

Making Disciples who make Jesus known

HEADLINE NEWS!

Join Us for a Night of Readings & Music!



**Nine Lessons
AND CAROLS**

Join our choir for a traditional carol service,
followed by mulled wine & mince pies

 St John's Church
Bilton Lane, HG1 3DT

 Sunday
21st December 2025,
6.30pm

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Nativity Service

December 24th, 4.00pm
St John's Church
Bilton Lane
HG1 3DT

Dress up as a Nativity character not essential but welcomed



TODAY'S SERVICES AND EVENTS

SUNDAY 21ST DECEMBER (*Fourth Sunday of Advent*)

9.00am Holy Communion (SJ)

10.30am Morning Worship (SJ)

Readings: Romans 1:1-7; Matthew 1:18-end

Hymns: AMNS 26; AMNS 31; SB 106; AMNS 422

10.30am Morning Worship (SL)

Readings: Romans 1:1-7; Matthew 1:18-end

*Hymns: It was on a starry night; SB 106; Silent Night; My Lord,
He is a coming soon*

5.00pm Choir Practice (SJ)

6.30pm Nine Lessons & Carols (SJ)

CHURCH LIFE

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.



January's **FOCUS MAGAZINE** is available to buy from both churches for 60p.
The **Copy Date** for February's issue is Sunday 11th January.

Articles can be left in the drawer at the back of St John's or emailed to sjslfocus@gmail.com

24-7 PRAYER SPACE 19-24th January, St Mark's Church, Leeds Road. Last time we saw people from 12 churches join in to pray together in a beautifully created space, and heard many stories from people who had encountered God in very special ways. More information and details to book will be available soon.

PARENTING FOR FAITH

COURSE 14th January, 1.30pm at St Mark's. How can we help grow the faith of under 5s in our families, groups and churches? How can we help nurture their spiritual growth? Join us this January for a series of five afternoon sessions that will equip you with confidence and practical ideas to enable your baby and toddler to develop faith from the youngest age. For more info email Gail Vlack: toddlercoordinator@smch.org.uk

Something wonderful is about to happen. The Saviour of the world is going to be born. But the grumpy owl who lives in the barn just wants to be left alone...

Be the first to [watch this beautiful animated version](#) of **The Grumpy Owl and the Joy of Christmas**, the bestselling book from at the heart of this year's Advent and Christmas theme – and find out whether the animals in this story help our owl to discover the Joy of Christmas.



CHRISTMAS DAY

Joint Holy Communion Service

10.30am

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 THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND

The next **COFFEE MORNING** is on Saturday 10th January in St John's Church Hall, 10am-12noon. 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 have anything you may wish to regift then please do drop it off. All proceeds this month will be for our mission partners: **CHRIS & ANNA HEMBURY** for the missional work they carry out in Hull.



Thank you for all your generous donations for **THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY**.



A phenomenal £724 was raised at the coffee morning and a further £152 was raised at the Christingle Service and through the Richard Taylor School class collections.



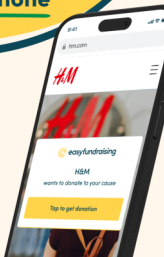
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THIS AND FUTURE WEEK'S DIARY

MONDAY 22 DECEMBER

9-9.30am Morning Prayer (SJ)
12.00pm Nativity Rehearsal (SJ)

TUESDAY 23 DECEMBER

9-9.30am Morning Prayer (SJ)

WEDNESDAY 24 DECEMBER

There will be no morning prayer or morning communion service today

4.00pm Nativity Service (SJ)
11.30pm Midnight Communion (SJ)

THURSDAY 25 DECEMBER

10.30am **JOINT** Christmas Day Communion (**SJ**)

SUNDAY 28 DECEMBER (First Sunday of Christmas)

9.00am Holy Communion (SJ)
10.30am Holy Communion (SJ)
*Readings: Hebrews 2:10-end
Matthew 2:13-end*
*Hymns: AMNS 41; AMNS 42;
AMNS 43; AMNS 47*
10.30am All Age Worship (SL)
*Readings: Hebrews 2:10-end
Isaiah 63:7-9*
*Hymns: AMNS 35; SB 100;
SB 174; Joy to the world*

*Both churches are closed between Sunday 28th and Sunday 4th.
The Parish Office is closed from Friday 19th December until it reopens on Monday 5th January.*

SUNDAY 4 JANUARY (Epiphany)

9.00am Holy Communion (SJ)
10.30am All Age Worship (SJ)
*Readings: Ephesians 3:1-12
Matthew 2:1-12*
*Hymns: AMNS 47; AMNS 51;
SB 74; SB 28*
10.30am Holy Communion (SL)
*Readings: Ephesians 3:1-12
Matthew 2:1-12*

*Hymns: See him lying on a bed of straw; We three kings;
SB 170; SB 228*
12.30pm Baptisms (SJ)

MONDAY 5 JANUARY

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

TUESDAY 6 JANUARY

9-9.30am Morning Prayer (SJ)

WEDNESDAY 7 JANUARY

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

THURSDAY 8 JANUARY

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

FRIDAY 9 JANUARY

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

SATURDAY 10 JANUARY

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

SUNDAY 11 JANUARY (Baptism of Christ)

9.00am Holy Communion (SJ)
10.30am Holy Communion (SJ)
*Readings: Acts 10:34-43
Matthew 3:13-end*
10.30am Café Church (SL)
*Hymns: SB 74; SB 99;
Cornerstone*
6-7.15pm Ignite (Year 7+ Youth Group) (SL)