

St. John the Evangelist, Clifton.

Weekly Service sheet.

Sunday 4th October 2026



Welcome to St. John's, Clifton

Celebrant: **Rev. Stephen Hannam**

Reader: **Carol Stubleby**

Intercessor: **The Quinns**

Gardening Club

Next gardening club will be 10th October @ 10am, Thank you to the Gardening Team the church garden is looking really cared for.

The Comfort Café

On Wednesday 21st October @ 1-3pm
Welcoming people who live with Dementia, tea, coffee, cake and musical entertainment.

Roots and Shoots

Our all age worship will start again 18th October @ 9am, now the children are back at school everyone is welcome

Please keep in your prayers:

Those known to God and us, who are ill, as well as: 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

Gary Beresforde (4th)

Rev J Aidan Richardson (10th)

Birthday Celebrations

Eleanor Savage (9^h)

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

October 4th

Collect

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us your gift of faith that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to that which is before, we may run the way of your commandments and win the crown of everlasting joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

First Reading - Philippians 3:4-14

If someone else thinks they have reasons to put confidence in the flesh, I have more. But whatever were gains to me I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. What is more, I consider everything a loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them garbage, that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ – the righteousness that comes from God on the basis of faith. I want to know Christ – yes, to know the power of his resurrection and participation in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, and so, somehow, attaining to the resurrection from the dead. Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already arrived at my goal, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: forgetting what is behind and straining towards what is ahead, I press on towards the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenwards in Christ Jesus.

Gospel – Matthew 21:33-46

Jesus said, ‘Listen to another parable: there was a landowner who planted a vineyard. He put a wall round it, dug a winepress in it and built a watchtower. Then he rented the vineyard to some farmers and moved to another place. When the harvest time approached, he sent his servants to the tenants to collect his fruit. The tenants seized his servants; they beat one, killed another, and stoned a third. Then he sent other servants to them, more than the first time, and the tenants treated them in the same way. Last of all, he sent his son to them. “They will respect my son,” he said. But when the tenants saw the son, they said to each other, “This is the heir. Come, let’s kill him and take his inheritance.” So they took him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. Therefore, when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?’ They replied, ‘He will bring those wretches to a wretched end, and he will rent the vineyard to other tenants, who will give him his share of the crop at harvest time.’ Jesus said to them, ‘Have you never read in the Scriptures: “The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; the Lord has done this, and it is marvellous in our eyes”? Therefore I tell you that the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit. Anyone who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; anyone on whom it falls will be crushed. When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard Jesus’ parables, they knew he was talking about them. They looked for a way to arrest him, but they were afraid of the crowd because the people held that he was a prophet.

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