

4th 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 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 4th October 2026 – Creation Sunday

Readings:

Philippians 3: 4b-14

Matthew 21: 33-end

Special Prayer (Collect) for Creation Sunday

St John's Prayer for Growth

Loving God, ever creating and restoring,
open our eyes to see the wounds your creation
bears.
Open our ears to hear it cry.
Fill our minds with the conviction to tread lightly
on your earth.
Renew compassion within our hearts we pray.
Help us to understand each plant, creature and
individual are part of a wondrous whole.
Lord compel us to turn our passion into action.
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 4th October 2026 – Creation Sunday

St John's will be open today, Sunday 4th October 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.

This Week

Wednesday 7th 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.

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 – 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.

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.

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.

Advance Notices

Sunday 18th October 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.

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

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.

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

In this course we are going to explore 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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Pilgrim 6 - The Eucharist - The Vicarage - Thursday evenings 7.30pm - 9.00pm

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.

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

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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

If you know anyone else who would like to receive the email, please email stjohn.churchwarden@gmail.com. The newsletter will also be available on St John's Church Facebook page (@wakefieldstjohns) and A Church Near You website: (<https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/7365>). Please send items for the newsletter to Stephanie stephanie.buchanan@btinternet.com no later than the preceding Wednesday evening.