



**Killingworth's  
Parish Church**

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ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST

## Services this week

### Sunday 26th April - Easter 4

#### Workers Memorial Day

8.30 Said Communion

10.00 Family Communion

### Thursday 30th April

10.00 Holy Communion

### Sunday 3rd May - Easter 5

8.30 Said Communion

10.00 Holy Communion

## Sunday 26th April 2026 The Fourth Sunday of Easter

### Collect

Risen Christ, your wounds declare your love for the world and the wonder of your risen life: give us compassion and courage to risk ourselves for those we serve, to the glory of God the Father. Amen

### Prayer after Communion

Eternal God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life: grant us to walk in his way, to rejoice in his truth, and to share his risen life; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. Amen

OT Genesis 7. 1 - 24

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NT Acts 2. 42 - 47

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GOSPEL John 10. 1 - 10

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Hymns: 543, 132, 200, 1008, 579, 458

**Refreshments in the hall after the 10am service**

## The Way Forward Update

As we see completion of phase 1 of the project and look forward to the official launch of the newly refurbished organ, it is time to focus on raising the remaining funds to allow us to complete phase 2. We have already seen an increased interest in using the church building supporting our mission. The aim was to enable the wider community to use the building by providing a welcoming sustainable space suitable for the needs of the worshipping congregation and the wider parish. As a church we committed to raising £200k towards the total project cost and your efforts thus far have pushed us well towards that target raising £170k. With your continued support and with the persistent efforts of TWF team in identifying and obtaining external funding, we aim to meet the phase 2 target of £210k by the end of this year. This, combined with the funds we still have, will allow us to complete the building work including the new entrance and toilet facilities.

Please consider how you can support the next and final phase by generous giving, including supporting by sharing your time and talents. If you have any questions, please speak to a member of the team, the wardens or Sarah. Thank you for your continued support.

**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> April Workers Memorial Day Service** a civic service hosted by St John's to remember those who have lost their lives in the course of their work, and to pray for those who make workplaces safer.

**Eco tip:** If you do online giving to Eco friendly charities go to <https://biggive.org/earth-raise> between **22<sup>nd</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> April** to get your donation doubled.

### **Dementia UK February Walk**

A HUGE thanks to everyone from St John's who supported me walking 1km a day in February in aid of Dementia UK. The total raised so far in my account is £958, far more than I expected. Thanks again for your prayers and contributions to a cause that is so close to so many of us. Hilary.

**Embroidered Crosses:** The hospital is running short again so if anyone can help make more crosses, please see Sarah for canvas and more info.

**Prayer List** Please pray for: Alison Alderson, Naomi Appleby, Carole Bell, Ivy Bell, Eddie Bolton, Lesley Bolton, Claire Brooks, Lynne Brown, Kay Dixon, Derek Foggon, Eunice Goff, Stuart Haig, Jean Heron, Vera Hindmarsh, Diana Jones, Iris Kitching, Fiona McKie, Pam McKie, Jess Morton, Stephen Norvell, Gill Riddell, Nancy Tate.

Request forms for prayer list/pastoral visits are in the green folder.

## Upcoming Events and Notices

**The Official opening of the restored organ** will take place on **Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May** with a recital by Daniel Cook (Durham Cathedral organist) at **7 pm**. Entry will be free but contributions to the development fund will be very welcome.

**Christian Aid 2026** Please support these events. Christian Aid envelopes will be available in church and at the events

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May** Soup and roll lunch 11.30 – 1.30 in St John's Community Hall, West Lane. All welcome. See Frances to offer support and for further details

**Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> May** 10-1 in the hall – Secondhand book sale - Fiction and children's books. **The hall will be open from 4-6pm on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May to receive your books.** See Liz Weightman to offer support and for further details.

**Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> June - Summer Fair.** The list of stalls is in the south aisle. We still need volunteers to help set up and clear away, help on stalls and with refreshments. Please sign up on the sheet or speak to the lead for the area in which you would like to help.

Anyone wishing to run a stall other than those listed please add details to the sheet

**Website** Updates for the website should be sent to Angela, email [ajhendersonoptom@gmail.com](mailto:ajhendersonoptom@gmail.com)

**The Bay Foodbank** Please donate tins, packets, toiletries and leave in church or hall. Many people in this area are still greatly in need of this kind of help and support.

## Regular Events and Services

**Baptism Enquiries** First Sunday of the month 11.30 in the Hall.

**Midweek Communion** Thursdays at 10am in church. All welcome

**PCC** Alternate 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday in Hall 7.30pm next meeting; **5<sup>th</sup> May**

**Junior Church** Sundays 10am weekly in **term-time** for all children.

**Explore@4** 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday Brick Church at 4pm in the Hall 17<sup>th</sup> May

**Family Communion Service 26<sup>th</sup> April**

**Forest Church** 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday at 2pm Rising Sun Country Park 10<sup>th</sup> May

**Healing Service** 6pm every quarter, next service Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> July

**Men's Fellowship** 2<sup>nd</sup> Tues of the month, 7pm Next meeting 12<sup>th</sup> May

**Monthly Book Club** at Joyce's 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month, 2-3pm 14<sup>th</sup> May

**Mondays 10am** Knit & Natter at The King's Arms, weekly (not bank holidays)

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**Easyfundraising** link to St John's:

[https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stjohnskillingworthparishchurch/?utm\\_campaign=raise-more&utm\\_content=en-n1](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stjohnskillingworthparishchurch/?utm_campaign=raise-more&utm_content=en-n1)

Please support this way of raising funds – over £1760 raised to date.

Gluten-free wafers are available by request to a sides person before the service. In order to protect anyone who is gluten intolerant we cannot permit intinction (dipping wafers into the wine)