standing order, calculating an annual top-up or putting an extra coin in your envelope every week.

The Parish Giving Scheme can now be joined online at <https://www.parishgiving.org.uk/donors/find-your-parish/wakefield-st-john-the-baptist-wakefield/> by calling 0333 002 1271 or by completing a form which our treasurer, Geoff Lockyer, can give you. You will need our PGS Parish Code, which is 460646605. Please have a word with Geoff if you have any questions or need any assistance. His email address is [geoff@geofflockyer.co.uk](mailto:geoff@geofflockyer.co.uk).

**Our QR code**, here, can also be used to make donations to St John's.

