

Sunday 11th January 2026

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 all those devastated by the fire in Switzerland, especially those who have lost loved ones and those who have been injured. 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.

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Sunday 11th January 2026 – The Baptism of Christ

Readings:

Isaiah 42: 1-9

Matthew 3: 13-end

Special Prayer (Collect) for The Baptism of Christ

St John's Prayer for Growth

Heavenly Father,
at the Jordan you revealed Jesus as your Son:
may we recognize him as our Lord
and know ourselves to be your
beloved children;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.
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 11th January 2026

St John's will be open today, Sunday 11th January, at 10.00am for a communion service.

'JJJs' - St John's Juniors — there will be ??? *no* JJJs meeting today, but there will be some activities for children at the back of church (*wording to be confirmed when we know if Bridget can help Geoff*)

Live Stream of 10.00am Services

Please be aware that we are unable to live stream the 10am service at the moment. We will let you know once we are able to re-introduce live streaming. 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 12th January 2026 – 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 14th January 2026 - 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.

Friday 16th January 2026 – 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.

Saturday 17th January 2026 – 9.00am – 11.00am – Lego Breakfast

Sunday 18th January 2026 – 10.00am – Communion Service in Church

Sunday 18th January 2026 – 4.00pm – 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.

Help needed at St John's

Can you help serve the coffee & tea after the Sunday Morning Service? Help needed to keep this going, no experience necessary. Have a word with Sally Jones or Wendy Smith after the service or contact Sally on 07712989714.

Thank you.

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 February magazine is **Sunday 11th January 2026 – TODAY!**

Contributions to the Editor, Deidre Morris (email: bandmorris@btinternet.com), by Sunday 11th January 2026, please.

Advance Notices

Tuesday 20th January 2026 – 7.30pm – 9.00pm - PCC meeting in Church

Save the date Saturday 24th January 2026 – 10.00am – 3.00pm

Have you ever wondered how to make sense of the Old Testament? This is a day at St John's for everyone. No previous knowledge of the Old Testament is assumed. This is a chance to get an overview of the Old Testament, to see why it is important and how it is relevant to our lives today. Bring your own lunch – coffee and tea and cake will be provided. There is a sign-up sheet at the back of church.

Saturday 21st February 2026 – 10.00am – 3.00pm – Mirfield Quiet Day

(see flyer on following page for details)



Wakefield
Cathedral

Follow Me: Wakefield Episcopal Area

Community of the
Resurrection,
Mirfield,
WF14 0BN

Tea and coffee provided,
bring your own lunch
Suggested donation: £10
(bring on the day)

To book your place email
caroline.asquith
@leeds.anglican.org.



AREA QUIET DAY FOR LENT

SATURDAY 21ST
FEBRUARY 2026,
10:00 -15:00

"Praying the Penitential Psalms"

Led by Bishop Malcolm
Chamberlain

This will be a day for
refreshment and guided
reflection in the peaceful,
meditative surroundings of
Mirfield. All most welcome.

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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.

