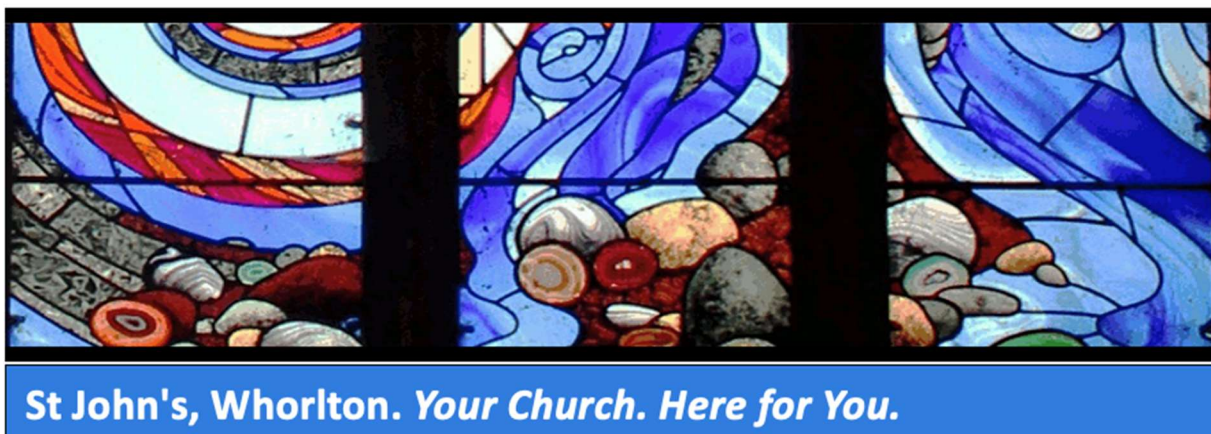




St John's Church, Whorlton June 2026

A Message from Reverend Bob

June...

I don't know about anyone else, but one of the things that always comes to my mind as we enter the sixth month of our calendar year, is the first few lines of a song, a song that is almost as old as me... It comes from the Musical Carousel, and I find it can be uplifting, bracing, and put a smile on my face. I'm sure everyone knows it, and it begins with:

June is Bustin' out all over
all over the meadow and the hill!
Buds're Bustin' outa bushes
and the rompin' river pushes
Ev'ry little wheel that wheels beside the mill!

And this year, Monday June the first, is also the first day of Ordinary Time in our church calendar, immediately after Trinity Sunday – and we start the run up towards Christmas, yet again...

But I'm not wanting to be negative about this in any way, because, in coincidence with Carousel's 'Spring is Bustin' out all over', the Gospel reading for Holy Communion on Monday June the 1st is also a 'Bustin Out' sort of message for us all. Because it includes the Magnificat which The Virgin Mary recites to her cousin Elizabeth.

The Magnificat gives us a message of great joy, great hope and great assurance, because it emphasises the universal 'Bustin Out' of God's mercy, faithfulness, and social justice in our world. You might like to look at it as you say your prayers regarding our search for a new Priest to lead us into our futures – I'm sure that we can all find some reassurance and encouragement in there somewhere.

So, while Carousel's "June is Bustin' out all over" can put a smile on my face, the words of the Magnificat ALWAYS do put a smile on my face. I hope that it will do that for you too!

Thank you.

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DIARY DATES

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.

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.

SPRING FAYRE : A massive thankyou to all those who supported the Spring Fayre on the 16th May, we raised £749.62.

SUNDAY SERVICES AND BIBLE READINGS FOR THE MONTH

7 th June	Genesis 12: 1-9 or Hosea 5: 15 - 6: 6; Romas 4: 13-end; Matthew 9: 9-13, 18-26
14 th June	Genesis 18: 1-15 or Exodus 19: 2-8a; Romans 5: 1-8; Matthew 9: 35 - 10: 8
21 st June	Genesis 21: 8-21 or Jeremiah 20: 7-13; Romans 6: 1b-11; Matthew 10: 24-39
28 th June	Genesis 22: 1-14 or Jeremiah 28: 5-9; Romans 6: 12-end; Matthew 10: 40-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/>

The Smartie fundraising appeal for defibrillator maintenance raised £590 including gift aid.

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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