

20th June 2021

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 Lindsey as she prepares for her ordination as deacon on 3rd July and her curacy at Coley and Northowram. For Rob as he prepares to be ordained priest on 26th June and for Cath as she prepares to be commissioned as a Lay Minister (Reader) on 4th July.

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SUNDAY 20th JUNE – ST JOHN'S DAY

Readings: Acts 13: 14b-26

Luke 1: 57-66, 80

Special Prayer (Collect) for St John's Day

Almighty God
by whose providence your servant John the Baptist
was wonderfully born,
and sent to prepare the way of your Son our Saviour
by the preaching of repentance:
lead us to repent according to his preaching
and, after his example,
constantly to speak the truth, boldly to rebuke vice,
and patiently to suffer for the truth's sake;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, 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 will be open today, Sunday 20th June 2021, for a Communion service at 10am. The doors will open at 9.45am.

Please note that everyone needs to wear a face covering while they are in church. Do bring one with you, if possible.

Please also be aware that no one should join any other group or mingle with any person from another group before, during or after the service.

New - live stream!

The 10am service in church today will be live streamed and the live stream will be available from 10am onwards on the St John's YouTube Channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCDyIQ-Vbrv-5bikSlpgV2QQ> Just click on the link and select the service for today from the range of videos on the channel. 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. We have also attached a Roots at Home sheet and an activity sheet for families to do together. These are taken from Roots © ROOTS for Churches Ltd (www.rootsontheweb.com) 2002-2020 and reproduced with permission. You will also find a colouring sheet and a wordsearch on the theme of John the Baptist.

You can find details of this week's Church of England online service by following this link:
www.churchofengland.org/news-and-media/church-online

Sunday Chat 20th June 2021 – A Message from Rob

I would like to invite you to a Zoom chat at **12noon** today. Please use the link below.
(As always, please bring your own cup or mug)

Kind regards, Rob

Robert Harper is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Church Sunday Coffee Chat

Time: Jun 20, 2021 12:00 PM

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/77302444419?pwd=Zk9YbUY1RFRQSzNLWnN2WmtPeXV5UT09>

Meeting ID: 773 0244 4419

Passcode: 9WEj7j

Missing newsletters!

We know that some people are not receiving their weekly newsletter from St John's as it is going into their spam. There is nothing that we can do about this when we send the newsletter out. It means that you need to check your spam folder to see if the newsletter is there. If it is, it is a case of changing the spam settings on your device so that your newsletter finds its way into your inbox each week! If you need any assistance with this, please contact Nick Fox via the email stjohn.churchwarden@gmail.com

If you ever don't receive the St John's Newsletter email and it has not gone into your spam, please let Susan (01924 378101 or shlawson0@gmail.com) know so that she can forward it to you.

Congratulations to Olivia (Lindsey's daughter) and Kane on the safe arrival of their baby daughter, Harriet Maria!

Rob's Ordination – Saturday 26th June 2021, 11am at Wakefield Cathedral

Rob has been given some tickets for members of St John's to attend his priesting in Wakefield Cathedral on 26th June. Tickets will be available on a first come, first served basis. There will be a sign-up sheet in church today. However, if you are not attending St John's today and would like a ticket, please email Rob rob.harper@leeds.anglican.org The service will be live streamed and the link to the live stream will be sent out in a separate email this week.

Sunday 27th June 2021 – Trinity 4

There will be a Communion service at St John's at 10am on Sunday 27th June 2021 which will be live streamed. This will be the first time that Rob presides at Communion and our guest preacher will be Brother Marc CR from the Community of the Resurrection in Mirfield. The link to the St John's YouTube Channel will be in next week's newsletter and the live stream will be available from 10am. You can also access the live stream via A Church Near You and Facebook. The newsletter will be sent out at 8am as usual.

If you are intending to come to the 10am Service on Sunday 27th June 2021, it would help us with our planning if you could let Susan Lawson know (01924 378101 or shlawson0@gmail.com)

Latest news – no parish picnic after the service on Sunday 27th June.

Last Sunday Rob mentioned the possibility of holding a picnic after the service on Sunday 27th June. However, in the light of the ongoing restrictions and the current rise in the number of COVID cases, this will not now take place. We look forward to being able to hold outside events safely in due course.

Wheelchair needed for St John's Church

If you, or someone you know, has a wheelchair in good condition which is no longer needed, please contact Susan Lawson on 01924 378101 or email shlawson0@gmail.com St John's is happy to make a donation for it.

St John's Toddler and Baby Playgroup

The St John's Toddler and Baby Playgroup meets every Friday in term time from 9.15 – 11.30am. If you would like to book a place for this Friday's session, please call Stephanie on 01924 371029.

Parish Prayer Walk

Martyn has created a video of a walk around the boundary which includes prayers at various places along the way. Here is the link to the video <https://youtu.be/qKhcFisLH-Q> Martyn is also creating a DVD of this video so that those who do not have access to the internet can follow the walk. This will help us to feel connected to each other and to the whole parish. If you would like to order the DVD, please let Susan Lawson know (shlawson0@gmail.com or 01924 378101).

Midweek opportunities for worship and prayer

Morning Prayer on Mondays at 9.30am

Morning Prayer on Zoom lasts about twenty minutes and consists of a Psalm, a Bible reading and some prayers. All welcome. Here's the Zoom link if you would like to join in

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89866690323?pwd=NHZXaEc2TkJEcFBXbmtpOE5WTEpadz09>

Julian Meeting – Tuesday 22nd June, 7.45 - 9.00pm in Church

The Julian Meeting for contemplative prayer will take place in St John's Church on Tuesday 22nd June at 7.45 – 9.00pm. If you would like to attend, please contact Deidre on 01924 369437 or

bandmorris@btinternet.com

A Message from Bishop Tony - Rhythm of Life Taster Session – Wednesday 30th June at 7.00pm

There will be a 'Rhythm of Life Taster Session' at Wakefield Cathedral on Wednesday 30th June at 7.00pm. Everyone is welcome to find out more about how to use the resources offered by the diocese to help individuals to develop a Rule of Life.

You can find out more by going to <https://www.leeds.anglican.org/news/invitation-join-rhythm-life-venture>

A Message from Bishop Tony – Ecumenical Prayer Walk, Sandal – Thursday 1st July

There will be an ecumenical prayer walk around the churches in Sandal on Thursday 1st July 2021. Everyone is welcome to join me for the whole walk or just part of it.

6.00pm	Meet at Sandal Castle Opening Prayer Walk to St Helen's Church
6.15pm	Arrive at St Helen's
6.30pm	Leave
6.40pm	Arrive Sandal Methodist
6.55pm	Leave
7.10pm	Arrive St Catherine's
7.25pm	Leave
7.40pm	Arrive Baptist Church
7.55pm	Leave
8.05pm	Arrive Portobello - Strong Tower Church
8.20pm	Leave
8.30pm	Finish at Sandal Castle Final Prayer

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**.

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.

Wakefield District City of Sanctuary

Please note that Wakefield & District City of Sanctuary has moved from Kirkgate to St Michael's Welcome Centre, Westgate Common, WF2 9RW. The clothing store, resource centre and food bank are all based at St Michael's.

Food Store – Monday, Wednesday and Friday 1pm – 3pm

Asylum Seekers Support Fund - Wednesdays 10am – 12pm

Clothing Store - 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. For further details, see the website: <https://wakefield.cityofsanctuary.org/>

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 Geoff Lockyer geoff@geofflockyer.co.uk for the PGS code for St John's.*

The Parish Giving Scheme is also able to receive postal forms for new members. Please contact Geoff Lockyer geoff@geofflockyer.co.uk 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 on the next 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 September magazine is **SUNDAY 8th AUGUST, 2021**

Contributions to the Editor, Deidre Morris (email: bandmorris@btinternet.com) by Sunday 8th August 2021, please.

Please send items for the newsletter to Stephanie (stephanie.buchanan@btinternet.com) no later than the preceding Thursday.

