

27th September 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 young people starting courses at university and for those returning after the summer.

Website: <https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/7365>

Facebook: @wakefieldstjohns

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Sunday 27th September 2026 – Generosity Week 2

Readings:

Philippians 2: 1-13

Matthew 21: 23-32

Special Prayer (Collect) for Generosity Week

St John's Prayer for Growth

God of grace, ever creating and restoring,
you breathe life into all things
and embrace us with an everlasting love;
help us to grow in wonder and awe,
to embody a spirit of gratitude,
and to dream generous dreams;
that, in gathering what we have,
we may graciously offer ourselves
to accomplish what you will,
in Jesus Christ our Lord. 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.

Opportunities for worship on Sunday 27th September 2026 – Generosity Week 2

St John's will be open today, Sunday 27th September 2026, at 10.00am for a service of Holy Communion.

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

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.

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.

Sunday 27th September 2026 – 4.00pm – Tea-Time Service – TODAY!

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.

This Week

Wednesday 30th September 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.

Wednesday 30th September 2026 – 3.30pm – 5.30pm – Messy Church

You are warmly invited to Messy Church on Wednesday 30th September 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 1st October 2026 - 7.30pm - 9.00pm – The Vicarage – Pilgrim 6, Session 1

Session 1 of the Pilgrim Course, 'The Eucharist' (about Holy Communion) will start today at the Vicarage. There is a sign-up sheet at the back of Church. For more dates, see the section on study groups on page three.

Friday 2nd October 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 Bridget 07808 470724 or Geoff 07879 298002.

Sunday 4th October 2026 – 10.00am – Holy Communion Service – Creation Sunday

Sad News – John Hanson

John Hanson, a longstanding member of St John's, died on Thursday 17th September 2026 in Pinderfields Hospital. John's funeral will be held on Thursday 8th October at 12.30pm in St John's Church.

Advance Notices

Thursday 8th October 2026 – 12.30pm – St John's Church – John Hanson's funeral

Thursday 8th October 2026 – 7.45pm – 9.00pm – Wakefield Cathedral – Follow Me



Wakefield Cathedral
invites you to
Follow Me

The latest session in the series of evenings on faith and discipleship, led by Bishop Malcolm Chamberlain

Session Running Order:
(Optional) Supper: 19:30
Talk and time for questions: 19:45-21:00

To book supper, please contact Lyndsay Horsman by no later than 30th September:
Email: lyndsay.horsman@leeds.anglican.org
Tel: 0113 284 4309

FOLLOWING CHRIST WITH THE PERSECUTED CHURCH
WITH A GUEST SPEAKER FROM THE CHRISTIAN CHARITY - OPEN DOORS
THURSDAY 08 OCTOBER 2026

388 million Christians worldwide live in contexts where they face extreme discrimination of persecution for following Christ. That's 1 in 7 of our brothers and sisters. This evening will give us the opportunity to hear some of their stories, pray with them, and be encouraged and challenged in our own walk of faith and witness.

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Friday 9th October 2026 – 6.00pm - Harvest Supper in Church

This year's Pie and Peas Harvest Supper will take place in Church on Friday 9th October at 6.00pm. There is a sign-up sheet at the back of Church. Please sign up or email stjohn.churchwarden@gmail.com to book. We need to know numbers by **Sunday 27th September (TODAY!)**

Sunday 11th October 2026 – 10.00am – Harvest Festival

Do join us for our Harvest Festival on Sunday 11th October at 10.00am. Children from St John's School will be leading the prayers. Donations of tinned and dried food items will be given to St Catherine's Food Bank. For more information see [St Catherine's Church and Community Centre Wakefield](#) There will also be a basket for financial donations to St Catherine's Food Bank during the month of October.

Study Groups at St John's

There will be three study groups taking place in the autumn. More details in next week's newsletter. There are sign-up sheets for these courses at the back of Church.

Bible Study - Acts for Everyone (Part 2) - Samaritan Room - Wednesday afternoons 1.30pm - 3.00pm

Session 1 - Weds 14th October 2026
Session 2 - Weds 21st October 2026
Session 3 - Weds 28th October 2026
Session 4 - Weds 4th November 2026
Session 5 - Weds 11th November 2026
Session 6 - Weds 18th November 2026

Pilgrim 2 - The Lord's Prayer - The Vicarage - Wednesday evenings 7.30pm - 9.00pm

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Pilgrim 6 - The Eucharist - The Vicarage - Thursday evenings 7.30pm - 9.00pm

Session 1 - Thursday 1st October 2026
Session 2 - Thursday 15th October 2026
Session 3 - Thursday 29th October 2026
Session 4 - Thursday 5th November 2026
Session 5 - Thursday 12th November 2026
Session 6 - Thursday 19th November 2026

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.

Magazine

Copy date for the November magazine is **Sunday 11th October 2026**

Contributions to the Editor, Deidre Morris (email: bandmorris@btinternet.com), by Sunday 11th October 2026, please.

Newsletter

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