

May and June 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 the Middle East, Ukraine, Sudan and in other conflict zones. We pray for all those who are preparing for baptism and confirmation in May. We pray for Megan as she finishes her placement at St John's and prepares for her ordination and the start of her curacy in July. We pray for the appointment of the new Bishop of Leeds.

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Sunday 3rd May 2026 – The Fifth Sunday of Easter

Readings: Acts 7: 55-end John 14: 1-14

Special Prayer (Collect) for The Fifth Sunday of Easter St John's Prayer for Growth

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.

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.

**PLEASE NOTE THIS NEWSLETTER COVERS THE WHOLE OF MAY AND JUNE 2026.
THE NEXT NEWSLETTER WILL BE SENT OUT ON 28th JUNE 2026**

Opportunities for worship on Sunday 3rd May 2026 – Megan's Leaving Service

St John's will be open today, Sunday 3rd May 2026, at 10.00am for a service of Holy Communion at which Megan will preach. Megan has been on placement with us for the past two years during her training for ordination at St Hild College. She will be finishing her placement at St John's today. The service will be followed by a bring-and-share lunch.

Also, at 10.00am - '**JJs**' - **St John's Juniors**

JJs will meet each week in the Samaritan Room. All children between 4 and 11 years old are welcome to this Sunday morning group. Join us for story, prayer and activities. A fun place to learn and grow in faith. For more information contact Cath Fox on cath.s.fox@outlook.com

If we do not have enough leaders there will be activities available at the back of church each week.

Live Stream of 10.00am Services

We will live stream the 10.00am service today if we can. 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.

From Monday 4th May 2026 – 9.30am – There will be *NO* Morning Prayer on Zoom
Morning Prayer will resume on **Monday 7th September 2026.**

Tuesday 5th May 2026 – 7.30pm – PCC Extraordinary Meeting in Church

Each Wednesday from 6th May 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.

Thursday 7th May 2026 – 7.30pm – 8.30pm – Final Confirmation Preparation Session for Young People and Adults in Church

Each Friday from 8th May 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. ***NO Toddler and Baby group on Friday 29th May***

Sunday 10th May 2026 – 10.00am – Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) in Church.

This year's APCM – Annual Parochial Church Meeting – will be held on Sunday 10th May 2026 as part of the 10.00am service of Holy Communion.

At the meeting there will be elections for churchwardens (two vacancies) and PCC members (three vacancies for a three-year term of office, one vacancy for a two-year term of office and three vacancies for a one-year term of office). There will also be elections to Deanery Synod (three vacancies). Nomination forms for Churchwardens, Deanery Synod members and PCC members are available at the back of church.

Please note that we are only able to accept nominations with handwritten signatures – this means you need to return hard copies or scan in the signed forms and email them to Stephanie

stephanie.buchanan@btinternet.com

The Electoral Roll closed on **Sunday 19th April 2025**. The revised Electoral Roll (names only) is displayed in church for the two weeks leading up to the APCM. If you didn't get a chance to add your name to the Electoral Roll by 19th April, you will be able to do so after the APCM on 10th May 2026.

Other Activities During May

Tuesday 12th May 2026 – 7.30pm – 9.00pm – PCC meeting in Church

Wednesday 13th May 2026 – 3.30pm – 5.30pm – Messy Church

You are warmly invited to Messy Church on Wednesday 13th May 2026 from 3.30pm to 5.30pm in church. There will be lots of activities including craft, games and things to explore as well as a time of celebration and worship. There is food for parents or carers or grandparents and children to enjoy together. All children need to be accompanied by an adult. For further information please contact: Cath Fox cath.s.fox@outlook.com If anyone would like to help with Messy Church, please also contact Cath.

Thursday 14th May 2026 – 7.30am – Churches Together in Wakefield – Ascension Day Service at Sandal Castle

Saturday 16th May 2026 – 9.00am – 11.00am- Lego Breakfast



Come and try our

**LEGO
BREAKFAST**



Want to spend quality time with your children?
Do you like building with Lego, demolishing Jenga
or playing traditional board games?
Like to share a bacon sandwich
(vegetarian option available) and a drink,
while playing games in good company?
All children please bring an adult.

Come along and join in:

St John's Church, Wentworth Street, WF1 2QU

Saturday 16 May 2026

9.00am - 11.00am

Free admission (no unaccompanied children, please)
Voluntary donation of £1 for a sandwich and a drink

Sunday 17th May 2026 – 10.00am – Holy Communion Service

St John's will be open today, Sunday 17th May 2026, at 10.00am for a service of Holy Communion

Sunday 17th May 2026 – 3.30pm - Confirmation Service in Wakefield Cathedral with Bishop Toby, Acting Bishop of Leeds

All welcome to attend the service to support the candidates from St John's.

Sunday 17th May 2026 – 4.00pm – NO Tea-Time Service

The next Tea-Time service will be on Sunday 21st June. Please do pass on this information to anyone you know who might be thinking of attending the Tea-Time Service.

Sunday 24th May 2026 – 10.00am – Holy Communion Service for the Day of Pentecost

St John's will be open today, Sunday 24th May 2026, at 10.00am for a service of Holy Communion

Sunday 31st May 2026 – 10.00am – Holy Communion Service

St John's will be open today, Sunday 31st May 2026, at 10.00am for a service of Holy Communion

Other Activities during June

Sunday 7th June 2026 – 10.00am – Holy Communion Service

St John's will be open today, Sunday 7th June 2026, at 10.00am for a service of Holy Communion

Sunday 14th June 2026 – 10.00am – Holy Communion Service

St John's will be open today, Sunday 14th June 2026, at 10.00am for a service of Holy Communion

Sunday 21st June 2026 – 10.00am – Holy Communion Service

St John's will be open today, Sunday 21st June 2026, at 10.00am for a service of Holy Communion

Sunday 21st June 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.

Sunday 28th June 2026 – 10.00am – St John's Day Service and Picnic

St John's will be open today, Sunday 28th June 2026, at 10.00am for a Family Communion Service for St John's Day. We will be joined by children from St John's School who will be leading the prayers.

The service will be followed by a picnic. Drinks available and lots of games to play. Bring your own blanket/chair and picnic - Everyone welcome.

There will be no JJs this week – all children are invited to take part in the service and there will be some activities for children available at the back of church.

Thursday 2nd July 2026 – 7.30pm – 9.00pm - Youth Group barbecue in Church for young people aged 11+ (Year 7 and above). At this summer Youth Group, we also welcome Young People about to go up from Year 6 into Year 7. Please let Cath Fox cath.s.fox@outlook.com know if your child/ren are planning to attend, so that we can make sure we have enough food for the barbecue!

Sunday 5th July 2026 – 10.00am – Holy Communion Service

St John's will be open today, Sunday 5th July 2026, at 10.00am for a service of Holy Communion

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 June magazine is **Sunday 10th May 2026**

Contributions to the Editor, Deidre Morris (email: bandmorris@btinternet.com), by Sunday 10th May 2026, please.

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.

Advance Notices

Saturday 19th September 2026 – 1.00pm – 4.00pm - Heritage Open Day at St John's

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

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.

