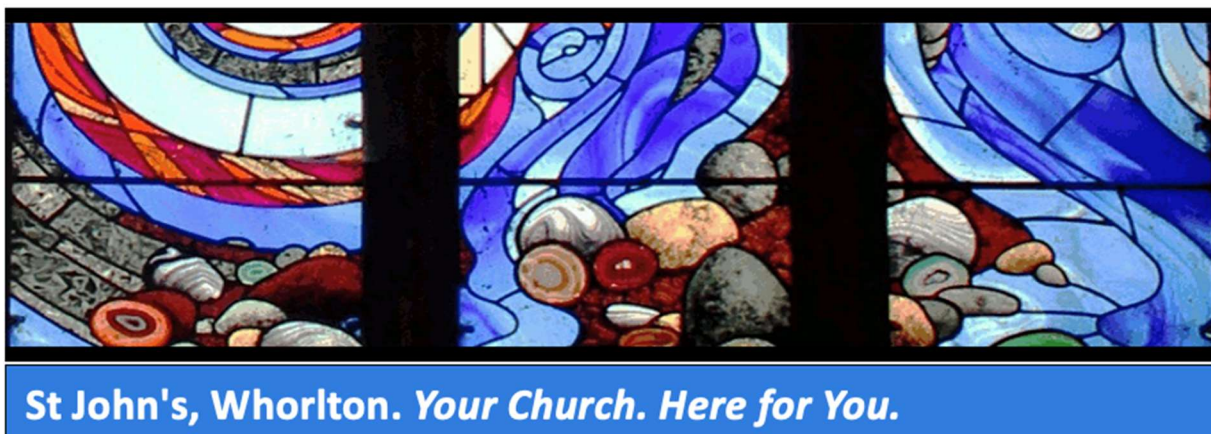




St John's Church, Whorlton November 2025

Management of St John's church since the end of May and the role of the church wardens in the interregnum.

Following the departure of Matthew and the retirement of Pam, there was a significant learning curve for Lesley, Sandra and myself to manage the operation of both the church and the church hall so that all continued smoothly. Thankfully, six months later, we have all got into a routine. We are now in a position where we understand what needs to be undertaken and we are now keen to reflect the thoughts of our congregation for the next 6 months. We are also seeking volunteers to engage in widening the workload and provide cover when we need a break.

In terms of progress in appointing a new vicar, the wheels have moved very slowly although the Archdeacons office have recently sent a questionnaire asking for details of our current practices and financial position. It is hoped that the formal application and interview process will commence in December 2025 with an approximate appointment in Summer 2026. 12 – 15 months is a typical interregnum period.

We would appreciate your thoughts on what you want at St John's for the future as well as your availability for undertaking some of our regular tasks. This can be made verbally to myself, Lesley or Sandra or simply writing it down in a note in an envelope or in an email

Regards

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DIARY DATES

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

All Saints Day, 2nd November

Daniel 7: 1-3,15-18; Ephesians 1: 11-end;
Luke 6: 20-31

Remembrance Sunday, 9th November

Job 19:23-27a; 2 Thessalonians 2: 1-5,13-end;
Luke 20: 27-38

2nd before Advent, 16th November

Malachi 4: 1-2a; 2 Thessalonians 3: 6-13;
Luke 21: 5-19

Advent 1, 30th November

Isaiah 2: 1-5; Romans 13: 11-end;
Matthew 24: 36-44

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

Christmas Fayre

We need donations for the toy stall, bottle stall, tombola, and raffle and goods for the hamper and chocolate hamper please. Invite as many people as you can to come and support.

Friday Bible Study: Please speak to Rev'd Bob if you are interested in joining this group.

Defibrillator fundraising – for maintenance.

Plans are progressing 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. The just giving page is to support the maintenance and will allow organisations and individuals to donate.

<https://www.aeddonate.org.uk/community-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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