



St John's Church, Whorlton September 2025

A Message from Reader Anne

A lot of children and their families have had a very anxious few weeks. The GCSE exam results came out on Thursday 21st August and emotions for those waiting have been all over the place, as students opened that all important envelope. It has been particularly difficult for this year's students as they had their studies interrupted by Covid 19. This virus profoundly affected school pupils through significant learning deficits, with a significant impact on their physical and mental health. School closures led to widespread loss of learning and a shift to online learning which exposed disparities in access to devices, internet connectivity and digital literacy, creating barriers to some students. Psychological effects on children in the UK have been listed as boredom, loneliness and frustration. Irritability, restlessness, anxiety and arguing with the rest of the family were also reported as manifesting during this period. Any exam situation is tough enough but it is the first major step, well not a step, a stride towards the future. A future that holds many opportunities if you choose to take them. However, learning is not confined to childhood or formal education but is an ongoing journey. Individuals can choose what, when, and how they learn based on their own interests and goals. Pursuing interests and passions enrich life, fosters curiosity and leads to a deeper understanding of the world. So, follow your heart, follow your dreams, be kind to one another and never forget the importance of hard work.

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DIARY DATES

13th September Tynemouth Walking Tour rescheduled - see Martin Stait for details
7pm, Sat. 20th Sept.: Greek Night – please support it's expected to be a "smashing" evening!
12 noon, Sun. 5th Oct.: Harvest Lunch
2-4pm, Sat. 22nd Nov.: Christmas Fayre
6:30pm, Sun. 14th Dec.: Carol Service

*Mothers' Union meets on first Monday of the month at 2pm in the Hall.
The Women's Group meets 8pm, first Tuesday of the month at The Chapel Park.
Writing Group generally meets on the first Friday of the month at 2pm, venue TBC.
Men's Breakfast meets at Dobbies at 10am on the first Saturday of the month.
Messy Church is at 3pm on the first Sunday of the month in the Hall.*

SUNDAY SERVICES AND BIBLE READINGS FOR THE MONTH

Trinity 12, 7 th September	Deuteronomy 30: 15-end; Philemon 1-21; Luke 14: 25-33
Trinity 13, 14 th September	Numbers 21: 4-9; Philippians 2: 6-11; John 3: 13-17
Trinity 14, 21 st September	Proverbs 3: 13-18; 2 Corinthians 4: 1-6; Matthew 9: 9-13
Trinity 15, 28 th September	Amos 6: 1a, 4-7; 1 Timothy 6: 6-19; Luke 16: 19-end

Big Sing Save the Dates: Big Christmas Sing: 29/11/25; Big Easter Sing: 11/04/26.

Harvest: Donations for the People's Kitchen can be brought on the 5th October to coincide with the Harvest Service and Harvest Lunch. The lunch will be for Christian Aid – suggested donation £5.

Friday Bible Study: following the break over the summer please speak to Rev'd Bob if you are interested in joining this group and a restart date will be determined.

Defibrillator fundraising - target £3700

We are aiming to install a defibrillator in the car park at St John's church. The defibrillator will be accessible from Stamfordham Road and be available to all who require assistance in the event of a cardiac emergency. We have created a just giving page to allow organisations and individuals to donate. <https://www.aeddonate.org.uk/projects/25-072>

HALL BOOKINGS

We're open to taking new bookings: do get in touch with the parish office for details or with any enquiries (whether for a regular booking or one-off event): 0191 271 2992.

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