

9th August 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. For our new curate, Rob, and his family as Rob begins his curacy at St John's.

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SUNDAY 9th AUGUST – Trinity 9

Readings: 1 Kings 19:9-18

Matthew 14:22-33

Special Prayer (Collect) for Trinity 9

Gracious Father,
revive your Church in our day,
and make her holy, strong and faithful,
for your glory's sake
in Jesus Christ our Lord.
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

St John's Church will be open today for a Family Communion Service at 10.00am. The doors will open at 9.45am. Please note that everyone now needs to wear a face covering during the service. Do bring one with you, if possible.

The 10am Communion Service in church today will be recorded as it happens. **You will be sent a link to the video of the service late this afternoon or this evening, once it has been uploaded onto YouTube.** The link will also be available on Facebook and 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 may like to print it off and bring it to church with you. Otherwise, you may wish to follow the service on your phone or tablet during the church service. 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) 2002-2020 and reproduced with permission. For more resources for families and children on different themes, please see their [FaithAtHome](#) page.

This week's Church of England online service is led by Rev Dr Lee Gatiss, the Director of Church Society. In his sermon, Lee reflects on God's kindness and mercy. The prayers are led by Ros Clarke, with readings from Gideon Emmanuel and Niv Lobo. A link to the service on YouTube and a downloadable copy of the order of service will be available on the Church of England website [HERE](#) from 9am on Sunday morning: At 8.10am on Radio 4 Chine McDonald, Rosemarie Mallet, Augustine Tanner-Ihm and David Shosanya explore the cross through the lens of black experience, as a symbol of oppression but also one of hope. In Songs of Praise at 1.15pm on BBC1 the Reverend Kate Bottley discovers how Christian reformers founded the National Trust 125 years ago. The programme also includes reflections with Bristol Mayor and Christian Marvin Rees on the city's links to slavery.

Sunday 16th August 2020

There will be a Communion Service at St John's at 10am on Sunday 16th August 2020. The service will be recorded as it happens in church and then made available online later in the day. The newsletter will be sent out at 8am as usual. If you are intending to come to the 10am service on Sunday 16th August, it would help us with our planning if you could let Susan Lawson know (01924 378101 or shlawson0@gmail.com)

Sudan Emergency Appeal

Bishop Nick writes:

The coronavirus pandemic has caused massive disruption across the globe, including here in England. We need no reminder of the costs of this. Imagine, then, the impact on a country such as Sudan. Our brothers and sisters in our link dioceses there have no recourse to support for very basic needs other than external agencies. Their situation is more than challenging as the Church, under the leadership of Archbishop Ezekiel (with whom I speak frequently), seeks to feed the increasing number of poor, dispossessed and desperate people. The pandemic has led to rapid increase in unemployment and rampant inflation, pushing the purchase of even basic food beyond the reach of many people. We have been linked with Sudan for around forty years. So, I am launching an emergency appeal right cross the Diocese of Leeds to support our brothers and sisters there. We are asking, on behalf of Archbishop Ezekiel, for funds for emergency food and supplies for those across the country who rely on the church for support or survival. The need is urgent and is increasing in severity:

- *More than 9.6 million people are in need of urgent help with food – that is one in four of the population.*
- *The inflation rate has surged to 136% in June alone. This includes the price of food basics such as bread, grains and cooking oil, as well as water, fuel and cooking gas.*

Our partner church is deeply shaken by the effects of the coronavirus. Archbishop Ezekiel says that his people claim "they would rather die of a virus than of hunger". The lockdown has cut people off from any income, leaving entire families and communities in dire need. The majority of Christians are the poorest of the poor, living in long-term displacement camps, in crowded townships with no medical facilities and no running water. The Church in Sudan has no financial reserves to meet this crisis.....

- *£25 could help buy an emergency food pack for a one family. Perhaps that equates to a meal out for two not taken over lockdown.*
- *£50 could pay for fuel to help the Sudan Mothers Union safely distribute food and emergency supplies in the townships. Perhaps the cost of a tank of fuel saved during lockdown here.*
- *£500 could help provide a church with weeks of emergency funding to support their families in crisis.*

To give, you will find information <https://www.leeds.anglican.org/finance/donations> or you can simply make a cheque payable to 'Leeds DBF', posting it to Leeds DBF, 17-19 York Place, Leeds LS1 2EX with a note saying it is 'for Sudan emergency'.

Prayers, a short video and the latest news will be on the website, so please keep checking there. This will be a short term emergency appeal (until the end of August), so please share this need as soon as you are able and with as many people as you can.

Zoom Coffee Meetings

Rob Harper would like to invite you to a Zoom church coffee time on Wednesday 26 August at 2pm. If your laptop/computer or Ipad has a microphone and built in camera, all you will need to do is, just before the coffee time starts, click on the access link below, under Join Zoom Meeting which starts https. This is an opportunity to catch up with others from St John's.

Zoom Coffee meeting Wednesday 26 Aug

Robert Harper is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Zoom Church Coffee Time

Time: Aug 26, 2020 02:00 PM London

Join Zoom Meeting web link:

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/75513399069?pwd=SGdWTEQ0S2R6djhZZGdScDMxb3dEz09>

Meeting ID: 755 1339 9069

Passcode: m43xcd

Are you a trained first-aider?

During the lockdown we have had to focus on many different aspects of health and safety at St John's. One issue which has been highlighted, is the need to have a trained first-aider present at all services and events at St John's. If you have trained as a first-aider and your certification is less than three years old, would you please let Susan Lawson (shlawson0@gmail.com) know? *Letting us know does not in any way mean that you are volunteering for anything at this stage!* It is just to give us an indication as to whether we need to train more people in first aid.

Reminder - Foodbank Donations

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).

Midweek opportunities for worship and prayer

Morning Prayer on Mondays at 9.30am

The Monday Morning Prayer at 9.30am has now re-started via Zoom. The service lasts about twenty minutes and consists of a Psalm, a Bible reading and some prayers. All welcome. If you would like to join in, please contact Cath Fox (stjohn.churchwarden@gmail.com) to receive the Zoom invitation by email.

Daily Hope Phone Line - The Church of England Daily Hope Phone Line is still available. Calls are free to **0800 804 8044**. You can listen to a message from the Archbishop of Canterbury or to *Hymns we Love* – a series of short talks based on well-loved hymns or a prayer line or the Church of England weekly Sunday service and Morning and Evening Prayer. Please pass this information on to anyone you know who does not have internet access and would appreciate access to worship and prayer by phone.

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

For information about Churches Together in Wakefield please go to 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. Nichola, a member of our congregation, runs 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.

Wakefield District City of Sanctuary



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**City of Sanctuary offers a welcome, hospitality and friendship
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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.

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.

Giving to St John's

If you feel able to give, you can 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 operates on weekdays between 9am and 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 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) 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.

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 or sign up using the online web form - <http://signup.ymlpcl1.net/xgqysjysgmgb>.

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>).

Magazine

Copy date for the September magazine is **SUNDAY 9th AUGUST 2020 (TODAY!)**

Contributions to the Editor, Deidre Morris (email:

bandmorris@btinternet.com) by Sunday 9th August, please.

Please send items for the Newsletter to Brian Morris:

(bandmorris@btinternet.com) no later than the preceding Thursday.

