

Making Disciples who make Jesus known

HEADLINE NEWS!

SUNDAY 5TH OCTOBER

we are holding a bake sale supported by local Girlguiding and a Green Team stall in the Narthex after the 10.30am Parade Service at St John's through refreshment time in aid of green projects in church - so please bring some money if you wish to purchase cakes or green items such as beeswax wraps, lavender bags, bracelets, make up pouches and face wipes all made from reused/scrap fabric.



The **SOCIAL GROUP** have put together a survey about what types of activities you would like them to arrange. You can access the survey [here](#) and we would like as many people as possible to complete it.

MONDAY FIRST Join us at Dene Park Community Centre, 2-3.00pm on Monday 6th October for music, worship, learning and cake and a cuppa. Everyone is welcome.



This year our **HARVEST SERVICES** are on Sunday 12th October and all donations of non-perishable goods are being given to **Resurrected Bites**. They urgently need: laundry detergent ~ washing up liquid ~ bleach ~ cooking oil ~ flour ~ mayonnaise ~ tomato ketchup ~ cooking sauces ~ tinned peas/carrots ~ tinned fruit/pears/peaches/fruit cocktail ~ tinned meat ~ cereals ~ pickled onions/beetroot/red cabbage

TODAY'S SERVICES AND EVENTS

SUNDAY 5TH OCTOBER *(Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity)*

9.00am Holy Communion (SJ)

10.30am All Age Parade (SJ)

Reading: Mark 6:30-44

Hymns: SB 170; Creation sings the Father's song; SB 132; My Lighthouse

10.30am Holy Communion (SL)

Readings: Isaiah 58:6-12; Mark 6:30-44

Hymns: SB 228; AMNS 116; Creation sings the Father's song; SB 15

5.00pm Joint Choral Evensong at Christ Church

6-7.30pm Youth Worship Night at Wesley Chapel



CHURCH LIFE



Click [HERE](#) to buy your tickets to the Harvest Supper

October's issue of **FOCUS MAGAZINE** is available to buy at both churches for just 60p. The copy date for the November issue is Sunday 12th October. All articles can be emailed to sjslfocus@gmail.com or left in the drawer at the back of St John's

Our wonderful **COFFEE MORNING** team are looking for somebody to take over collecting up the tombola donations from both churches and ticketing the prizes ready for the 2nd Saturday each month. Pat is very happy to show you what the process is, please speak to Pat Fenton or Anne Grindrod or with the office if you are able to help as this is such a good fundraising stall.



ST JOHN'S CHURCH BILTON

COFFEE MORNING

SATURDAY 11TH OCTOBER

ENTRANCE £1

10AM-12NOON

(accompanied children free)

Refreshments included in entry fee

Home-made cakes

Jigsaws

Hand-made cards

Raffle

Large choice of books

Tombola

Refreshments



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If you have some time to give perhaps you could help on one of the rotas that we need new **VOLUNTEERS** for:

- helping with children/young people's groups
- serving refreshments after services
- counting the collection on Sundays
- cleaning the church
- perhaps you would like to read the Bible passages during a service
- joining the worship band?
- do you have a skill for tech and would like to learn how to use the sound desk and the screens at St John's and St Luke's?

If any of these are of interest please speak to the office to find out more.



JOY

ST JOHN'S CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL 2025

It's back for another year!

Any size of tree can be accommodated
(real/fake/homemade), any theme goes.
Trees need to be in place by Sunday 30th
November and will stay up until the
beginning of January

To find out more information and to book your free place in
the festival at St John's please contact Gill in the church office
at church@stjohnsandstlukes.org.uk



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Our next **BAPTISM INFORMATION SESSION**

is on Monday 3rd
November, 7.30pm at
St John's.

If you are thinking about
having your child baptised
at St John's or St Luke's you are
welcome to join our list of attendees for
this session.

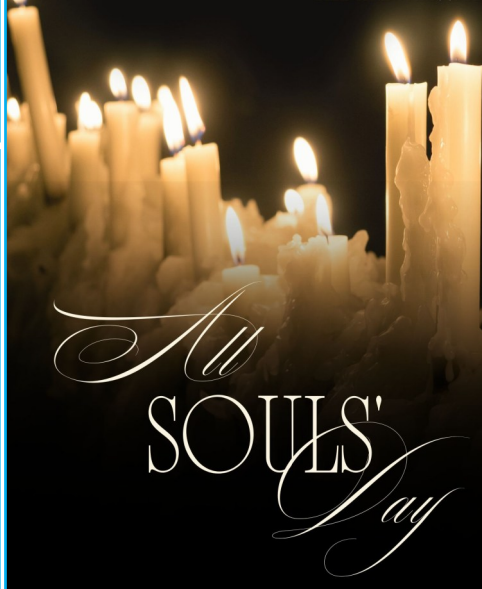
Please get in touch with the parish
office to find out more.

2ND NOVEMBER 2025

3.30PM

ST JOHN'S CHURCH, BILTON LANE

ALL ARE WELCOME



Comfort
bereavement café



**COMFORT
BEREAVEMENT CAFÉ**
will be at St John's on
Tuesday 14th October,
2-3.30pm.

Comfort is a place to be
alongside others who
are experiencing grief and share the
pain of loss.

People will be there to listen to you as
an individual and respect your story.
Afternoon tea will be served and there
will be an opportunity to light a candle
for a loved one.

A warm welcome awaits. There is no
need to book, all are welcome.

YOUTH AND CHILDREN'S WORK

To ensure our groups are safe for everyone, all **CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE's** registrations must be checked annually on iKnow, please log onto your account, check and update all details including all medical questions, your own contact details and their details including school year. [Follow this link](#) for iKnow.

THIS WEEK'S DIARY

MONDAY 6 OCTOBER

9-9.30am Morning Prayer (SJ)
2-3.00pm Monday First at Dene
Park Community Centre

TUESDAY 7 OCTOBER

9-9.30am Morning Prayer (SJ)
3.30-5.00pm Pause (Year 6-13
Drop-in Session) (SJ
Hall)
5.15pm St Aidan's SIF Signing
(SJ)

WEDNESDAY 8 OCTOBER

9-9.30am Morning Prayer (SJ)
10.30am Holy Communion (SJ)
10.30am Thirst at Dene Park
Community Centre

THURSDAY 9 OCTOBER

9-9.30am Morning Prayer (SJ)
9.30-11.30am Little Fishes (Parent
& Toddler Group) (SL)
9.30am Bilton Grange School
Harvest Service (SJ)

FRIDAY 10 OCTOBER

1-3.00pm Wellbeing Café (SL)
6.30-7.15pm Junior Choir Practice
(SJ)
7-7.45pm Adult Choir Practice (SJ)

SATURDAY 11 OCTOBER

10.00am-12noon Coffee Morning in
Church Hall (SJ)

SUNDAY 12 OCTOBER

(Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity)

9.00am Holy Communion (SJ)
10.30am Harvest Holy Communion
(SJ)

*Readings: Deuteronomy 26:1-11
Mark 4:26-29*

10.30am Harvest Café Church (SL)
*Hymns: SB 226; Creation sings
the Father's song;
Harvest Samba*

12.30pm Baptisms (SJ)
6-7.15pm Ignite (Year 7+ Youth
Group) (SL)

CONTACT US

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