



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

St John's Church, Whorlton May 2026

A Message from Reverend Bob

Well, here we are, May, meteorologically the last month of Spring, with Summer allegedly due to start at the beginning of June...

Yet in some ways it still feels a bit like winter for us at St Johns, and I say this, not only because of the weather, but because, while it may have slipped from the minds of many of us, the 25th of May sees the anniversary of Matthew's final service here at Whorlton, and we will have been without an incumbent parish priest for a whole year.

And while our Wardens and the whole PCC have been, and are still doing, a fantastic job in keeping the hay on the waggon, I don't think any of us feel fully comfortable or settled with exactly where we are at, and with the stresses and strains on them that this sometimes involves. So, I want to give them all a big thank you from the rest of us, and, to quote an old friend of mine, to let them know: "You are all Stars!" Thank You!

But looking forward, Emily Bronte is noted for having stated that "May is the month of expectation, the month of wishes, and the month of hope... And as Martin told us during our APCM, the search for a new incumbent for St John's is very much still in process. So, let none of us lose heart, let none of us allow temptation to draw us away from our path, as followers of Christ in this place at this difficult time, and let May be not only a month of expectation, a month of wishes, and a month of hope... but also a month of prayer. Prayer for the right teacher, the right leader and above all the right person, to take us into our futures.

Thank you.

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DIARY DATES

2-4pm, Sat. 16th May: Spring Fayre

2-4pm, Sat. 13th June: Afternoon Tea

1pm, Sat. 4th July: Tynemouth Walking Tour - led by Martin Stait

5pm, Sat. 15th August: Meal at the Engine Inn

5-7pm, Sat. 12th Sept.: Pub Quiz with Pie and Peas supper

12 noon, Sun. 4th Oct.: Harvest Lunch

2-4pm, Sat. 21st Nov.: Christmas Fayre

6:30pm, Sun. 13th Dec.: Christmas Carols by Candlelight

Mothers' Union meets on the last Monday of the month – programme to be confirmed.

The Women's Group meets 8pm, first Tuesday of the month at The Chapel Park.

Men's Breakfast meets at Dobbies at 10am on the first Saturday of the month.

Friday Bible Study group -please speak to Rev'd Bob if you are interested in joining this group.

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SUNDAY SERVICES AND BIBLE READINGS FOR THE MONTH

3rd May

Acts 7: 55-end; 1 Peter 2: 2-10; John 14: 1-14

10th May

Acts 17: 22-31; 1 Peter 3: 13-end; John 14: 15-21

17th May

Acts 1: 6-14; 1 Peter 4: 12-14, 5: 4-11; John 17: 1-11

24th May Pentecost

Acts 2: 1-21 or numbers 11: 24-30; 1 Corinthians 12: 3b-13 or

Acts 2; 1-21; John 20: 19-23 or John 7; 37-39

31st May Trinity Sunday

Isaiah 40; 12-17, 27-end; 2 Corinthians 13: 11-end; Matthew 28; 16-end

Defibrillator maintenance

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/>

Reminder to be collecting those coins for the tubes of smarties to be returned at Easter to use as funds toward the defibrillator maintenance.

If you are new to St John's Whorlton and wish to register your contact details temporarily until the next electoral roll revision please collect a form from the back of church and give to Martin or Lesley (church wardens).

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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