

St. John the Evangelist, Clifton.

Weekly Service sheet.

Sunday 25th October 2026



Welcome to St. John's, Clifton

Celebrant: **Rev. Paul Webb**

Reader: **Christine Cooper**

Intercessor: **Graham Stanley**

The Comfort Café

On Wednesday 18th November from
1pm to 3pm

Free tea, coffee, homemade cakes
and musical entertainment

Warmly welcoming anyone living
dementia

Roots and Shoots

Our all age worship will be 22nd
November @9am,

Please keep in your prayers:

Those known to God and us, who are
ill, as well as: Angela Taylor Sylvia
Nicholson, Sandra Hall, Jack Eccles,
Margaret Jackson, Jordan Wilkinson,
Ed Spivey, Charlotte Bailey,
Steve Rhodes, Rev. Anne Samuels,
Karen Webb and Mike Taylor

Anniversary of Death

Carol Swinburne (25th)
Pte. Harry Womersley (29th)
Leonard Barraclough (31st)

All Saints & All Souls

Once more it is that time of year when we
remember our departed loved ones.

If you wish to have their names read out
on Sunday 1st November please let me
know or write their names on the list at
the back of church.

Happy Wedding Anniversary.

Janet + Graham Stanley (27th)
Alison + Charlie Hirst (31st)

Within our Diocese

Toby Howarth - The Bishop of Bradford -
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

Service sheet Readings, Prayers and Hymns

25th October

Collect

Merciful God, teach us to be faithful in change and uncertainty, that trusting in your word and obeying your will we may enter the unfailing joy of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

First Reading - 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

You know, brothers and sisters, that our visit to you was not without results. We had previously suffered and been treated outrageously in Philippi, as you know, but with the help of our God we dared to tell you his gospel in the face of strong opposition. For the appeal we make does not spring from error or impure motives, nor are we trying to trick you. On the contrary, we speak as those approved by God to be entrusted with the gospel. We are not trying to please people but God, who tests our hearts. You know we never used flattery, nor did we put on a mask to cover up greed – God is our witness. We were not looking for praise from people, not from you or anyone else, even though as apostles of Christ we could have asserted our authority. Instead, we were like young children among you. Just as a nursing mother cares for her children, so we cared for you. Because we loved you so much, we were delighted to share with you not only the gospel of God but our lives as well.

Gospel – Matthew 22:34-40

Hearing that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, the Pharisees got together. One of them, an expert in the law, tested him with this question: ‘Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?’ Jesus replied: “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.” This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: “Love your neighbour as yourself.” All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.’

Post-communion

Father almighty, we offer ourselves to you as a living sacrifice in Jesus Christ our Lord. Send us out into the world in the power of the Holy Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory. **Amen.**

A Church built on a hill, cannot be hid