

**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 the staff and students of St John's CE Primary School after a challenging year. For the Lego Breakfast on 4<sup>th</sup> September.

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**SUNDAY 29th AUGUST 2021 – THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**

Readings: James 1: 17 - end

Mark 7: 1-8, 14-15, 21-23

*Special Prayer (Collect) for The Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity*

Almighty God,  
you search us and know us:  
may we rely on you in strength  
and rest on you in weakness,  
now and in all our days;  
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 will be open today, Sunday 29th August 2021, for a Communion service at 10am. The doors will open at 9.45am.**

**Please note that we ask everyone to wear a face covering while they are in church. Do bring one with you, if possible. We are pleased to announce that we will be singing hymns in the service and there will also be the opportunity to light a candle in the side chapel. Printed service booklets and hymn books will be available, and we will no longer have the one-way system in place. Other aspects of worship – such as the way in which we receive communion – will not change for the time being. All will be made clear in the service.**

**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. A standard order of service (identical to the service in the printed service booklets at church) is attached to the email containing this newsletter. Please note that this order of service will not change from week to week except when we hold special services. You may wish to follow the service on your phone during the church service, although you can use a printed booklet at church, if you prefer. We have also attached a Roots at Home sheet and two activity sheets for families to do together. These are taken from Roots © ROOTS for Churches Ltd ([www.rootsontheweb.com](http://www.rootsontheweb.com)) 2002-2020 and reproduced with permission. You will also find this week's copy of the SAS: Summer Activity Special with the theme of New Beginnings.

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](http://www.churchofengland.org/news-and-media/church-online)

## Come and try our LEGO BREAKFAST



Want to spend quality time with your children?  
Do you like building with Lego, demolishing Jenga,  
or playing traditional board games?

Like to share a bacon sandwich and a hot drink,  
while playing games, and all in a peaceful location?

All children please bring an adult

### **Come along to our event at:**

St John's Church, Wentworth Street WF1 2QU  
(parking in St John's Square)

**Saturday 4th September**

**9.00am - 11.00am**

**Free admission (no unaccompanied children)**

**Voluntary donation of £1 for a bacon sandwich / drink**

### **Season of Creation – 1<sup>st</sup> September – 4<sup>th</sup> October 2021**

As usual, we will be observing a 'Season of Creation' from 1<sup>st</sup> September to 4<sup>th</sup> October 2021 at St John's. This is an opportunity for us to demonstrate our engagement with environmental issues in five areas:

- Worship and teaching
- Management of our church building
- Management of the churchyard
- Community and global engagement
- Our lifestyle

The Diocese of Leeds is putting on several courses to help us to address these issues. It would be good if some members of the congregation could attend these. If you are interested in finding out more, please contact Rob Harper [rob.harper@leeds.anglican.org](mailto:rob.harper@leeds.anglican.org) We have a small team working on environmental issues at St John's. If you would like to be part of this team, please do let Rob know.

On **Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> October** there will be a special **Climate Sunday Service** at 10am at St John's which will help us to focus our reflections and prayers on our care for creation.

We are planning to open St John's Church on Saturday afternoon of 11<sup>th</sup> September as part of the annual National Heritage Open Buildings event.

The Church will be open from 1:00pm to 4:00pm so that interested members of the public can come and see our beautiful building.

We will offer the usual tours of the crypt and bell tower and a selection of photographs and other heritage objects will be on display in the Nave of the Church.

We intend to offer coffee/tea and a wrapped biscuit to visitors, so if you are able to lend some support by serving drinks, that would be very welcome. We also need people to welcome visitors and talk to them. Please speak to Susan if you can help in this way (even for a short time during the afternoon).

**Would you like to be part of the team involved in the live streaming of our Church Services?**

We have recorded and uploaded or live streamed every Sunday morning service since the Covid 19 Pandemic started in March 2020. We want to continue to offer this facility to members of our congregation who are not able to attend Church and to others who might be interested in St John's services. However, we need to increase the pool of volunteers who can operate the equipment so that we have continuity for every week. So we are looking for volunteers to learn a new skill and be introduced into the technical aspects of video recording, sound amplification and streaming of our service from Church. If you volunteer, you will be fully trained and the whole process explained so that you can be confident in setting up, operating and dismantling all the equipment needed to capture and stream our Church services live on a Sunday and at other times. Once trained, you will be supported during services until you feel able to carry out the process independently.

If you would like to express an interest to find out what is involved and then change your mind that's fine.

The training will cover:

Use of the digital video camera, how to set it up on a tripod, how to connect to the streaming equipment and how to frame a shot for standard Church services;

How to set up the streaming control deck and computer to ensure that the service can be streamed live as it happens onto the internet via YouTube ©;

How to use the sound desk to control which microphones are being amplified through the sound system in Church and also into the live stream audio mix;

Simple basic troubleshooting strategies if things do not work or go wrong.

If you would be interested in being involved in this aspect of our worship. Please speak to Martyn Lawson or Stephanie and we will explain in more detail what would be involved and when we can arrange a convenient time for the training.

**Coffee/Tea after the 10am service in Church.**

We would like to resume serving coffee and tea after our Sunday morning service. If you would be able to help serve drinks to members of the congregation on an occasional basis (no more than once every 2 months) then please speak to Susan.

## **Early Autumn Study course**

### **'Brief Encounters'**

Starting in September, we are offering a Bible study course that uses a selection of 'Brief Encounters' presented in Mark's Gospel. Using these brief encounters, we explore aspects of Discipleship by looking at Forgiveness, the Challenge of discipleship, Family, Discovering Jesus, Jesus' suffering, and Faith.

This course has something to offer anyone wishing to explore what it is to be a disciple and uses Mark's Gospel to get to know a little more of who Jesus was and an understanding of discipleship.

Each week we will run a session on Monday evening (7.30-9pm) and again on Wednesday afternoon (1.30-3pm).

The sessions will be in church or can be joined via zoom if you prefer.

The first sessions are on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> September and Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> September. They will run each week for six weeks. Each session can be enjoyed individually, so if you miss one that won't be a problem.

There will be a sheet in church to sign up or you can let Cath know you would like to attend, either in person or online, by emailing [cath.s.fox@outlook.com](mailto:cath.s.fox@outlook.com)

### **Tea-Time Service**

We will be starting monthly services on a Sunday Tea-Time (4pm) on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> October and on the third Sunday of each month after that.

These services will be very relaxed and include songs, activities, readings and prayers and we will 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 and after the service, and there may even be cake from time to time.

If you would like more information, please contact Cath ([stjohnsyouthteam@gmail.com](mailto:stjohnsyouthteam@gmail.com)) or Rob ([rob.harper@leeds.anglican.org](mailto:rob.harper@leeds.anglican.org)). Also look out for further details on the noticeboard, newsletter and in October's magazine.

### **Sunday 5th September 2021 – Trinity 14**

There will be a Communion service at St John's at 10am on Sunday 5th September 2021 which will be live streamed. 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.

### **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](mailto: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](mailto:shlawson0@gmail.com)) know so that she can forward it to you.

## **St John's Toddler and Baby Playgroup**

There will be no Toddler and Baby Playgroup during the school holidays. The next session will be Friday, 10<sup>th</sup> September 2021 from 9.15 – 11.30am. If you would like more information about the toddler and baby playgroup, please contact Rob on 07702 875014.

## **Midweek opportunities for worship and prayer**

### **Morning Prayer on Mondays at 9.30am**

There will be no Morning Prayer on Zoom on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> August as it is a bank holiday. Morning Prayer will resume on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September. The service lasts about twenty minutes and consists of a Psalm, a Bible reading and some prayers. All welcome.

**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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](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>).

### **Magazine**

**Copy date** for the October magazine is **SUNDAY 12th SEPTEMBER, 2021**

Contributions to the Editor, Deidre Morris (email: [bandmorris@btinternet.com](mailto:bandmorris@btinternet.com)) by Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2021, please.

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

