



St John's, Whorlton. *Your Church. Here for You.*

St John's Church, Whorlton January 2026

A Message from our Church Wardens

Dear Friends,

In December, we installed our defibrillator in the church car park. It is now registered for use. A huge thanks to those people who contributed to the purchase and installation. Please see link below regarding the requirement for further fundraising for the ongoing maintenance.



We were all devastated to hear that our licensed lay minister (Reader) and Safeguarding Officer Anne Morris passed away on Sunday 21 December 2025. For over 15 years, she has dedicated her life to confiding in the issues at St John's. Anne was brought up as one of five children Michael, David, Christine and Margaret in the 1950's. Following her education, she dedicated her life to Nursing both as a Nurse in the north east of England and to the congregation of St John's. She returned to live in Westerhope in circa 2005 and became a regular church attendee. Under the stewardship of our vicars Judith Grieve and latterly Matthew Hunter, she became a Reader as well as our Safeguarding Officer. In recent years she was always closely followed by her dog – Daisy. We give sympathy to her brothers Michael and David as well as her sister Margaret and Daisy. Details of the funeral will be notified in due course. The Right Reverend Mark Wroe will be taking our services at St John's on 28th December at the 08.30 and 10.00am

DIARY DATES

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 taking a break and will be back in February 2026.

The Friday Bible Study group will be back in February 2026..

SUNDAY SERVICES AND BIBLE READINGS FOR THE MONTH

4th Jan Isaiah 60: 1-6; Ephesians 3: 1-12; Matthew 2: 1-12

11th Jan Isaiah 42: 1-9; Acts 10: 34-43; Matthew 3:13-end

18th Jan Isaiah 49: 1-7; 1 Corinthians 1: 1-9; John 1: 29-42

25th Jan Jeremiah 1: 4-10; Acts 9: 1-22; Matthew 19: 27-end

Defibrillator fundraising - target £3700

We have now installed our defibrillator in the car park at St John's church. The defibrillator is accessible from Stamfordham Road and is available to all who require assistance in the event of a cardiac emergency. We have kept the just giving page open to allow organisations and individuals to donate to the annual maintenance.

<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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