

St JOHN'S

CHURCH WAKEFIELD

Sharing Christ in the Community

St John's Square / Wentworth St Wakefield WF1 2QU

Remembrance

Service

Sunday

9th

November

10.00am

Parish

Magazine

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2025





We have a 10.00am service of Holy Communion each Sunday

We provide hand gel as you come into church and at the entrance to the prayer chapel.

There are candle, shell and leaf prayer stations in the side chapel.

At the communion we offer bread and wine. If you do not wish to use the common cup you may just partake of the bread.

Refreshments are available after the service.

On the 4th Sunday of the month we offer prayer for healing with the laying on of hands, in the side chapel.

The 10.00am service is live streamed and 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.

If you are on email you can receive the weekly newsletter this way. Please let Stephanie know if you would like this.

Tea-Time Service

We also have a service at 4.00pm on the third Sunday.

Everyone is welcome. The service is very relaxed with songs, activities, readings and prayers.

It is for everyone: families of all kinds, children, adults, young and old. Why not come along? Drinks and biscuits (and sometimes cake!) will be available before the service.

Change May Not Be Comfortable

'It'll all end in fireworks!' Not, please note, WITH fireworks. That kind of celebration draws to a close with everyone facing the same way to watch the pyrotechnic display. Ending IN fireworks is a situation very close to breakdown; the 'fireworks' people are throwing at each other are metaphorical, but the sense of discord is obvious to those who are watching, rather than taking part in, the display.

And we've seen quite a few 'firework displays' over the last few weeks; in our political party conferences; in the international deliberations over Israel and Gaza; and some of us have seen rather more sedate displays in our local areas. It seems that, whenever something new is planned, or changes are proposed to existing structures, there's always someone to oppose them.

And although it doesn't affect us directly, we've seen something of this in the church over the last few weeks. As most of you will be aware, the Bishop of London, Sarah Mullally, is to become the new Archbishop of Canterbury. This has posed a problem for those, clergy and laity, whose opinion is that women should not be ordained. It's a minority view in Britain. But in, for example, Nigeria, the majority of Anglicans are opposed to the ordination of women, and the Archbishop of Canterbury is the head of the world-wide Anglican church, not just the Church of England. No doubt the firework display will be very diplomatic: we just have to hope that we don't get too much damage from the falling sky rockets!

In November we have many special occasions which celebrate different points in the life of both the Church and our society. We begin with All Saints Day. While individuals who made a special contribution to the life and work of the church have their own named festival days, on ALL Saints Day we commemorate every one of those people whose discipleship has supported and maintained the life of the church, but whose history is never recorded. Then comes Remembrance Sunday, when we give thanks for the sacrifice of those who fought in the two world wars, and in other conflicts, to defend the rights of others. The month ends with the first Sunday of Advent; the season in which we prepare for the coming of Christ into the world at Christmas.

But before Advent Sunday we celebrate the feast of Christ the King. We are invited to look back over the past year, and to ask ourselves, 'How has what I have done, and said, over the past year enabled other people to see, in my life, the love and joy Jesus gives to his followers?' And our Gospel reading for that day is Luke's record of the crucifixion. It asks us, 'How far are you willing to go to show God's love for his world?'

As Christmas draws near, many of us will be asked, by family and friends, 'Is there anything you'd particularly like this year?' If you were to ask God the same question, I wonder what his answer would be?

Brian

Habakkuk asks why and where?

The book of Habakkuk the prophet reads like a conversation most of us have wanted to have with God at some point. Although it was written about 2,600 years ago, it is surprisingly relevant today. Habakkuk is full of questions about what is going on around him – Why do the wicked prosper? Why isn't justice valued? And most of all, why does God, who is righteous, allow it to go on without taking action?

Habakkuk lived when evil nations were oppressing Israel and conquering their land. He was wondering where was God? Hadn't He promised them the land forever? It's God's inaction that frustrates Habakkuk. He wants God to rise up and help His people: he's cross that God doesn't even seem to be listening. It's no different today. Injustice, crime, bad things happening to good people, evil people prospering. Human nature doesn't really change. All of us have scars from being hurt in some way and all of us say Why, God? Where are you? Why aren't you doing something?

God makes several statements against the enemy, listing their sins – violence, pride, greed, idolatry – and promises Habakkuk that He will demand justice for this. In chapter 2 v4 Habakkuk says *'See the enemy is puffed up, his desires are not upright, but the righteous will live by faith'*.

This is a very important principle. The righteous person will live and won't have to face God's judgement. Think about that. 'God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him will not perish but have eternal life'. Only God can make us righteous and only then if we choose to accept Him as our Lord.

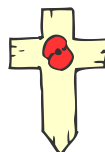
Habakkuk realises that this is true. He understands that while evil seems to thrive, and God seems silent and unresponsive, in fact, He has a plan and always works out justice ... eventually. And he finishes his conversation with a prayer of praise to God: *I will be joyful in God my Saviour.*

Elizabeth Spiers

DIARY DATES for NOVEMBER 2025

Sunday 2 **Trinity 20** **All Saints**
 10.00am Holy Communion
 Mon. 3 9.30am Morning Prayer via Zoom
 Wed 5 11.00am-1.00pm Drop In to St John's
 1.30-2.45pm Study Group on Luke, in church
 Fri. 7 9.00am Toddler & Baby group

Sunday 9 **Remembrance Sunday**
 10.00am Service of Remembrance



Mon. 10 9.30am Morning Prayer via Zoom
 Tues. 11 7.30pm PCC meeting
 Wed. 12 11.00am-1.00pm Drop In to St John's.
 1.30-2.45pm Study Group on Luke, in church
 Fri. 14 9.00am Toddler & Baby group

Sunday 16 **2nd Sunday before Advent**
 10.00am Holy Communion
 3.30pm Confirmation Service at the Cathedral
 4.00pm Tea-Time Service

Mon 17 9.30am Morning Prayer via Zoom
 Wed. 19 11.00am-1.00pm Drop In to St John's
 Fri. 21 9.00am Toddler & Baby group

Sunday 23 **Christ the King**
 10.00am Holy Communion

Mon 24 9.30am Morning Prayer via Zoom
 Wed 26 11.00am-1.00pm Drop In to St John's.
 Fri. 28 9.00am Toddler & Baby group
 Sat. 29 10.00am-1.00pm CHRISTMAS FAYRE

Sunday 30 **Advent Sunday**
 10.00am Holy Communion



Mon 1 December
 9.30am Morning Prayer via Zoom
 Wed 3 11.00am-1.00pm Drop In to St John's
 Fri 5 9.00am Toddler & Baby group

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Christmas Fayre

Saturday 29th November

10.00am - 1.00pm (in church)



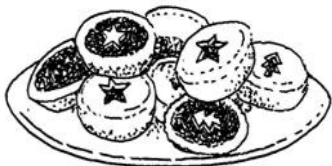
Father Christmas here from

10.45am - 11.30am



Lots of Stalls

**Tombola, Christmas Gifts,
Cakes, Books, Games, Crafts,
Children's Crafting, Toys, Festive Fun**



Lots to Eat

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Bacon Butties, Mince Pies,
Cakes and Other Goodies**

EVERYONE WELCOME

**Entrance Ticket £1.50 (includes a drink)
Under 12's Free**



Support in Bereavement

There is a lot about death during November - All Saints, All Souls, Guy Fawkes being burned to death, the millions who have died in wars and conflicts world wide.

Death is something we will all come to eventually, and each death is a unique experience and a unique loss. It can be very difficult for some people to cope with bereavement and grief.

A church-run bereavement course is having a “profound and wide-reaching impact on adults of all ages,” according to a recent independent evaluation.

The Bereavement Journey, run by the Christian charity AtaLoss, is “addressing a national need for bereavement support”, and is “ideal for the significant majority — 85-90 per cent — of bereaved people who do not require or will not benefit from a clinical intervention”.

AtaLoss was founded in 2016 by the Revd Yvonne Tulloch, a former Canon for Mission at Coventry Cathedral, whose husband died suddenly in 2008. She says: “We are a society where people have grown up not expecting death and where we have lost the art of support.”

The course is made up of seven sessions of films and peer-group discussion. It is currently being run by churches in more than 400 communities across the UK.

If you have been left on your own by the death of someone close to you, it can be very hard to come out and meet with people. Our Wednesday ‘Drop-in’ has four ‘regulars’ who have lost partners and find it a comfortable, familiar place to meet with other people and just chat, or listen, over tea/coffee. Everyone is welcome.





BAPTISMS

*We welcome into
the Lord's family*

14 Sept. Theodore James Peter Wilby
19 Oct. Jake Harry John Taylor

MARRIAGE

May God bless their life together

28 October Fiona Tate & Adam Doggett

FUNERALS

We commit to the Lord's eternal care

9 October Malcolm Scott (at the crematorium)

In need of company or some conversation?

Lonely, or just at a loose end?

Wanting some quiet space?



Each Wednesday St
John's is open 11.00am –
1.00pm

Anyone is welcome to 'drop-
in' for a cup of coffee or tea.

There will be people to chat to,
if you want some company or
some local information, but space
for quiet if that is what you need.

You might just want a warm space to eat your lunch.

Do come along, we'd love to meet you.

When your prayer is not answered

In 2 Corinthians 12:8 we read: 'Three times I asked the Lord about this ...*but...*'

Paul is talking about one of the most mysterious and most baffling aspects of prayer – when God does not say yes.



On the face of it, Paul's prayer was very modest. For some time he had been troubled by 'a thorn in the flesh.' He doesn't tell us what the 'thorn' was and down the centuries theologians and commentators have made suggestions. Most of them have thought that the affliction was physical because Paul says it was 'in the flesh.' Some have suggested that he suffered from epileptic fits which caused him to fall down, while others have suggested that he was laid low by constant fevers or that he had very poor eyesight, the last based on his remarks in Galatians 6:11.

But in spite of this great servant of the Lord praying earnestly three times that the thorn would be removed, God did not answer as Paul expected.

A number of things in verses 7-10 are very helpful to all of us in the matter of prayer.

1) Although God's answer was not what Paul asked for, God did answer him. God is never indifferent to the prayers we utter from the depth of our heart. Unlike the idol Baal in the Old Testament story about Elijah, (1 Kings 18) the God and Father of our Lord Jesus is not on a journey, nor is he busy elsewhere, nor is he sleeping. He hears our prayers and our cries when we come to Him in our need and pain and distress.

2) Although Paul did not get the answer he wanted, God made him a wonderful promise. He said, 'My grace is sufficient for you' (v.9). This was not what Paul asked for, yet what a promise it was! God said in effect. 'I will not take the

thorn away – but my daily grace is all-sufficient.’ In spite of the thorn, Paul will triumph. When God gives us all-sufficient grace, it will take care of everything in our lives.

3) Paul learnt that God’s wonderful grace meant that in his weakness ‘the power of Christ’ (v.9) would be with him, the power that would make him effective and fruitful in his ministry.

4) This experience taught Paul that he could be ‘content with weaknesses and insults’ (v.10) because it was for Christ’s sake, and when he is weak in himself, he is strong in Christ (v.10).

So what about unanswered prayer?

Unless our prayer was selfish and not for our good in the first place, God *does* answer our cry. When the answer is not what we expected, then it means that our loving Father has something for us even better and more important than what we asked for.

Revd Dr Herbert McGonigle

Dates for your December diary

Sunday 7 December 3.00pm

A Service of Hope

This is a memorial service for all who wish to remember loved ones who have died, whether recently or long ago.

Wednesday 10 December

3.30 - 5.30pm



Sunday 14 December

6.00pm

Carols in the Square

with the

Yorkshire Volunteers

Liz Oldroyd is asking us 'How Big is your Environmental Footprint?'



Nationally

The Church of England is tackling its own carbon footprint by aiming for Net Zero Carbon by 2030. If you would like to know more, go to www.churchofengland.org where you can find their environment programme, a route map to net zero, and guidance for churches.

Personally

The 'A Rocha' Eco Church silver survey, which we undertook, encourages individuals and households to learn about their own carbon footprint and to discover how to make small steps to influence the environment and climate change at home.

It's some time since I measured my own carbon footprint so I tried the WWF (World Wildlife Fund) footprint calculator online. It only asks for the first part of my postcode to begin the questionnaire, which is based around 4 categories: home, food, travel and consumption.

My carbon footprint total is 9.5 tonnes, close to the national average of 8.4 tonnes. It was fairly evenly spread between the 4 categories. Energy and transport are big scorers for most people.

To help me reduce my score, WWF gives me two suggestions for each category to improve my lifestyle to benefit the climate. Not all are practical or cost effective just now, for me, but they are definitely thought provoking.

There are other Footprint Calculators available to use, needing different levels of information, such as Climate Stewards, Climate Hero and Take the Jump.

Our church

St John's has to calculate its own, more complicated, carbon footprint and submit the results annually. This helps us to find areas for improvement in the church building, and the ways in which we use it..

St John's Christmas Fayre

Please continue to donate items for our Christmas Fayre, as the more we have to sell, the more money we can make! All proceeds go to our church.

We need:

items for the tombola; wine and other bottles for a bottle stall; unwanted gifts in good condition; books and toys in good condition; sweets as prizes for children's games; home-made crafts; cakes; plants; preserves as well. Please NO bric-a-brac.

Boxes for donations are in the reception room at the back of Church.

Perishables like cakes can be brought between 1.00- 4.00pm on Friday 28 November or on the day itself.

Help

If you would like to help on a stall or refreshments at the Fayre there is a sign up sheet in church or you can text Sally Jones on 07712989714 or leave a message on 01924 374321.

Tell people!

There are flyers to advertise the Fayre - please take some and distribute to people and places you know.

Don't forget to come along yourself, on the day!

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

This month is notable for candles, as they are so often used for remembrance when it is practicable to do so. Poppies are special for remembering those who died in war, but candles have long been a symbol of prayer and remembrance for all who have died.



We start November with All Saints and All Souls, honouring Christians who have gone before us, and lit the path for us to follow.

We end the month on Advent Sunday, with the lighting of the first candle on our advent wreath in church.

Some people have an advent candle of their own at home, and burn a section each day as we travel through Advent. Perhaps, every time we light a candle, it can remind us that Christ came to be a light for the whole world.



'JJs' (St John's Juniors) Sundays at 10.00am

Every Sunday we provide activities for children at the back of church - colouring, crafts etc. When possible we meet in the Samaritan Room for story, prayer and activities.

*Learning and growing in faith.
All children 4-11 years old are welcome.*

**Further details from Cath Fox on
cath.s.fox@outlook.com**



Sermon without words

For many years old George operated a small ferryboat service between two remote islands, using his rowing boat.

On one occasion a passenger noticed that on the handle of one of his oars there was carved the word FAITH and on the other the word ACTION. When asked about the significance of the carvings, George simply slowed the boat, lifted one of the oars out of the water and pulled hard on the other. The result, of course, was that the boat went round in a circle. He then did the same with the other oar.

He smiled at the passenger, then pulled on both oars and they soon reached their destination.

In preparation for a visit by an education inspector to her school, an RE teacher developed a fool proof system to ensure that the children in her class displayed an impressive level of religious knowledge.

When the inspector asked a question, every child would raise a hand - the left one if they knew the answer and the right one if they had no idea.

In many years of teaching, she never failed to select a pupil who would supply the correct answer.

A German Shepherd, a Doberman and a cat had all died and gone to Heaven. All three are faced with God, who asks what they believe in. The German Shepherd says, "I believe in discipline, training and loyalty to my master." God says, "Good, stay by me." God asks the Doberman what he believes in. The Doberman says, "I believe in the love and care and protection of my master." "Ah," says God, "you may stay by me." Then God looks at the cat and says, "And what do you believe in?" The cat answers, "I believe you are sitting in my chair".

St John's School Page

We share with you the prayers
led by the children
at the church Harvest Festival



Emma Y2

Dear God,

Please take care of all the people who farm the land so we have enough to eat. For all who sell or prepare the food we eat. Thank you for their hard work. Amen

Etienne Y2

Dear God

Thank you for all the crops we have. Thank you for all our food. Help other countries to have more food. Please look after the World. Amen

Robin YR

Dear God

Thank you for the fruit and vegetables. Help us to share with others. Thank you for the Harvest. Amen

Rowan YR

Thank you for pizza! Thank you for delicious fruit. Thank you for yummy vegetables. Amen

Caleb YR

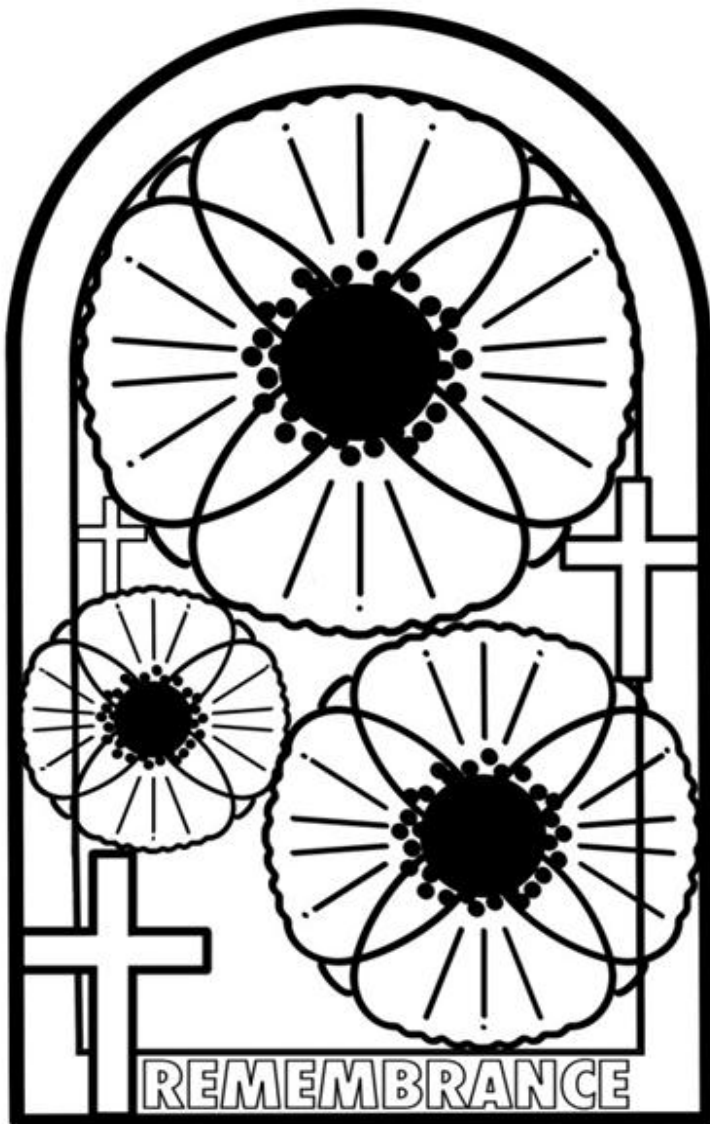
Thank you for chips. Thank you for roast dinners. Thank you for macaroni cheese. Thank you for jacket potatoes. Amen

Amabella YR

Thank you for my school dinners, because my friends are there
Amen

Linden YR

Thank you for sausages, Thank you for Yorkshire puddings!
Thank you for tasty treats. Amen



They shall grow not old, as we who are left grow old.
Age shall not weary them, not the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun, and in the morning,
We will remember them.

A picture to colour in

Words and Actions

JESUS HAD MANY FRIENDS - AND HE OFTEN WENT WALKING WITH THEM.



ONCE, ON A JOURNEY, JESUS CALLED AT THE HOME OF MARTHA AND MARY



MARTHA WAS VERY PLEASED TO MEET WITH JESUS, AND SHE MADE HIM WELCOME



MARY WAS VERY EXCITED TOO AND WANTED TO LISTEN TO EVERYTHING JESUS HAD TO SAY



BUT MARTHA, WAS NOT VERY IMPRESSED WITH MARY! SHE THOUGHT HER SISTER SHOULD BE HARD AT WORK, NOT SITTING AROUND - JUST LISTENING



LORD, DON'T YOU CARE THAT MARY HAS LEFT ME TO DO ALL THE WORK BY MYSELF?



MARTHA, YOU ARE WORRIED AND TROUBLED OVER SO MANY THINGS



JESUS TOLD MARTHA THAT THERE ARE FAR MORE IMPORTANT THINGS IN LIFE THAN JUST FUSSING OVER A CLEAN HOUSE!



PERHAPS THE MOST IMPORTANT THING WE CAN LEARN, LIKE MARTHA, IS TO MAKE TIME TO LISTEN TO JESUS.



See Luke 10.38-42

Follow Me at Wakefield Cathedral

Everyone is invited to share worship, food and fellowship and to learn more on a particular faith subject.

Thursday 13th November

Dr. Megan Daffern, author & priest

An evening on praying with the Psalms.

The evening begins with Evensong at 6.30pm (optional).

Food is served from 7.15pm (people must book in advance, for catering purposes, if they wish to eat supper. See below).

**The Follow Me interview is 7.45pm - 9.15pm.
and open to everyone, with no booking required**

To book for food please contact Caroline Asquith on:
e-mail caroline.asquith@leeds.anglican.org
or ring 07776 963653

Why not put together a Memory Book?

Do you have grandchildren? Then this winter, during those long dark days, why not spend some time putting together a sort of scrapbook of memories to pass on to them?



Things you might like include could be: where you lived when you were a child; what your school was like, what games you most enjoyed, who your best buddies were, what pets you had, what your first job was, what your first car was, how you met your partner and where was your first home as an adult? Add a selection of photographs that you have from the past.



LIGHT IN THE DARKNESS

Advent Sunday this year falls on 30th November.
ADVENT is a time to celebrate the ARRIVAL of Jesus, God's Son, our Saviour.
We look forward with HOPE, we give thanks for God's LOVE and the PEACE and JOY we have in Jesus.



Read:
LUKE 2:10-11
Who is 'God's news of great joy' for?



Read:
John 3:16
How did God show He loves us?



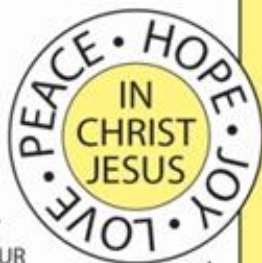
Read:
Isaiah 40:5
What shall be revealed?



Read:
Romans 5:1-2
Through who do we have peace with God?

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Community Use of St John's Church

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Our accessible toilet also provides baby change facilities.

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Comfortable chairs in the nave offer flexible seating for up to 200 people. There is a dais, a keyboard and a sound system. Cost is £30 an hour. WiFi, sound system, computer projection equipment, electric piano and organ can be included, subject to an additional charge, on request



The Samaritan Room has space for up to 15 people. It costs £15 an hour.

Our fully equipped

kitchen opens onto a café area with 6 tables + 24 chairs. The tables can be removed to make a larger, more flexible, meeting space. The café



area costs £18 an hour, including the kitchen. The kitchen costs £15 per session (half day or evening) when hiring the nave or Samaritan room.



Steward £10 per hour (negotiable for regular bookings)

Welcoming the Stranger - 10 years on

Mass migration is a feature of our time. Elections are fought over it, newspaper headlines whip up hysteria, and politicians try to avoid blame and responsibility alike. Yet these people [crossing the channel in small boats] present an opportunity for Christians to shift the discussion.

The Early Church's hospitality – sharing homes, possessions, and worshipping together across social and ethnic divisions – marked them out in the culture of the day. The letter to the Hebrews reminded believers of the welcome Abraham and Sarah gave to three travellers in Genesis 18, and told them to 'not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing so some people have, without knowing it, shown hospitality to angels' (Hebrews 13:2). If any person could be a messenger from God, then every person should be welcomed, valued and treated with generous hospitality.

All this, together with Jesus' own example and call to love our neighbour, makes a compelling case. We might relate to receiving people into our house, but what when borders are involved? Or when it becomes difficult to tell refugee from migrant? Christine Pohl said: "as citizens of privileged nations and members of comfortable churches, it is easy for western Christians to be wary of large numbers of refugees and migrants. We are fearful of refugee flows that might overwhelm limited resources and interrupt our valued ways of life."

Yet throughout Exodus, Leviticus and Deuteronomy, we see God regularly telling his people that they should 'not mistreat or oppress a foreigner', for they themselves 'know how it feels to be foreigners, because [they] were foreigners in Egypt.' Passages like these mean that making room for 'strangers' has always been a key part of the Judeo-Christian tradition.

This was actually an article from 2015 - and in 10 years we don't seem to have moved on very far. Perhaps we should all pray more and also try to act more effectively and positively.

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This company operates our car park, on the corner of St John's Avenue and Wentworth Street WF1 2QU. You can pay for parking on an hourly, daily, monthly basis. You pay with your mobile phone: either call 0330 333 8434 (local rate) or download the YourParkingSpace app. (available on the app store or Google play) For either method you need to enter St John's Church location ID: 11173. This ID is displayed at the car park, along with all other details. You will be advised of the rate being charged once you have input your preferred option. The car park has 24/7 monitoring of number plates. Any car parking without payment may be issued with a Parking Charge Notice, so that only paying or permitted vehicles use the area.

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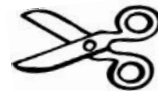
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Readings at the 10.00am Communion Service

Date	Day	1 st Reading	2 nd Reading
2 Nov.	All Saints	Ephesians 1: 11-end	Luke 6:20-31
9 Nov.	Remem- brance	2 Thessalonians 2: 1 -5, 13-end	Luke 20: 27-38
16 Nov.	2 nd before Advent	2 Thessalonians 3:6- 13	Luke 21:5-19
23 Nov.	Christ the King	Colossians 1:11-20	Luke 23: 33-43
30 Nov.	Advent 1	Isaiah 2:1-5	Matthew 24: 36-44

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Magazine Contributions

The Editor is always pleased to receive news of events, to come or which have taken place; reports of church activities; original articles, stories, etc. We cannot guarantee that they will be included, and they may be edited before inclusion.

**Please send contributions for the
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Mission Statement

St John's is here to be a living, loving and serving witness to Christ; worshipping, learning and growing in our faith together, reaching out to share God's love in the community and bringing His Word to all

PARISH ACTIVITIES / ORGANISATIONS

Parish Morning Prayer Mondays at 9.30am on Zoom
A Psalm, a Bible reading and some prayers. All welcome.
The Zoom link to join in is: [https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89866690323?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89866690323?wd=NHZXaEc2TkJEcFBXbmtptOE5WTEpadz09)
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Church Drop-In 11.00am—1.00pm Wednesday
Everyone is welcome to drop in for tea/coffee, a chat etc.

Toddler & Baby Playgroup 9.00-11.30am Friday in church
(during term time)
A time for babies, toddlers and their carers to play and to share.

Church Choir Practice after the 10.00am service
Join us in helping to lead Sunday worship

UNIFORMED ORGANISATIONS

Purposeful activity in a structured, fun environment.

25th Wakefield Scout Group For boys and girls, held in the Scout Hut by St. John's Parish Centre.
Details: Group Scout Leader Laura Stephenson 07772869561

Rainbows

To register an interest, visit www.girlguiding.org.uk & click on join
Rainbows contact Ann Coulson – 07932394020

Sunday Services at St John's

EVERY SUNDAY

10.00am Parish Communion

There will be candle, shell and leaf prayer stations available in the side chapel.

10.00am St John's Juniors - 'JJs' - meet for story, prayer and activities in the Samaritan Room.
All 4-11 year-olds welcome. (Term time only)

We have toys and books in the café area, for younger ones, but parents are asked to supervise them at all times.

3rd SUNDAY EACH MONTH (usually)

4.00pm Tea-Time Service

For everyone: families of all shapes & sizes, singles, children, adults, young and old.

A relaxed service, with songs, activities, readings and prayers, beginning with refreshments.

We have a crèche area for the service.

4th SUNDAY EACH MONTH

In the side chapel, during communion, we offer prayer for healing, with the laying on of hands.

Everyone, of any age, is welcome at all our services.

The entrance door to the church is on the city centre / High School side of St John's Square. There is a ramp access for wheelchairs and pushchairs up to this door.

There is a fully accessible toilet at the church, and a baby-change facility.

There is an induction loop for those who use a hearing aid.

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