

St. John the Evangelist, Clifton.

Weekly Service sheet.

Sunday 7th June 2026



Welcome to St. John's, Clifton

Celebrant: Rev. Stephen Hannam

Reader: Caroline Savage

Intercessor: Pat Ward

Roots and Shoots

Our Next Roots and Shoots service for all ages is June 21st @9am,

Gardening Club

Next gardening club will be 13th June @10am,

Clifton Festival

As in previous years, the Church will be providing lunch in the marquee at the village fair on Friday 26th June. This is one of our major fundraising events so please try and support us, tell all your friends and family to come. We need lots of volunteers. A sheet will be in the Church entrance asking for donations of sandwiches and cakes - please put your name down all you wonderful bakers! There will also be a sheet asking for volunteers to man our stall in the Saturday and Sunday. Please put your name down if you can offer any time at all. Thank you.

The Comfort Café

On Wednesday 17th June @1-3pm
Welcoming people who live with Dementia, tea, coffee, cake and musical entertainment.

Anniversary of Death

Pte. John W. Hardcastle (7th)

Molly Dalton (8th)

Pte. Herbert Hall (9th)

Denise Colin (11th)

RIP

Shirley Boot, Please pray for Janet, family and friends at this difficult time.

Please keep in your prayers:

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

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

June 7th

Collect

O God, the strength of all who put their trust in you, mercifully accept our prayers and grant us the help of your grace, that in keeping your commandments we may please you both in will and deed; through Jesus Christ our Lord; **Amen**

First Reading - Romans 4:13-25

The promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law, neither is there transgression. For this reason the promise depends on faith, in order that it may rest on grace, so that it may be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham, in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become "the father of many nations," according to what was said, "So shall your descendants be." He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), and the barrenness of Sarah's womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore "it was reckoned to him as righteousness." Now the words, "it was reckoned to him," were written not for his sake alone but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

Gospel - Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax-collection station, and he said to him, "Follow me." And he got up and followed him. And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting with Jesus and his disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" But when he heard this, he said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means, 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have not come to call the righteous but sinners." While he was saying these things to them, suddenly a leader came in and knelt before him, saying, "My daughter has just died, but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live." And Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples. Then suddenly a woman who had been suffering from a flow of blood for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak, for she was saying to herself, "If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well." Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, "Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well." And the woman was made well from that moment. When Jesus came to the leader's house and saw the flute players and the crowd making a commotion, he said, "Go away, for the girl is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him. But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up. And the report of this spread through all of that district.

Post-communion

Eternal Father, we thank you for nourishing us with these heavenly gifts: may our communion strengthen us in faith, build us up in hope, and make us grow in love; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

A Church built on a hill, cannot be hid