



Stamford Bridge Group of Parishes

Services & News, September 2025

SERVICES

Sunday 7th September, the twelfth Sunday after Trinity

10:30am Holy Communion, St John's

Sunday 14th September, the thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

9:00am Holy Communion, All Saints

10:30am Morning Worship, St John's

Sunday 21st September, the fourteenth Sunday after Trinity

10:30am Holy Communion, St John's

4:00pm Harvest Festival, All Saints

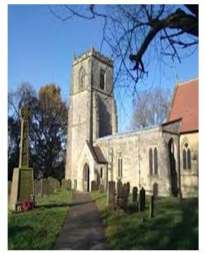
Sunday 28th September, the fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

9:00am Holy Communion, All Saints

10:30am Harvest Festival, St John's



St John the Baptist Church
Stamford Bridge



All Saints' Church
Catton



St Peter & St Paul Church
Scrayingham

Fairtrade Fortnight 2025: "Do it Fair, Brew it Fair"

Fairtrade Fortnight is an annual campaign in the UK that raises awareness about the importance of fair trade and supports farmers and workers in developing countries.

St John's is a Fairtrade church, committed to serve Fairtrade refreshments at all our events, and to promote fair trade, trade justice and climate justice. Please join us for our Fairtrade event:



Big Brew Tea and Coffee Morning

10.00 – 12.00, Saturday 27 September

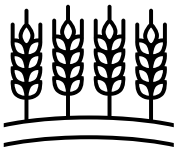
The Old Station Club, Platform 66

Come along and celebrate Fairtrade Fortnight with us!

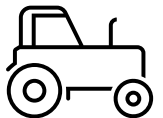
Serving Fairtrade tea, coffee, and cakes.

There will be a cake stall, Fairtrade stall, quizzes, and lots of information about Fairtrade.

Harvest Festivals



Everyone is welcome to join our harvest services as we give thanks for our food, our farmers, and all those working in agriculture and the food industry. We also remember those who struggle to feed their families. We will be collecting non-perishable food for the Food Bank so please bring a tin or packet or two to church on that Sunday.



WHAT'S ON

Little Lights, Pre-school Group - starts again Friday, 5 September

Join us at St John's every Friday in term time between 10.00-11.30 (stay as long as you wish). We have a very interactive bible story and a few fun songs as well as a chance for a drink and catch up. All under 5s and their grown-ups are very welcome to this fun, informal and free activity!

Cuppa & Co – starts again Thursday, 4 September

We are a registered 'warm welcome space' where you can join us for a cuppa, cake and company! Thursday mornings, 10-12 during term time in the Platform 66 rooms at the Old Station, Stamford Bridge. All are very welcome to attend!

Mothers' Union – Thursday, 25 September

We held a special meeting in July. Rev Maggy celebrated Communion and we remembered with love and thanks our three members, Lorna, Ann and Chris who have recently died. It was a beautiful service. Instead of our usual tea and biscuits, we celebrated the occasion with a delicious strawberry tea.

Our next meeting is on 25th September, when Chris with Jean will tell us about the challenges and progress of renovating their home in France. Everyone is very welcome.

Advance notice: from 6-20 October, we will be collecting warm clothing and non-aerosol toiletries for Carecent. Collection points will be posted nearer the time.

The Food Bank – supporting the People’s Pantry, Pocklington

Thank you for your continued support. Food that can easily be heated and provide nourishing, comforting meals such as tinned stews, curry and bolognese are especially welcome as we go into Autumn. Collection points are St John's Church porch, 29 Huntsman Lane, Prospect House Farm, High Catton and Church End House, Low Catton.

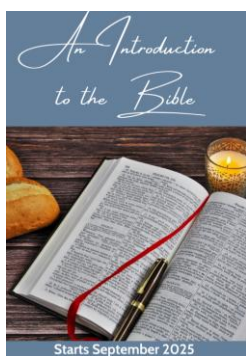


There is intense interest today in Celtic spirituality. It is based on belief that in those many centuries past of isolation, that the early Celtic Christians developed a culture that was in many respects closer to the early church, to 'true Christianity' rather than any of the forms of institutionalized Christianity that replaced it. Some consider the 'defeat' of Celtic Christians at Whitby a disaster of planetary proportions. Bradley quotes a 1998 speculation from The Plain Truth, the magazine of the Worldwide Church of God: "If the Celts had won at Whitby, our world might be less materialistic and less steeped in consumerism. Our waters might be less polluted, our rain forests and ozone layer might still be intact, and our fellow creatures might be less endangered. Life might be simpler, less frantic, and happier." Celtic Christianity offers a rich worship tradition; fosters prayer in everyday language of creation and the natural world; is 'green' in its stewardship of the earth; affirms women and men equally; is committed to living in community; is passionate about peace and justice; has no divide between sacred and secular; engages critically with contemporary culture; and is rooted in mission not maintenance.

13th September 2025 at St Mary's Church Beverley, led by Rev Roy Searle - explore the riches of the Celtic Christian spirituality of the Saints and how they carried the light of Christ in the dark age in which they lived and what we can glean from their lives for our life and faith in a changing and uncertain world today. The day will finish with a candlelit, reflective and meditative Celtic Eucharist.

Little Lights – July

Margaret has shared this picture of Graham – dressed up for Little Lights – helping to re-enact the story! Shared with his permission!



An Introduction to the Bible

Over the course of 8 sessions, An Introduction to the Bible aims to introduce participants to the way the Bible came to be written and compiled, and will explore the different ways that the Bible has been encountered and read by Christians over the centuries.

Cost: £80 per person. To request an application form, please contact: 01904 699529 training@yorkdiocese.org

Newsletter for October Please send any items for inclusion to sbgroupparishes@gmail.com before 26 September. If there is insufficient content, an email will be circulated instead.

FURTHER INFORMATION: St John's Church is open Monday to Saturday from 10:00 am to 4:30 pm.

Baptisms, weddings, and any pastoral issues: Please contact Revd Simon Pritchard (01759 372468).

Funerals: We are here to support you - funerals led by a Church of England minister can be held in church or at a crematorium. Arrangements can be made via the undertaker.

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