

Sunday 16th November 2025

ST JOHN'S CHURCH NEWSLETTER
"SHARING CHRIST IN THE COMMUNITY"

For our prayers

We continue to pray for peace throughout the world, remembering all whose lives are torn apart through war in Gaza, Ukraine, Sudan and in other conflict zones. We pray for the Right Revd and Right Honourable Dame Sarah Mullally DBE as she prepares to take up her appointment as the next Archbishop of Canterbury. We pray for Bishop Nick as he prepares to retire at the end of November. We pray for Nicola, Ela, George and Panji as they are confirmed today by Bishop Malcolm.

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Sunday 16th November 2025 – The Second Sunday before Advent

Readings: 2 Thessalonians 3: 6-13 Luke 21: 5-19

Special Prayer (Collect) for The Second Sunday before Advent St John's Prayer for Growth

Heavenly Lord,
you long for the world's salvation:
stir us from apathy,
restrain us from excess
and revive in us new hope
that all creation will one day be healed
in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

God of mission,
you give fresh life to St John's.
send your Holy Spirit to give:
vision to our planning,
wisdom to our activities
and power to our witness,
that we may grow
in love and commitment to you, in number of
disciples and in loving service to our neighbours
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Opportunities for worship on Sunday 16th November 2025

St John's will be open today, Sunday 16th November, at 10.00am for a communion service.

'JJ's' - St John's Juniors – there will be some activities for children at the back of church.

Sunday 16th November 2025 – 3.30pm – Confirmation Service at Wakefield Cathedral

Four members of St John's, Nicola, Ela, George and Panji will be confirmed at Wakefield Cathedral by Bishop Malcolm at this special service. All welcome.

Sunday 16th November 2025 – 4.00pm – *NO* Tea-Time Service today

We will be back on 21st December for our Christmas Tea-Time Service. Please do pass on this information to anyone you know who might be thinking of attending the Tea-Time Service.

Live Stream of 10.00am Services

We will live stream the 10am services if we can. All services that we have been able to livestream are available on our YouTube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCDyIQ-Vbrv-5bikSlpgV2QQ> just click on the link and select the service from the range of videos in the live tab on the channel. The link is also available on Facebook and via the Services and Events page on A Church Near You.

<https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/7365> . The order of service (in pdf format) is attached to the email containing this newsletter and by 'viewing the attachment' on ACNY, on the service detail.

This Week

Monday 17th November 2025 – 9.30am – Morning Prayer on Zoom

The service lasts about twenty minutes and consists of a Psalm, a Bible reading and some prayers. All welcome. <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81143465385?pwd=NGsybHdEZEZ5UFUzdXNYMjJmZDhwUT09>

Wednesday 19th November 2025 – 11.00am – 1.00pm – St John's Weekly Drop-in

St John's will be open from 11.00am – 1.00pm for a 'Drop-in'. Friendship, free refreshments (coffee and tea) and local information will be available. Do come along and stay for as long or short a time as you wish.

Thursday 20th November 2025 – 7.30pm – 9.00pm - Study Group – Pilgrim 4 – The Beatitudes – Session 5

This session will be held at the Vicarage. The final session, Session 6, will be held on Thursday 27th November 2025.

Friday 21st November 2025 – 9.00am – 11.30am – Toddler and Baby Playgroup

St John's Toddler and Baby Playgroup meets on Fridays, during term time, from 9.00am – 11.30am. If you would like more information about the Toddler and Baby Playgroup, please contact Katy on 07484 775414 or Julie on 07784 733584.

Sunday 23rd November 2025 – 10.00am – Holy Communion Service

Sunday 23rd November 2025 – 3.30pm – Ripon Cathedral – Diocesan Farewell Service for Bishop Nick

All welcome but you need to book a free ticket via this link <https://riponcathedral.org.uk/events/a-diocesan-farewell-to-bishop-nick/>

Help needed at St John's

Would anyone be able to join the welcomers and coffee team? If you can help with this, please let Sally know on stjohn.churchwarden@gmail.com If you prefer not to do welcoming, it is fine just to help with coffee. Thank you.

A message from the Chair of Trustees at 25th Wakefield (St John's) Scout Group

Our **Beaver Colony** (ages 6-8) meets every **Tuesday from 6:15 PM to 7:15 PM**, and we urgently need more leaders to keep the fun going!

As a leader, you'll help plan and run weekly meetings, plus join in on weekend activities and camps. You'll need to be available a bit before and after Tuesday meetings for setup and pack down, and dedicate some time during the week for planning.

No experience? No problem! **Full training and support are provided.**

If you would like to talk to someone about becoming a Beaver leader please scan the QR code on the next page or click below to fill in a form

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc6c1Z2iyhyIE9CGv1aH-6ElvK9IyPEdIAPhKI3DIrZXjN7AQ/viewform?usp=sharing&oid=105272546151232362322>



St John's Rainbow Unit

Have you an hour a week spare to help at your local Girlguiding rainbow unit? Rainbows welcomes all girls from 4-7 years old to laugh, learn and have fun in a creative safe space. We meet on a Thursday evening 6-7 pm in St John's Church during term time. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact Ann on 07932 394020.

Prayer Chain

The Church email prayer chain provides prayer support for individuals. If you, or someone you know, needs urgent prayer, please contact Glenys on drandgmwhite-cooper@talktalk.net If you ask for prayer for someone else, please get their permission before you add them to the prayer chain.

Daily Hope Phone Line - The Church of England Daily Hope Phone Line is still available as a source of comfort. Calls are free to **0800 804 8044**.

Magazine

Copy date for the January magazine is **Sunday 14th December 2025**

Contributions to the Editor, Deidre Morris (email: bandmorris@btinternet.com), by Sunday 14th December, please.

Advance Notices

Wednesday 26th November 2025 – 1.30pm – 2.45pm - Samaritan Room - Bible Study - *Luke for Everyone – Session 6*

Saturday 29th November 2025 – 10.00am – 1.00pm - Christmas Fayre 2025



St John's Church (Wakefield)
Christmas Fayre

SATURDAY
29TH November 2025
10.00am – 1.00pm (At the Church)

 Visit Santa and his Elves
between 10.45 – 11.45am

 Lots of Stalls
Tombola, Christmas Gifts, Cakes,
Games, Craft Stall, Books,
Toys and Festive Fun.

 Lots to Eat
Refreshments including Bacon
Butties, Cakes and other Goodies

 **EVERYONE WELCOME**
Entrance Ticket £1.50
(Includes drink)
Under 12s Free

Sharing Christ in the Community

St JOHN'S
Church of England
Wakefield

St John's Church, Wainworth Street, Wakefield, WF1 3QU

SAVE THE DATE for our main fund-raising event of the year

We are collecting donations of bottles, unwanted gifts, homemade craft items, books, jigsaws and toys in good condition, tombola prizes and sweets suitable for children's prizes.

However, we won't be having any bric a brac this year.

Cakes and baked goods can be brought to Church on Friday 28th November between 12 and 4 pm or on the morning of the event.

If you would like to help on a stall or help set up the afternoon before then please sign up in Church or send me a text on 07712989714

Many thanks, Sally & Liz

Sunday 7th December 2025 – 3.00pm – Memorial Service - A Service of Hope

Wednesday 10th December 2025 – 3.30pm – 5.30pm – Messy Church

You are warmly invited to Messy Church on Wednesday 10th December 2025 from 3.30pm to 5.30pm in church. There will be lots of activities including craft, games and things to explore as well as a time of celebration and worship. There is food for parents or carers or grandparents and children to enjoy together. All children need to be accompanied by an adult. For further information please contact: Cath Fox cath.s.fox@outlook.com If anyone would like to help with Messy Church, please also contact Cath.

Sunday 21st December 2025 – 4.00pm – Christmas Tea-Time Service

Tea-Time Services are very relaxed and include songs, activities, readings and prayers. We try lots of different ways to praise God, learn, pray, and share fellowship with each other. These services are for everyone: families of all shapes and sizes, children, adults, young and old. Why not come along? Drinks and biscuits will be available before the service, and there may even be cake from time to time.

Newsletter

If you know anyone else who would like to receive the email, please email stjohn.churchwarden@gmail.com The newsletter will also be available on St John's Church Facebook page (@wakefieldstjohns) and A Church Near You website: (<https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/7365>). Please send items for the newsletter to Stephanie stephanie.buchanan@btinternet.com no later than the preceding Wednesday evening.

Giving to St John's

If you feel able to give, you can support St John's financially in the following ways:

Church Services - We do not take up a collection during services, but there is a box at the back of church for cash donations. Gift Aid envelopes are available so that we can recover Gift Aid on 'one-off' donations. There is also a card reader at the back of church.

Online donations can be made at <https://www.parishgiving.org.uk/donors/find-your-parish/wakefield-st-john-the-baptist-wakefield/> or via the QR code below.

Standing Orders – will continue as before.

Stewardship Envelopes – We have weekly or monthly envelopes for giving by cash or cheque. If you pay tax, we can recover Gift Aid on your giving. Please see Geoff Lockyer.

The Parish Giving Scheme – This is like a standing order, but the regular payments from your bank account go to PGS, who pass it on to the church. For taxpayers, they also recover the Gift Aid, so it reduces our admin and improves our cashflow.

A further advantage of the PGS is that you can opt to have your regular gift increased annually in line with inflation, which can help it keep up with increasing costs without having to keep changing your standing order, calculating an annual top-up or putting an extra coin in your envelope every week.

The Parish Giving Scheme can now be joined online at <https://www.parishgiving.org.uk/donors/find-your-parish/wakefield-st-john-the-baptist-wakefield/> by calling 0333 002 1271 or by completing a form which our treasurer, Geoff Lockyer, can give you. You will need our PGS Parish Code, which is 460646605. Please have a word with Geoff if you have any questions or need any assistance. His email address is geoff@geofflockyer.co.uk.

Notice for Parish Giving Scheme users

The new PGS platform is now live and contains lots of useful information.

Easyfundraising

Use **easyfundraising** to help raise funds for St John's Church whilst you do your shopping online. Click this link, or type into your browser, to see a video and sign up <https://tinyurl.com/367nkkd2>

We have been notified by **easyfundraising** that the total raised for St John's Church since we joined the scheme has passed £300. This might not be a huge sum over the years covered, but it has been a useful source of additional income for very little trouble. Thanks to all those who have helped to raise this at no cost through their online purchases. If this is something you could also do, please have a word with Geoff Lockyer.

Please note that it is possible to support more than one charity through easyfundraising. Simply go into your account and click on 'change the cause you support' and select the different cause. This can be changed each time you shop.

Our QR code, here, can also be used to make donations to St John's.

