

20th 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. Please pray for Cath and Brian as they are re-licensed as Licensed Lay Ministers in Wakefield Cathedral by Bishop Toby this afternoon.

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Email: stjohn.churchwarden@gmail.com

Facebook: [@wakefieldstjohns](https://www.facebook.com/wakefieldstjohns)

Sunday 20th September 2026 – Generosity Week 1

Readings: Philippians 1: 21-end

Matthew 20: 1-16

Special Prayer (Collect) for Generosity Week 1

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 20th September 2026

St John's will be open today, Sunday 20th September 2026, at 10.00am for a service of Holy Communion.

Also, at 10.00am - 'JJ's' - **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.

This Week

Wednesday 23rd 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.

Thursday 24th September 2026 – 7.30pm – 9.00pm - Youth Group in Church for young people aged 11+ (Year 7 and above). For more information contact Cath Fox on cath.s.fox@outlook.com

Friday 25th September 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.

Saturday 26th September 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 26 September 2026
9.00am - 11.00am**

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

Sunday 27th September 2026 – 10.00am – Holy Communion Service – Generosity Week 2

Sunday 27th September 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.

Advance Notices

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 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.

Sunday 11th October 2026 – 10.00am – Harvest Festival

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 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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