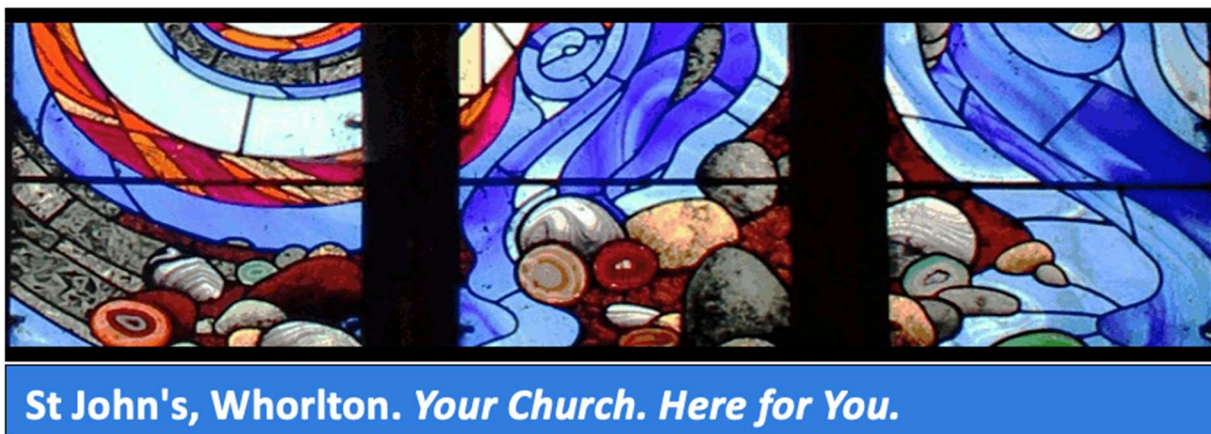




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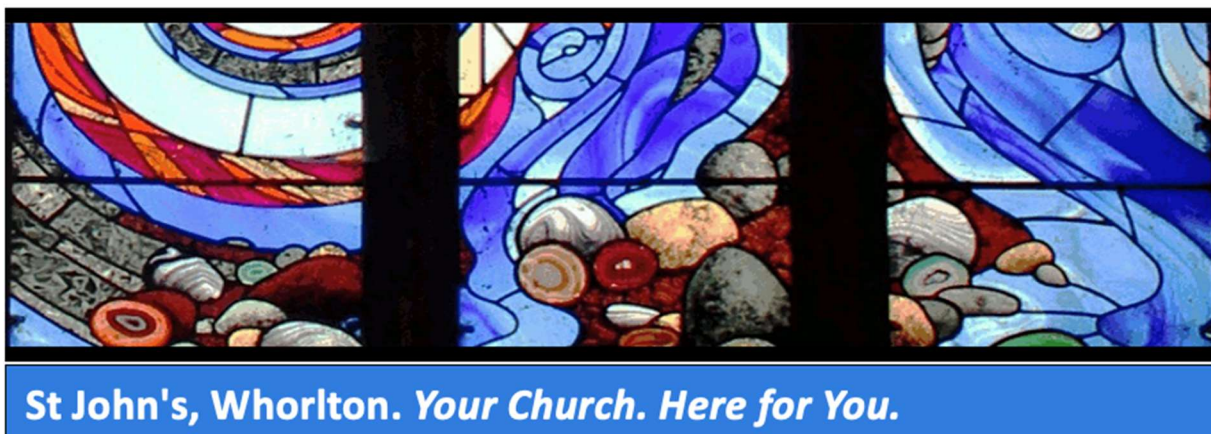
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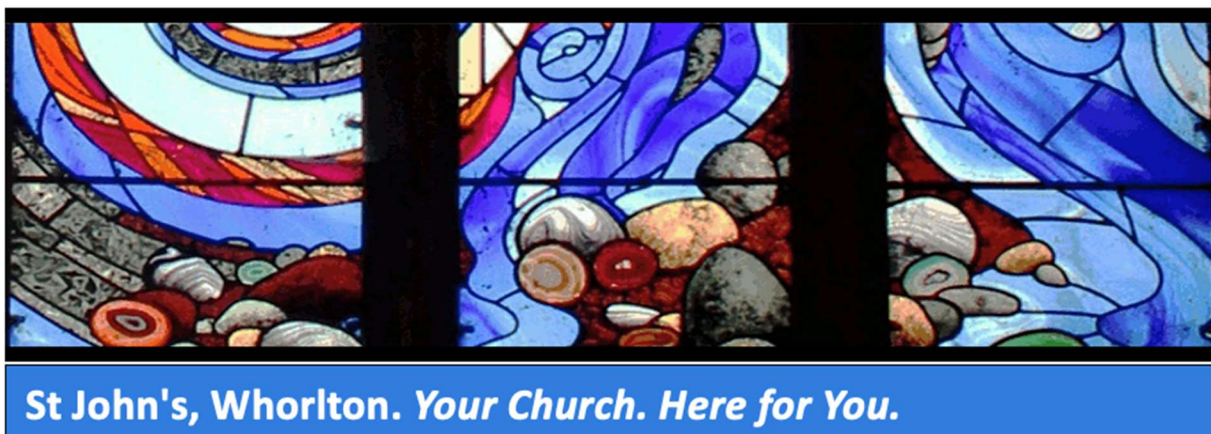
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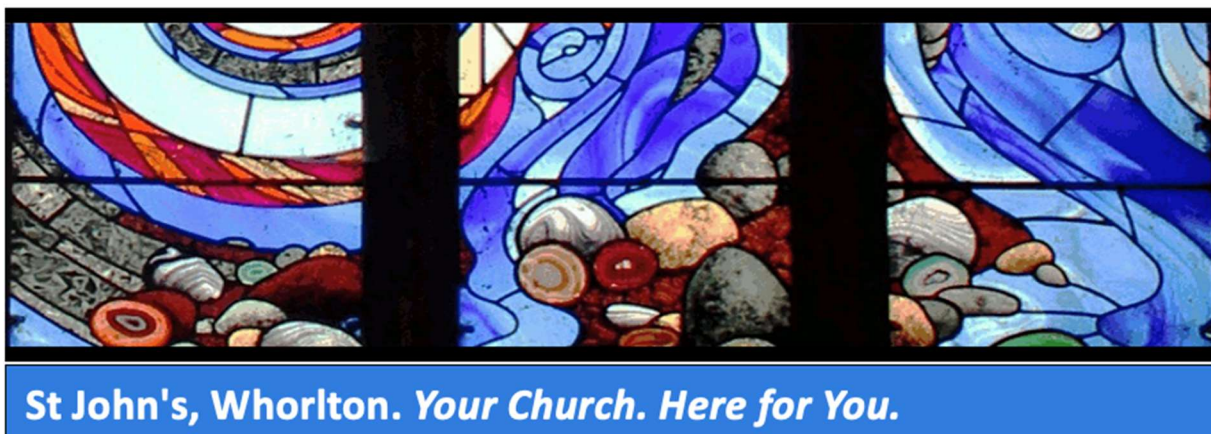
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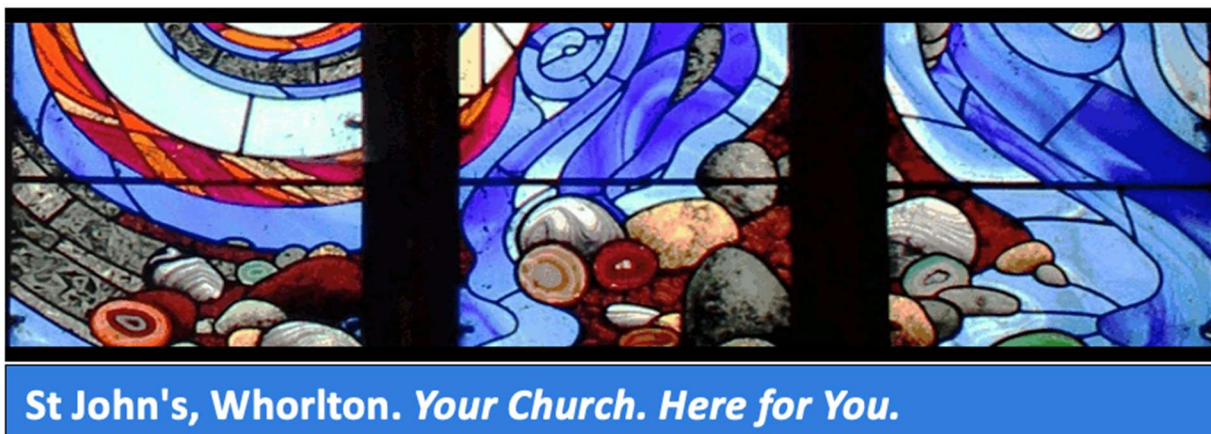
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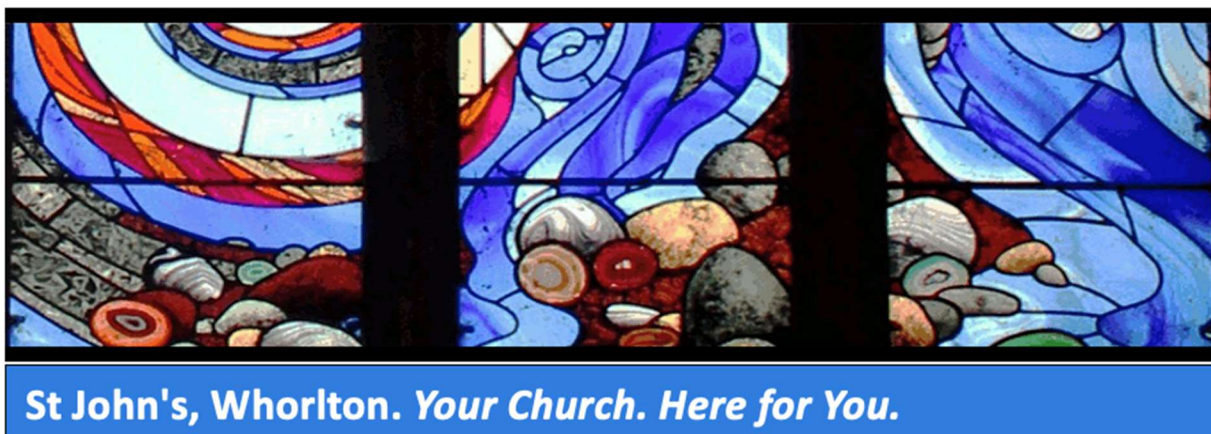
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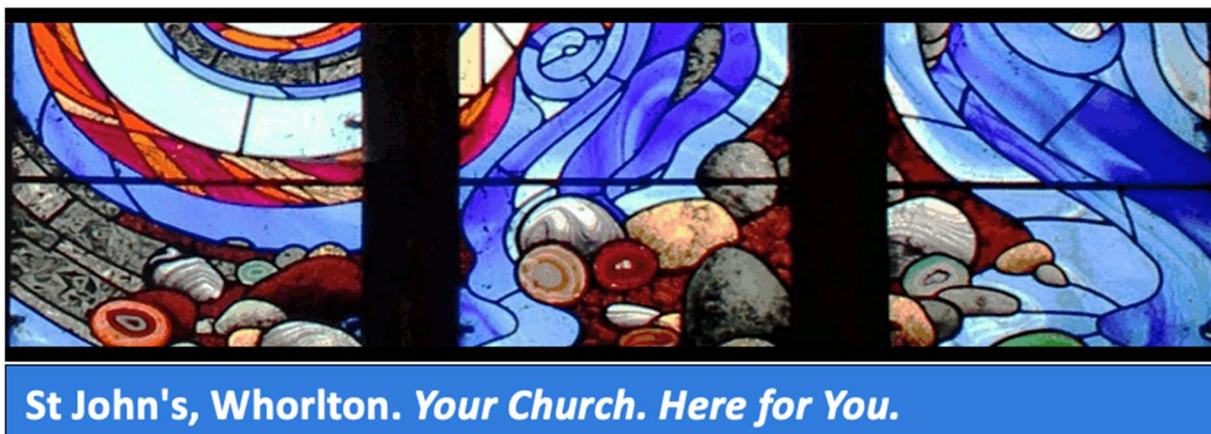
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St John's Church, Whorlton October 2025

A Message from Reader Anne

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The traditional start of the autumn season takes place on the 3rd October occurring on the Sunday nearest to the appearance of the harvest moon. So, it's just about time to get out our pumpkins, but for a moment let's just sit down and enjoy the fading days of summer and the beautiful Autumn colours and savour all that the Lord has provided.

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DIARY DATES

12 noon, Sun. 5th Oct.: Harvest Lunch
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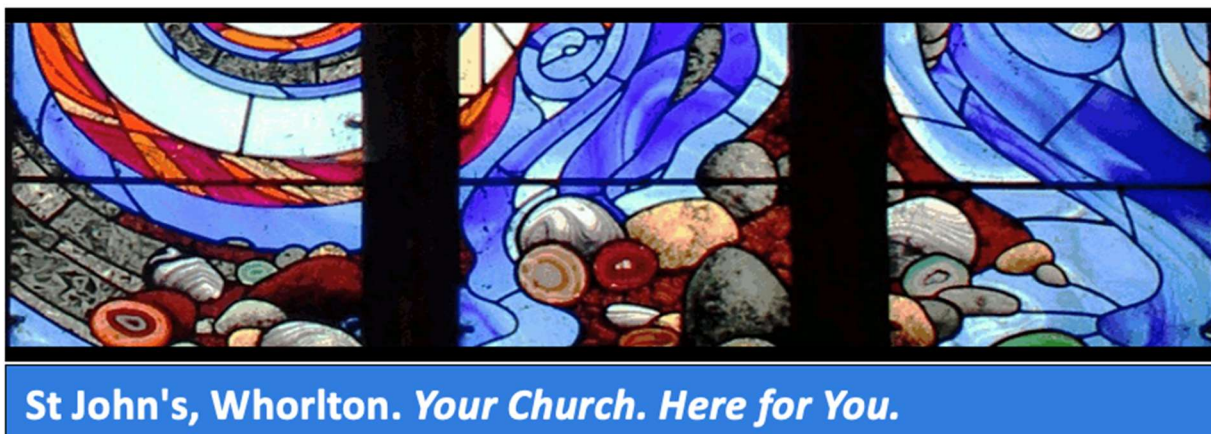
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