

26<sup>th</sup> April 2020

**ST. JOHN'S CHURCH NEWSLETTER**  
**"SHARING CHRIST IN THE COMMUNITY"**

**For our prayers this week:**

For all those suffering from COVID-19; for the NHS and all who are caring for those who are ill. For our community as we seek to support one another through the current crisis.

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**SUNDAY 26<sup>th</sup> APRIL – THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER**

Readings: Acts 2:14a, 36-41      Luke 24:13-35

*Special Prayer (Collect) for Easter 3*

Risen Christ,  
you filled your disciples with boldness and fresh  
hope:  
strengthen us to proclaim your risen life  
and fill us with your peace,  
to the glory of God the Father.  
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 this Sunday**

This Sunday we can join together in a Communion Service for 26th April 2020 recorded in Stephanie's study. You can access the video of the service by following this link [https://youtu.be/YYXpegf7\\_Q](https://youtu.be/YYXpegf7_Q) You can also access it via the Services and Events page on A Church Near You. The order of service (in word and pdf format) is attached to the email containing this newsletter. You will also find an activity sheet and a colouring sheet for families to do together which are taken from Roots © ROOTS for Churches Ltd ([www.rootsontheweb.com](http://www.rootsontheweb.com)) 2002-2020 and reproduced with permission. For more material for families and children, please go to <https://www.rootsontheweb.com/lectionary/2020/106-march-april-2020-a/easter-3/familiesathome> For more material for adults, please go to <https://www.rootsontheweb.com/lectionary/2020/106-march-april-2020-a/easter-3/adultsathome>

A service with the Rev Kate Bottley will be available on the Church of England website from 9am on Sunday 26th April. At 8.10am on Radio 4 Prof. Jennifer Strawbridge and the Rev Dr Steve Nolan reflect on the Road to Emmaus. The Rt. Rev Rose Hudson-Wilkin, Bishop of Dover, leads a service from Hereford Cathedral at 10.45am on BBC1.

**Midweek opportunities for worship and prayer**

From Easter Day until Ascension Day The Archbishop of Canterbury invites us all to join him in a forty-day focus on the Lord's Prayer through daily Bible readings, reflections and prayers. You can access the readings and reflections by following this link:

<https://www.churchofengland.org/our-faith/living-out-our-faith/lent-holy-week-and-easter/easterpilgrim-lords-prayer> If you know someone who can't access this resource electronically and would like a hard copy of the booklet, please email Stephanie at [stephanie.buchanan@btinternet.com](mailto:stephanie.buchanan@btinternet.com) so that she can order some copies.

While you are spending more time at home, why not learn more about your faith? There are lots of online resources open to all at <https://learning.leeds.anglican.org/>

## Churches Together in Wakefield

CTW now has a new website: [www.churcheswakefield.com](http://www.churcheswakefield.com)

### Local Support

If you want to support residents in the St John's area who need help with groceries or just need someone to check in on them, go to the website [nextdoor.com](http://nextdoor.com). Nichola, a member of our congregation, has started a WhatsApp group which people can join if they would like to. Please call Nichola on 07723 816658 if you are interested in joining.

St John's also has a team of volunteers who are able to do shopping and collect prescriptions. Contact Susan Lawson on 01924 378101 if you need support or would like to offer your help.

### Spiritual Support

If you would like to talk to someone or to receive prayer please call The Revd Paul Ellis on 01924 367976, our Reader, Brian Morris on 01924 369437 or our Trainee Vicar, Lindsey Fox on 07861 710945.

### Foodbank Donations

We know that foodbanks are a vital source of support for many at this time. Paul and Pat Ellis are happy to accept donations for St Catherine's foodbank in their empty recycling bin which will be by their gate (98 Bradford Road) between Friday and Wednesday each week. You can still contribute using the collecting boxes at all major supermarkets. St Catherine's foodbank is also very grateful for financial contributions. You can give by bank transfer and, if you would like the account details, please contact Brian ([bandmorris@btinternet.com](mailto:bandmorris@btinternet.com))

### Giving to St John's

Even though we are closed we still have to pay the bills. If you feel able to give, you can still support St John's financially in the following ways:

**The Parish Giving Scheme – LATEST UPDATE** - If you pay tax you can join the Parish Giving Scheme. If you wish to join, this will help our cash flow over the coming weeks.

#### **A message from the Parish Giving Scheme:**

The PGS is delighted to announce the launch of a new telephone service, designed to enable prospective donors to set up a regular Direct Debit donation to your parish **over the phone**.

How will it work?

The service will go live on **Monday 27th April 2020** and will operate weekdays between 9 - 5pm. Call **0333 002 1271** and one of our administrators will take you through the sign up process – this normally takes around 15 minutes. You will need to have the following information to hand:

- Personal bank account details
- The name of the parish you wish to donate to
- You will need to confirm if you want to increase your gift in line with inflation each year
- Confirm if you are eligible for Gift Aid
- The PGS code for your parish (usually 9 digits in length) \*

*\* Please contact Brian [bandmorris@btinternet.com](mailto:bandmorris@btinternet.com) for the PGS code for St John's.*

The Parish Giving Scheme is also able to receive postal forms for new members. Please contact Brian ([bandmorris@btinternet.com](mailto:bandmorris@btinternet.com)) for more details.

**Standing Orders** - will continue as before.

**Gift Aid Envelopes** - If you give using the gift envelopes you can save up your envelopes until you are able to come back to church.

**Our QR code** at the foot of the page can be used to make donations to St John's.

### Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2020 – Easter 4

We are planning to video a service for Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2020. A link to this video will be on next week's newsletter.

### Newsletter

We intend to send out this newsletter each week by email. If you know anyone else who would like to receive the email, please email [stjohn.churchwarden@gmail.com](mailto: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>).

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Contributions to the Editor, Deidre Morris (email:  
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Please send items for the Newsletter to Brian Morris:  
([bandmorris@btinternet.com](mailto:bandmorris@btinternet.com)) no later than the preceding Thursday.

