

27th September 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 Rob, our curate, as he prepares to be ordained deacon in Bradford Cathedral on Sunday 4th October 2020.

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SUNDAY 27th SEPTEMBER – Trinity 16

Readings: Philippians 2: 1-13

Matthew 21: 23-32

Special Prayer (Collect) for Trinity 16

Lord of Creation
whose glory is around and within us,
open our eyes to your wonders,
that we may serve you with reverence
and know your peace at our lives' end,
through 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 Communion Service at 10.00am. The doors will open at 9.45am.

Please note that everyone needs to wear a face covering during the service. Do bring one with you, if possible. We can confirm that the Government regulations restricting public gatherings to six people do not apply to worship in churches. This means that St John's will continue to be open for public worship on Sundays at 10am. However, we do need to avoid social gatherings outside church after the service.

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 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 material for families and children, please go to <https://www.rootsontheweb.com/i-am-looking-for/faithathome>

This week's Church of England online service is a Harvest Festival service, led by Bishop Helen-Ann Hartley. Bishop Helen-Ann is the Bishop of Ripon which is part of the Diocese of Leeds. The service includes reflections on climate change, farming and the beauty of nature and will be available on the Church of England website from 9am on Sunday morning. At 8.10am on Radio 4 the Revd Canon Rachel Mann celebrates an urban harvest. In Songs of Praise at 1.15pm on BBC1 Claire McCollum explores Saltaire in Yorkshire. Now a World Heritage Site, the Victorian village was built by a Christian mill owner to transform the lives of his workers.

Sunday 4th October 2020

There will be a Communion Service at St John's at 10am on Sunday 4th October 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. We hope to provide a link to livestream or watch a recording of Rob's ordination service in Bradford Cathedral which will also take place at 10am on Sunday 4th October 2020.

If you are intending to come to the 10am service on Sunday 4th October, it would help us with our planning if you could let Susan Lawson know (01924 378101 or shlawson0@gmail.com)

St John's Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) – TODAY!

St John's APCM will be held in church at **11am** today just after the 10am Communion Service. Please bring your own paper or electronic copies of the documents to the meeting. (They were sent in last week's mailing) If you are attending the 10am service today, it would be a great help if you could stay in the same seat for the APCM.

Midweek opportunities for worship and prayer

Morning Prayer on Mondays at 9.30am

The Monday Morning Prayer at 9.30am takes place 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 Stephanie stephanie.buchanan@btinternet.com for a Zoom invitation.

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.

Daily Hope Phone Line - The Church of England Daily Hope Phone Line is still available as a source of comfort at this anxious time. Calls are free to **0800 804 8044**.

Training opportunities

Following successful online delivery last term, the diocesan lay training team are offering some further training opportunities using their online classroom [similar to Zoom] for this coming term.

The World of Jesus – a six week online course led by Canon Gordon Dey, starting **Saturday Sept 26th 10am – 12pm** <https://learning.leeds.anglican.org/course/the-world-of-jesus/>

'The World of Jesus' will explore from scripture, other contemporary writings, and extensive archaeological evidence, the social, political and geographical context of Jesus' ministry.

Pastoral Conversations – Wednesday October 7th 2-4pm or Monday November 9th 7-9pm <https://learning.leeds.anglican.org/course/online-pastoral-conversations-course/>

An introduction to pastoral care and effective listening designed to nurture skill and confidence in those involved in caring for others.

Discovery Course – a five week course starting **October 7th 2-4pm** <https://learning.leeds.anglican.org/course/online-discovery-course/>

Are you wondering about your unique contribution as a Christian? Where would you be best placed to serve others? This course gently helps us discover our spiritual gifts, passions and personality in order to discern our best fit in serving God and others.

Please register for the courses through the link on the web page. Details on how to access the online provision will be sent to participants once they have registered for the course.

Wakefield District City of Sanctuary Update

Wakefield District City of Sanctuary is offering free online English conversation and teaching for asylum seekers and refugees every day during September. For more information phone **07800 605397** or email linda@wdcos.org.uk

There is a **Clothing and Food Store – 86 Kirkgate, WF1 1TE** which is open for asylum seekers and refugees at the following times:

Foodbank and resources – Monday, Wednesday and Friday 1pm – 3pm
Asylum Seekers Support Fund - Wednesdays 10am – 12pm

Local asylum seekers are also welcome to contact WDCoS by text or phone **07800 605397** or email linda@wdcos.org.uk

If you would like to donate to **Wakefield District City of Sanctuary ASSF (Asylum Seekers Support Fund)**, the details are as follows:

Sort Code 30-99-01 Account Number 17824568

Your gifts are appreciated as tokens of friendship, welcome and humanitarian concern.

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. 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 November magazine is **SUNDAY 11th OCTOBER 2020**

Contributions to the Editor, Deidre Morris (email:
bandmorris@btinternet.com) by Sunday 11th October, please.

Please send items for the Newsletter to Brian Morris:
(bandmorris@btinternet.com) no later than the preceding Thursday.

