

3<sup>rd</sup> July 2022

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

**For our prayers this week:**

For the peace of the world and particularly the people of Ukraine. We pray for all those who fear for tomorrow that your spirit of comfort would draw near to them. We pray for Sebastian as he is baptised today.

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**SUNDAY 3rd July 2022 – The Third Sunday after Trinity**

Readings:                      Psalm 8                                      Luke 15: 11-32

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

God our saviour,  
look on this wounded world  
in pity and in power;  
hold us fast to your promises of peace  
won for us by your Son.  
our Saviour Jesus Christ. 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 3rd July 2022, at 10am for a Communion Service with Baptism. We welcome Sebastian Bentley, who is to be baptized.**

**We no longer ask you to wear a mask in church. However, if you would like to continue to wear a mask in church, please do so. We will still provide gel as you come into church and at the entrance to the prayer chapel. During communion, we will continue to intinct (dip the wafer into the wine) for the time being.**

We often use the 'St John's Prayer for Growth' (see the box above) during the 10am service. You can access it electronically from the newsletter. There are some hard copies available at church.

**Live stream!**

The 10am service in church today will be live streamed.

The service is available on our YouTube channel

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCDyIQ-Vbrv-5bikSlpgV2QQ> Just click on the link and select today's service from the range of videos on the channel. The link is also available on Facebook and via the Services and Events page on A Church Near You. The order of service (in pdf format) is attached to the email containing this newsletter.

You can access all previous services on the St John's YouTube channel by following this link:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCDyIQ-Vbrv-5bikSlpgV2QQ> You can also access them via A Church Near You by following this link: <https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/7365>

If you would like to know more about the meaning of the different elements in the service and how they fit together, do watch the service recorded on 8<sup>th</sup> May 2022 on the St John's YouTube channel.

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)

## **This Week....**

### **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2022 – Traffic disruption all day**

There is likely to be widespread traffic disruption on Monday due to rolling roadblocks as a protest about fuel prices; liable to affect M1, M62 and A1(M). The police will be monitoring the situation.

### **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2022 – 9.30am – Morning Prayer on Zoom**

Morning Prayer takes place on Zoom on Monday mornings. It 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/81143465385?pwd=NGsybHdEZEZ5UFUzdXNYMjJmZDhwUT09>

### **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2022 – 9.15- 11.30am Toddler and Baby Playgroup**

St John's Toddler and Baby Playgroup meets on Fridays, during term time, from 9.15 – 11.30am. If you would like more information about the toddler and baby playgroup, please contact Rob on 07702 875014.

### **Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2022 – 10am Communion Service**

The service will be live streamed. The link to the St John's YouTube Channel is in the newsletter each week. The live stream will be available from 10am and you can also access it via A Church Near You and Facebook. The newsletter will be sent out at 8am as usual.

### **Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> July 12pm – 4pm - Andrew and Lindsey's Wedding Celebration**

Andrew and Lindsey are getting married on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> July, but they would like to invite you to celebrate their marriage with them on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> July from 12pm onwards at Coley Church Hall, Coley Road, Halifax. HX3 7SA. You can drop in at any point.

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

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**Daily Hope Phone Line** - The Church of England Daily Hope Phone Line is still available as a source of comfort. 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.

## **Advance Notices**

### **Messy Church – Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> July 3.30 – 5.00pm**

The next Messy Church will be on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> July. There will be outdoor games and activities and picnic food will be provided.

### **The next Tea-Time Service – Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> July at 4.00pm**

Tea-Time Services are very relaxed and include songs, activities, readings and prayers and we 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 the service, and there may even be cake from time to time. Please note that the Tea-Time Services will not be streamed.

If you would like more information, please contact Rob ([rob.harper@leeds.anglican.org](mailto:rob.harper@leeds.anglican.org)) or Cath ([cath.s.fox@outlook.com](mailto:cath.s.fox@outlook.com))

## Thinking of others

### Ukraine Appeal

Wakefield Cathedral has set up a prayer station inside the cathedral, providing a place for anyone to pray for the people of Ukraine, light a candle or take a moment for reflection.

The Cathedral Kitchen (located on the North side of the cathedral) has begun a collection to support the British Red Cross 'Ukraine Appeal', accepting donations and asking customers if they would like to round up their final bill, with the extra funds raised going to this worthy cause.

To find out more about the British Red Cross Ukraine Appeal please visit:

<https://donate.redcross.org.uk/appeal/ukraine-crisis-appeal>.

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

### 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.

### Magazine

**Copy date** for the September magazine is **SUNDAY 14th August 2022**

Contributions to the Editor, Deidre Morris (email: [bandmorris@btinternet.com](mailto:bandmorris@btinternet.com)), by Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> August 2022, please.

### Giving to St John's

If you feel able to give, you can support St John's financially in the following ways:

**Easyfundraising** – raise free donations for St John's when you shop online. Please see more details of this scheme below.

We have created 2 short video clips that can assist you to register for the site and select St John's as your preferred cause. The videos are available on our YouTube channel by following these links:

<https://youtu.be/Fhg-pUnMSzY> Registering for the site and selecting St John's as your preferred cause via the easyfundraising website.

<https://youtu.be/6iA6lc-e-Lo> Registering for the site and selecting St John's as your preferred cause via a smart phone app.

**The Parish Giving Scheme** – This is like a standing order, but the regular payments from your bank account go to PGS, who pass it on to the church. For taxpayers, they also recover the Gift Aid, so it reduces our admin and improves our cashflow.

A further advantage of the PGS is that you can opt to have your regular gift increased annually in line with inflation, which can help it keep up with increasing costs without having to keep changing your standing order, calculating an annual top-up or putting an extra coin in your envelope every week.

The Parish Giving Scheme can now be joined online at <https://www.parishgiving.org.uk/home/>, by calling 0333 002 1271 or by completing a form which our treasurer, Geoff Lockyer, can give you. You will need our PGS Parish Code, which is 460646605. Please have a word with Geoff if you have any questions or need any assistance. His email address is [geoff@geofflockyer.co.uk](mailto:geoff@geofflockyer.co.uk).

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

**Gift Aid Envelopes** - If you give using weekly or monthly envelopes, you can save up your envelopes until you are able to come back to church or send Geoff a cheque made out to "St John's Church, Wakefield, PCC". If you would like us to deliver your envelopes for the current tax year, please let Geoff know.

**Our QR code**, here, can also be used to make donations to St John's.

### **easyfundraising – new to St John's**

Did you know that, whenever you buy anything online, you could be raising a free donation for the church?

There are over 6,000 retailers, including John Lewis, Argos, eBay, M&S, Just Eat, Domino's Pizza and Audible, ready to give a free donation every time you shop online via "easyfundraising". It only takes two minutes to sign up. Plus, if you sign up and raise £15 in donations, easyfundraising will give us a bonus £15 donation.



All you have to do is:

1. Go to: [https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stjohnschurchwakefield/?invite=55JAR3&referral-campaign=c2s&utm\\_campaign=raise-more&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_content=raf15-e](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stjohnschurchwakefield/?invite=55JAR3&referral-campaign=c2s&utm_campaign=raise-more&utm_medium=email&utm_content=raf15-e). (In case you need to type it in, we have shortened this to <https://tinyurl.com/367nkkd2>.)
2. Click 'support this cause' and create an account.
3. Choose from over 6,000 retailers to do your online shopping as normal and our cause will receive a free donation with every purchase you make.

You can do this through the easyfundraising website, via a phone app or by setting a donation reminder which will pop up whenever you visit a site offering donations and flag them up when you search on Google or Bing.



# **Refugee & Asylum Seekers Support Appeal 2022 Food & Clothing Store**

St Michael's Welcome Centre, Westgate Common, WF2 9RW

**New Clothing and New shoes needed**

For

**Men, Women and Children**

**All ages and all sizes**

**Underwear, socks, leggings, jogging tops & pants, t-shirts, hoodies,  
waterproof jackets, summer coats**

**Shoes and flipflops**

**First Dictionaries and writing materials also appreciated**

**All welcome**

For further information please contact [info@wdcos.org.uk](mailto:info@wdcos.org.uk)

Text 07800 605397 or Linda 07311 283964

**City of Sanctuary offers a welcome, hospitality and friendship to Asylum Seekers  
and Refugees of all faiths and none.**

c/o Quaker Meeting House, Thornhill Street, Wakefield WF1 1NQ.

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