

St. John the Evangelist, Clifton.

Weekly Service sheet.

Sunday 1st March 2026



Welcome to St. John's, Clifton

Celebrant: Paul Webb

Reader: Pat Ward

Intercessor: Don Bickerton

Roots and Shoots & Mothers Day Celebration

This Sunday 15th March is our Roots and Shoots service @ 9am all welcome.

NOTICES

SUNDAY 01 MARCH 2026, Annual Church Meetings

Notice is given that the Annual Church Meeting & Annual Parochial Church Meeting will be on Sunday 22 March 2025 after the Sunday service.

Appointment of Church Wardens

Notice is given that a meeting for the election of churchwardens will also be held on Sunday 22 March 2025 after the Sunday service.

St John's Electoral Roll

The roll is now open for review until 07 March. Please review your details and if you think they may have changed, please contact Alison Hirst. Any changes and/or new entries will be added after the Annual Meetings on Sunday 22 March.

Please keep in your prayers:

Those known to God and us, who are ill, as well as: Rita Black, Sylvia Nicholson, Sandra Hall, Jack Eccles, Angela Taylor, Graham Davies, Margaret Jackson, Jordan Wilkinson, Ed Spivey, Charlotte Bailey, Steve Rhodes, Errol Davis and Rev. Anne Samuels

RIP

Please can we keep Rita Nobbs and her family in our prayers after her passing on 6th February

Anniversary of Death

Simon Quarmby (2nd)
Charles Douglas (6th)
Ron Jackson (6th)

Happy Birthday

Tom Smith (6th)

Within our Diocese

Toby Howarth - the Bishop of Bradford - acting Diocesan Bishop of Leeds

Smitha Prasadam – Bishop of Huddersfield

Bill Braviner – Archdeacon of Halifax

James Allison ~ Area Dean

Paul Webb and Stephen Hannam– our vicars at St John's, Clifton

The Staff and children of the Academy St. John's in Rwamkoma Everyone who worships at our link parish of St. John's, Rwamkoma in the region of Mara, Tanzania

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Service sheet Readings, Prayers and Hymns

March 1st – Lent 2

Lent prose

Hear us, O Lord, have mercy upon us: for we have sinned against thee.

Collect

Almighty God, by the prayer and discipline of Lent may we enter into the mystery of Christ's sufferings, and by following in his Way come to share in his glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

First Reading - Romans 4:1-5

What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the scripture say? 'Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness.' Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness.

Gospel: John 3:1-17

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, 'Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.' Jesus answered him, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can anyone be born after having grown old?

Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?' Jesus answered, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, "You must be born from above." The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can these things be?' Jesus answered him, 'Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.'

Prayer after Communion

Father almighty, we offer ourselves to you as a living sacrifice in Jesus Christ our Lord. Send us out into the world in the power of the Holy Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory. **Amen**

A Church built on a hill, cannot be hid