25th October 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 the work of St Catherine's Community Pantry.

Website: https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/7365 **Facebook:** @wakefieldstjohns
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Don't forget that the clocks went back one hour last night!

Sunday 25th October 2026 – Bible Sunday

Readings: Colossians 3: 12-17 Matthew 24:30-35

Special Prayer (Collect) for Bible Sunday

Blessed Lord,
who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning:
help us so to hear them,
to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them
that, through patience, and the comfort of your holy word,
we may embrace and for ever hold fast
the hope of everlasting life,
which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. Amen.

St John's Prayer for Growth

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 25th October 2026 – Bible Sunday

St John's will be open today, Sunday 25th October 2026, at 10.00am for a service of Holy Communion. This service will be a 'Café Church' service for all ages. It will start with coffee and croissants, and seating will be around tables rather than in rows. There will be activities for children and adults on the tables.

There will be a basket for financial donations to St Catherine's Food Bank during the month of October. For more information see St Catherine's Church and Community Centre Wakefield

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.

Donations to St John's

We don't take up a collection during services, but donations are welcome - see the table as you enter church, the leaflet on ways of giving or ask for details. Thank you.

This Week

Wednesday 28th October 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 28th October 2026 – 1.30pm – 2.45pm – Bible Study – Acts for Everyone, Session 3

The third session of 'Acts for Everyone' will take place in the Samaritan Room at Church.
The book of Acts is full of the energy and excitement of the early Christians as they found God doing new things and learned to take the good news of Jesus around the world. It is also full of the puzzles and problems that churches faced then and face today.

Further dates are:
Session 4 - Weds 4th November 2026
Session 5 - Weds 11th November 2026
Session 6 - Weds 18th November 2026

Wednesday 28th October 2026 – 7.30pm – 9.00pm – Bible Study – Pilgrim 2, Session 3

Session 3 will take place at the Vicarage. In this course we are exploring the Lord's Prayer as a gateway to the Christian gospel, as a guide to our own prayers, and as a way of deepening our relationship with God.

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Thursday 29th October 2026 - 7.30pm - 9.00pm – The Vicarage – Pilgrim 6, Session 3

Session 3 of the Pilgrim Course, 'The Eucharist' (about Holy Communion) will take place at the Vicarage. Celebrating the hospitality of God, praising God for all that he has done for us in Christ, communing with our risen Lord and being renewed in our service of others are all aspects of the Eucharist that we will explore in this course.

Further dates are:
Session 4 - Thursday 5th November 2026
Session 5 - Thursday 12th November 2026
Session 6 - Thursday 19th November 2026

Friday 30th October 2026 – 9.00am – 11.30am – *NO* 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.

Saturday 31st October 2026 – All Hallows' Eve Drop In – 4.00pm – 6.00pm – in Church

Drop in at St John's between 4.00pm and 6.00pm on Saturday 31st October 2026 as we celebrate light, joy and community. We'll be serving hot chocolate, sharing treats and hosting fun activities for young people. Everyone is welcome! If you would like to help at this event, please let Stephanie know.

Sunday 1st November 2026 – 10.00am – Holy Communion Service for All Saints' Day

Advance Notices

Sunday 15th November 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.

Thursday 19th November – 7.30pm – Civic Society Talk - Kingswood Suite at the Town Hall
The Civic Society is hosting a talk by Dr Christopher Webster on Charles Watson (1771-1836), the architect of St John's Church and St John's Square on Thursday 19th November at 7.30pm. This is a free event but you are asked to book places via the Civic Society's via our Eventbrite page here

Save the date – Saturday 28th November 2026 – 10.00am – 1.00pm – Christmas Fayre
Boxes for donations are in the reception room.

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 December magazine is **Sunday 8th November 2026.**
Contributions to the Editor, Deidre Morris (email: bandmorris@btinternet.com), by Sunday 8th November 2026, please.

Newsletter
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