

Making Disciples who make Jesus known

HEADLINE NEWS!

ADVENT CAROLS

JOIN US FOR OUR CHOIR LED
SERVICE AS WE BEGIN THE
SEASON OF ADVENT

30TH NOVEMBER 2025

6.30PM

ST JOHN'S CHURCH, BILTON LANE
FOLLOWED BY MULLED WINE AND
MINCE PIES



JOIN US AT

ST LUKE'S CHURCH

(on Franklin Square)

for Christmas Carols... Coffee & Cake!
Sunday 7th December 4pm

Christmas Unwrapped

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December's **FOCUS MAGAZINE** is available to buy from both churches for 60p. The Copy Date for January's issue is Sunday 14th December. Articles can be left in the drawer at the back of St John's or emailed to sjslfocus@gmail.com

TODAY'S SERVICES AND EVENTS

SUNDAY 30TH NOVEMBER (*First Sunday of Advent*)

9.00am Holy Communion (SJ)

10.30am **Joint All Age Worship (SL)**

Readings: Isaiah 2:1-5; Matthew 24:36-44

Hymns: SB 163; SB 87; SB 185; SB 40

5.00pm Choir Practice (SJ)

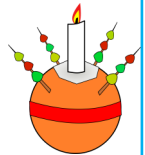
6.30pm Advent Carol Service (SJ)

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

CHURCH LIFE



The next **COFFEE MORNING** is on Saturday 13th December in St John's Church Hall, 10am-12noon. As well as the usual stalls there will also be the chance to make christingles to be used at the 4pm service on Sunday 14th. All proceeds will be going to **THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY**. Entrance £1 includes tea/coffee and biscuits (accompanied children free) and there will be the usual stalls: hand-made cards ~ cakes ~ jigsaws ~ books ~ plus refreshments. Leave any donations for the raffle/tombola in the boxes at church, cakes to be brought on the morning. If you would like to make your **CHRISTINGLE** at home before the service on Sunday 14th at St John's, grab bags with everything you need (except the orange!) will be available to pick up from either church from Sunday 7th December.



Soon Christmas cards may start to be delivered through your door so don't forget that **USED POSTAGE STAMPS** are still being collected by local Girlguiding to raise funds to finish off the rebuild of Birk Crag. Stamps can be dropped off in the parish office, at 22 Albany Avenue or 52 Hill Top Avenue.

UNEXPECTED GUEST

Will you join our tradition of setting a place for an unexpected guest (who might be Jesus)? Rather than turkey and all the trimmings, we put onto the plate what the meal would have cost, and bring that to either church. This year all donations received will go to **Harrogate Homeless Project**. Plates are available for collection now and donations can be made until the end of January.

If you are able to Gift Aid your donation please fill out the label on the front and HHP will be able to claim that on your giving.



Are you having a pre-Christmas clear out? The 10.30am service on Sunday 7th December at St John's is an All Age

Parade Service but is also our annual **TOY SERVICE**. Please bring donations of any good quality used toys along as these will be given to the Martin House Children's Hospice shop in town for them to sell and raise much needed funds to continue the amazing work that they do with children and young people and their families. Representatives from Martin House will be there, including Marty Bear!

The latest **NEW DAYLIGHT BOOKS** (January-April 2026) are available to collect from the parish office

ALL ARE WELCOME to come to the 10.30am Wednesday Communion at St John's on 10th December when Bishop Anna Eltringham will be licensing our new Children & Young People's Chaplain, Rev Dr Judith Clark as Associate Priest (SSM) at Bilton St John & St Luke in the Ripon Episcopal Area of the Diocese of Leeds.

If you are reading a paper copy of this notice sheet and would like to receive this by email weekly and be added onto our email distribution list please apply via our website by clicking to 'subscribe' or complete a **CONSENT FORM** available in church.

St John's Church, Bilton Lane, HG1 3DT
St Luke's Church, Franklin Square, HG1 5EL

JOY

Christmas Fair

Saturday 29th November, 10.30am-1pm
at St Luke's Church

Advent Carol Service

Sunday 30th November, 6.30pm
at St John's Church

Carol Service

Sunday 7th December, 2-3.00pm
at Dene Park Community Centre

Café Carols

Sunday 7th December, 4.00pm
at St Luke's Church

Coffee Morning

Saturday 13th December, 10am-12noon
at St John's Church Hall

Christingle Service

all proceeds to The Children's Society

Sunday 14th December, 4.00pm
at St John's Church

Lilypad Carols

Thursday 18th December, 8pm
at Lilypad, Kings Road

Nine Lessons & Carols

Sunday 21st December, 6.30pm
at St John's Church

Nativity Service

Wednesday 24th December, 4.00pm
at St John's Church

Midnight Communion

Wednesday 24th December, 11.30pm
at St John's Church

Christmas Day Communion

Thursday 25th December, 10.30am
Joint Service at St John's Church



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THIS WEEK'S DIARY

MONDAY 1 DECEMBER

9-9.30am Morning Prayer (SJ)
10.00am Bilton Grange School
Nativity (SJ)
1.30pm Bilton Grange School
Nativity (SJ)
4.30pm Richard Taylor School
Advent Service (SJ)

TUESDAY 2 DECEMBER

9-9.30am Morning Prayer (SJ)
10.00am Bilton Grange School
Nativity (SJ)
1.30pm Bilton Grange School
Nativity (SJ)

WEDNESDAY 3 DECEMBER

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

THURSDAY 4 DECEMBER

9-9.30am Morning Prayer (SJ)
9.30-11.30am Little Fishes (Parent
& Toddler Group) (SL)

FRIDAY 5 DECEMBER

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

SUNDAY 7 DECEMBER (Second Sunday of Advent)

9.00am Holy Communion (SJ)
10.30am Parade/Toy Service (SJ)
*Readings: Romans 14:4-13
Matthew 3:1-12*
*Hymns: SB 40; SB 191; SB 109;
SB 228*
10.30am Holy Communion (SL)
*Readings: Romans 14:4-13
Matthew 3:1-12*
2.00pm Carol Service at Dene
Park Community Centre
4.00pm Café Carols (SL)
6-7.30pm Youth Worship Night at
Wesley Chapel

The **CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL** is on at St John's from today, do
come to see this year's wonderful creations and place your vote for
your favourite

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