

July and August 2025

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

For our prayers

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 rest and recuperation for those going away on holiday and for those having a break at home over the summer. We pray for Charlie and Archie who are to be baptized in August.

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Sunday 20th July 2025 – The Fifth Sunday after Trinity

Readings:

Philippians 2: 1-13

Luke 10: 25-37

Special Prayer (Collect) for the Fifth Sunday after Trinity

St John's Prayer for Growth

Almighty God,
send down upon your Church
the riches of your Spirit,
and kindle in all who minister the gospel
your countless gifts of grace;
through Jesus Christ 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.

PLEASE NOTE THIS NEWSLETTER COVERS THE LAST TWO WEEKS OF JULY AND THE WHOLE OF AUGUST 2025. THERE WILL BE NO WEEKLY MAILINGS ON SUNDAYS 27th JULY, 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th and 31st AUGUST.

Opportunities for worship on Sunday 20th July 2025

St John's will be open today, Sunday 20th July at 10.00am, for a Communion Service.

'JJs' - St John's Juniors – there will be *no* JJs meeting today, but there will be some summer activities for children at the back of church.

Sunday 20th 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.

Live Stream of 10.00am Services

We will live stream the 10am services if we can. 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.

Week beginning Monday 21st July 2025

Monday 21st July 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>

Monday 21st July 2025 – 7.30pm – Holy Cross Church, Airedale – Licensing of the Revd Rob Harper

Wednesday 23rd July 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.

Friday 25th July 2025 – 9.00am – 11.30am – *No* 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 27th July 2025 – 10.00am – Holy Communion Service

There will be *no* JJs meeting today, but there will be some summer activities for children at the back of church.

Week beginning Monday 28th July 2025

Monday 28th July 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 30th July 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.

Friday 1st August 2025 – 9.00am – 11.30am – *No* 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 3rd August 2025 – 10.00am – Holy Communion Service with Baptism

There will be *no* JJs meeting today, but there will be some summer activities for children at the back of church.

August 2025

No Morning Prayer on Zoom (4th, 11th, 18th, 25th)

Morning Prayer will resume on Monday 1st September 2025. 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>

No Toddler and Baby Playgroup (8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th)

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.

St John's Weekly Drop in continues through the summer:

Every Wednesday 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.

Sundays in August 2025

*There will be **no** JJs meeting throughout August, but there will be some summer activities for children at the back of church each week.*

Sunday 10th August 2025 – 10.00am – Holy Communion Service

Sunday 17th August 2025 – 10.00am – Holy Communion Service

Sunday 17th August 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.

Sunday 24th August 2025 – 10.00am – Holy Communion Service with Baptism

Sunday 31st August 2025 – 10.00am – Holy Communion Service

Week beginning Monday 1st September 2025

Monday 1st September 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 3rd September 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.

Friday 5th September 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 7th September 2025 – 10.00am – Holy Communion Service

Also, at 10.00am - '**JJs**' - **St John's Juniors** will be meeting in the Samaritan Room. All children between 4 and 11 years old are welcome to this Sunday morning group. Join us for story, prayer and activities. A fun place to learn and grow in faith. For more information contact Cath Fox on cath.s.fox@outlook.com

Advance Notices

Saturday 13th September – 1.00pm – 4.00pm – Heritage Open Day at St John's

Sunday 28th 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. 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 10th August 2025**.

Copy date for the October magazine is **Sunday 14th September 2025**

Contributions to the Editor, Deidre Morris (email: bandmorris@btinternet.com), by Sunday 10th August 2025 and Sunday 14th September, please.

Newsletter

The next newsletter will be sent out on Sunday 7th September. If you know anyone else who would like to receive the email, please email 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 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. **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.

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>

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

