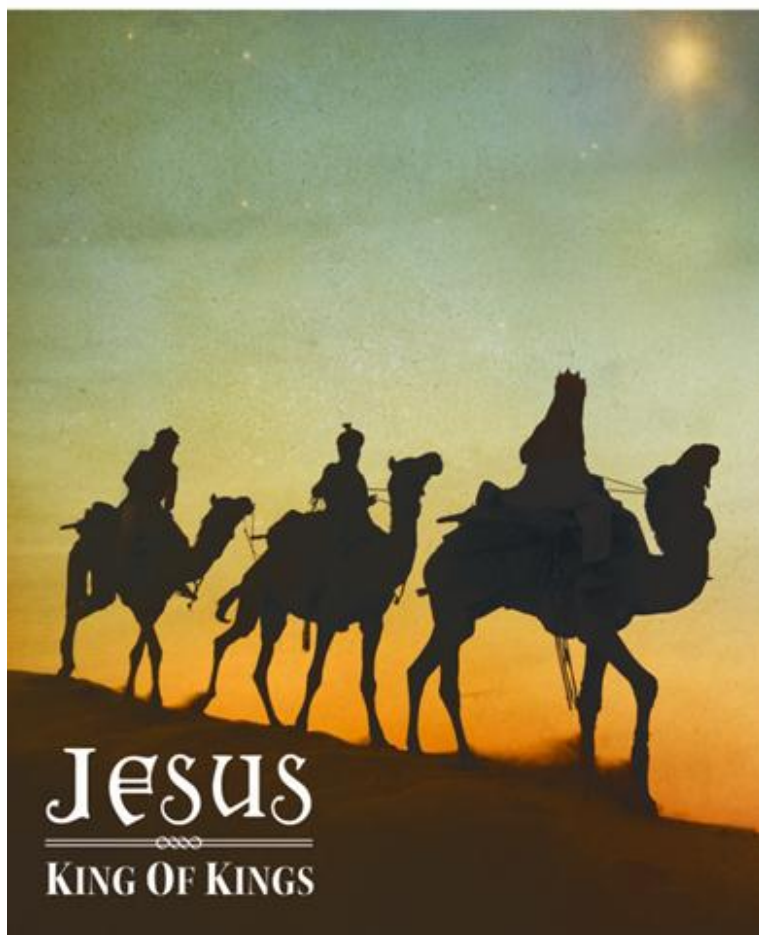


St JOHN'S CHURCH WAKEFIELD

Sharing Christ in the Community



JESUS
KING OF KINGS

St John's
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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

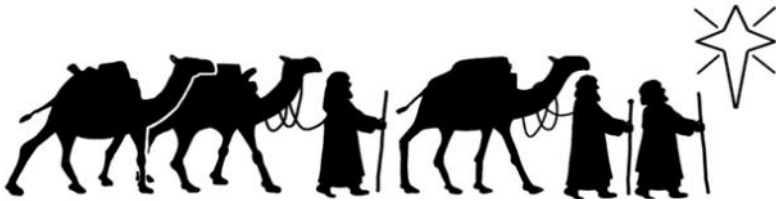
We also have a service at 4.00pm on the third Sunday.

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.

Epiphany!

You probably know from tales of Greek mythology that gods and goddesses would often appear out of nowhere in ancient Greece to beguile or trick mortals. The word for this in everyday Greek was 'epiphany': – the appearance or manifestation of a divine being on earth to humans. For Christians Epiphany is the season after the 12 days of Christmas.



Our Epiphany Bible readings tell of the 'manifestation' or 'appearance' of Jesus to a wider audience than those in Bethlehem and surrounding area. We mark this, on 6 January, by placing the Wise Men in the crib scene; they have now arrived to see the consummation of their hopes and travels in the infant Jesus. And our Epiphany readings usually continue through the season with Jesus' baptism; John the Baptist's witness to Christ; Jesus' family trying to take charge of Him because of His popularity with the crowds; and the Presentation in the Temple. In all these instances something of divine glory is being made manifest, and shown to us.

In more common parlance today, an epiphany means a

sudden or blinding realisation ('I had a sudden epiphany that John was going to marry Celia'). This modern meaning is helpful; 'Gosh, epiphanies can be part of *our* Christian experience today!' Remember that occasion when we were so conscious of God's love holding us? Or the time we knew the words we used to that stranger were infused with a grace we didn't know we had? These and similar experiences, which we've probably all had, can be seen as our own epiphanies - times when God appeared to us (and possibly through us) in a distinct way.

Have you ever thought of those sorts of experiences as an epiphany? Not ring-fenced to a particular time of year, but part of our everyday experience, as we seek to live out our baptism promises, and follow Jesus through the ups and downs, the humdrum and the extraordinary, the joys and sorrows of the everyday.

The promise and reality of Christmas is 'Emmanuel-God with us'. And the reality of Epiphany is that God *IS* with us, in the everyday realisation of how great God is, how much God loves us, and how God pours upon us grace after grace after grace.

May we have many epiphanies in 2026, and may they all bring us closer to the God who has chosen in His love to reveal Himself to us.

*Rev'd Roy Shaw,
a retired priest in the diocese of York*



Why Gold, Frankincense, Myrrh?

The story of the coming of the Magi grew in the telling. By the 6th century they had acquired names: Gaspar, Melchior, and Balthasar. By medieval times they were called kings. Whoever they were, we do know from Matthew that they brought three gifts to Jesus.

What about their gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh? One Victorian scholar offered a possible explanation as to the gifts significance. He was the Rev John Henry Hopkins, an American Episcopalian minister, who in 1857, wrote his much-loved Christmas carol: 'We Three Kings of Orient Are'.

He said Gold was a gift that would have been given to a king. Frankincense had traditionally been brought by priests as they worshipped God in the Temple. Myrrh was a spice that the ancients used in preparing bodies for burial.

If that is true, then you could say that the Wise Men, in choosing their gifts for this infant, honoured Jesus with gold because he was King of the Jews, with frankincense because he was to be worshipped as divine; and with myrrh, because he would also become a sacrifice and die for his people.

The Wise Men were the very first gentiles ever to worship Jesus. What faith they had! They travelled for months over difficult terrain. They never saw any evidence of Jesus' kingship, his divinity or his sacrificial death.

They worshipped him through faith in God's promises about him. Isaiah foresaw this response to Jesus: 'Nations will come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn.' The Magi's eyes of faith saw clearly and far into the future.

Compare that with the High Priest and religious leaders whom the Wise Men saw in Jerusalem when they first arrived. These head priests knew all the prophecies of their own coming Messiah, but NOT ONE Jewish religious leader went to look for him in Bethlehem. And it is only six miles down the road!

DIARY DATES for JANUARY 2026

Sunday 4

Epiphany

10.00am Holy Communion

Mon. 5 9.30am Morning Prayer via Zoom

Wed 7 11.00am-1.00pm Drop In to St John's

Fri. 9 9.00am Toddler & Baby group

Sunday 11

Baptism of Christ

10.00am Holy Communion

Mon. 12 9.30am Morning Prayer via Zoom

Wed.14 11.00am-1.00pm Drop In to St John's.

Fri. 16 9.00am Toddler & Baby group

Sat. 17 9.00-11.00am LEGO BREAKFAST

Sunday 18

Epiphany 2

10.00am Holy Communion

4.00pm Tea-Time Service

Mon 19 9.30am Morning Prayer via Zoom

Tues 20 7.30pm PCC Meeting

Wed 21 11.00am-1.00pm Drop In to St John's.

Fri. 23 9.00am Toddler & Baby group

Sat. 24 10.00am - 3.00pm Explore the Old Testament

Sunday 25

Conversion of Paul

10.00am Holy Communion

Mon 26 9.30am Morning Prayer via Zoom

Wed 28 11.00am-1.00pm Drop In to St John's

.30-5.30pm MESSY CHURCH

Fri. 30 9.00am Toddler & Baby group

Sunday 1 February

Presentation

10.00am Holy Communion

Mon 2 9.30am Morning Prayer via Zoom

Wed 4 11.00am-1.00pm Drop In to St John's

Fri 6 9.00am Toddler & Baby group

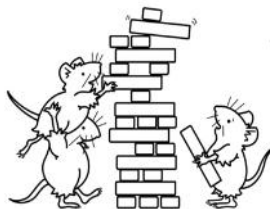
Sunday 8

Second Sunday before Lent

10.00am Holy Communion

Come along and try our
LEGO BREAKFAST

Do you want to spend some
quality time
with your children or
grandchildren?



Do you like building with Lego, demolishing Jenga,
or playing traditional board games?

Would you like a bacon sandwich (veggie option
available) and a hot drink,
while playing games in a peaceful place?

All children please bring an adult.

Come along and join in at:
St John's Church, Wentworth Street WF1 2QU

Saturday 17th January
9.00am - 11.00am

Free admission (no unaccompanied children)

Voluntary donation of £1
for a sandwich and a drink



*In need of company or
conversation?*

*Lonely, or just at a
loose end?*

Wanting some warm 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.

We can offer some local information, if needed.

You can see the inside of this lovely Georgian church, if
you've not been in before.

There is 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.



**'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**



This month I am introducing you to Robin, an 11 year-old boy from Bangladesh. He and his parents converted to Christianity from Islam, after Robin's Mum, Moly, borrowed a Bible from a neighbour. She found Matthew 7v7: "Ask and it will be given to you." She was amazed that a God would listen to her prayers. After a while they became part of small house church.

This enraged some local extremists. One day, a mob stormed their Church. Robin remembers, "They started setting things on fire. They came to kill us."

The family escaped, but Robin's Dad decided to "reconvert" to Islam. He told Robin's Mum to renounce Christianity or face divorce. Moly and Robin were determined to keep following Jesus, so he divorced her, leaving her and Robin in poverty. The little family now struggles to afford food and school fees.

Even at school, Robin is bullied for his faith. Other children taunt him and won't play with him. "I feel sad when they treat me like this," says Robin. Every aspect of his life is affected by persecution. That's why I am asking you to pray for them.

Robin's has lost family, community and safety. His future is threatened. Yet his faith is an example to all of us. In the face of bullying, rejection and violence, he is holding on to Jesus.

Christmas is a particularly special day, when Robin gets to spend time with other children from vulnerable Christian families in Bangladesh. It's a rare opportunity to be with other believers. Robin says, "On that day, I wear new clothes and we go to church. We cut a cake for Jesus's birthday, and we eat cake and have a lot of fun. If there were more people, it would be even more joyful.

Please pray for Robin and Moly and their group of believers. The charity "Open Doors" helps them get the financial and spiritual support they need, providing food aid, support to cover school fees and encouragement to persevere for the long term.

Why not look them up? The full name is Open Doors with Brother Andrew".

Margaret Kirkham

Come and join us for an exciting



Wednesday 28th January

3.30pm — 5.30pm in church

Games, activities and food

Create, celebrate, worship

Come along and join in the
activities and fun!

**All children to be accompanied by an adult,
please. (*Food is available for adults
as well as the children*)**

If you have any questions, contact Cath on
cath.s.fox@outlook.com

Save the date:

Saturday 24 January 2026

10.00am – 3.00pm



Have you ever wondered how to make sense of the Old Testament?

This is a day at St John's for everyone who would like to understand the Old Testament better. No previous knowledge of the Old Testament is assumed.

This is a chance to get an overview of the Old Testament, to see why it is important and how it is relevant to our lives today.

Bring your own lunch – coffee and tea and cake are provided.

There is a sign-up sheet at the back of church.

A BIG Thank You

to everyone who joined us for St. John's Church Christmas Fayre on 29 November 2025, despite the rainy weather. Over 100 visitors enjoyed bacon sandwiches, coffee and cakes, not to mention home made preserves and samosas. The tombola was a hit as usual and the other games and stalls were a success. Children and adults enjoyed a visit to Santa and the Elves. The event wouldn't happen without willing volunteers from among Church members and friends, who served refreshments and ran the stalls and games. Thanks also to everyone who donated items and those who came along to enjoy the morning. Thank you to The Spar and Graham Eyes Butchers for their continued support. We raised over £1,640.

Save the date for next year - 28 November 2026!

- How did one of the wise men feel when his gift was rejected?
Incensed.
- What's a New Year's resolution?
Something that goes in one year and out the other.
- What do you call someone who says they know all the words to "Auld Lang Syne"?
A liar. (Interesting fact: Auld Lang Syne is Scottish and translates to 'old long since' or 'days gone by').
- What happened to the man who shoplifted a calendar on New Year's Eve?
He got 12 months!
- What did Adam say to Eve on Dec. 31?
It's New Year's, Eve.



As we stand on the threshold of a new year, we might remember the quotation used by King George VI:

I said to the man who stood at the gate of the year, "Give me a light, that I may tread safely into the unknown."

And he replied, "Go out into the darkness, and put your hand into the hand of God. That shall be to you better than light, and safer than a known way."

What, oh what, is that person's name?

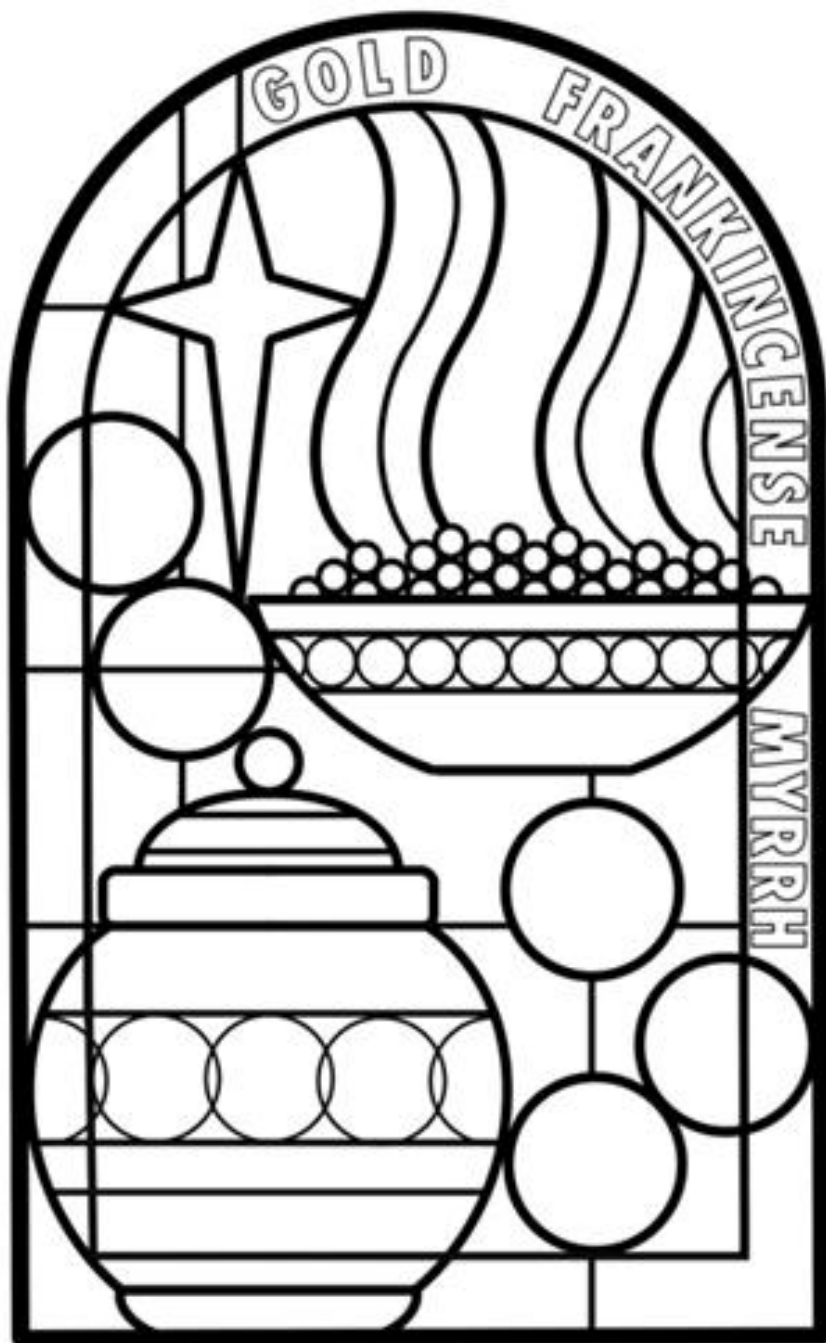
Do your New Year Resolutions include the forlorn hope that you will be better at remembering people's names in 2026?

Many of us – and not only the older generation – have difficulty remembering names. It's not just TV personalities but people we meet in the street. We know exactly who they are, we see them every week in church or the supermarket, we know what job they do and which school their children go to. But as for their name – it's a blank.

Help is at hand, however. Not to solve the problem, but at least to name it. 'Anomic aphasia' is the clinical name for the inability to remember a name, even when we can remember everything else about someone.

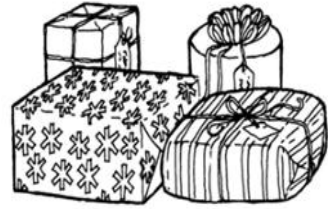
There is also the strange truth that the cure for anomic aphasia comes spontaneously, often in the middle of the night, when that elusive name pops unbidden into our mind. We must, of course, put the light on and write it down because, for sure, it will be gone again with the morning!

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



A picture you could colour in

Many thanks to all the people who donated towards the cost of the Christmas gifts for the residents at Marsh Way House, a centre for homeless people near Lightwaves Leisure Centre.



Thanks also to those who wrapped and labelled them, and to Bridget for organizing it all. The residents really appreciated being remembered at Christmas.

Famous last words

Step back a bit, I can't get you in the picture.

Don't worry, it's not used any more.

I thought it tasted rather strange.

You have driven this before, haven't you?

And that one over there, the red flashing one, what does that mean?

If the only prayer you say in your whole life is
"Thank You" that would suffice

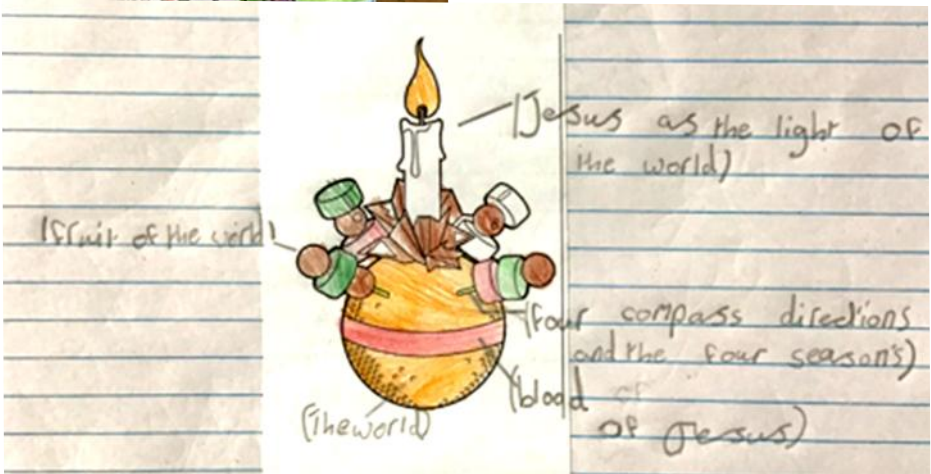
Meister Eckhart

A psychiatrist was training some young clergy who were interested in doing counselling. Deciding to test them, she asked: "How would you diagnose someone who visits your church, walks back and forth, screaming at the top of his lungs one minute, and then collapsing in a pew to weep uncontrollably the next?"

A young man at the back of the room raised his hand and ventured: "A football coach?"

St John's School Page

Celebrating Christmas with Year 4





Mouse Makes

DID YOU KNOW?

Stars shine different colours, the colour we see depends on the temperature of the star. The hottest stars shine blueish-white, then yellowish-white, yellow, orange and the coolest stars shine red.



WISE MEN FROM THE EAST

The Wise Men came from a land far away, they had seen a star that shone brighter than day.

The star was a sign of the birth of a king, so they followed that star to pay homage to him.

They found him in Bethlehem as the prophets foretold, they gave him three gifts: myrrh, frankincense and gold.

The star led to Jesus our saviour and king, let us join with the Wise Men and go worship Him!



Read the story of the Wise Men in Matthew 2:1-12

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Can you find these words in the word search?

WISE MEN • MAGI
STAR • SIGN
JOURNEY • BETHLEHEM
VISIT • JESUS • MESSIAH
CHRIST • KING
GIFTS • GOLD • MYRRH
FRANKINCENSE
WORSHIP • JOY
EPIPHANY



Science and Miracles

We live in a world where we expect the sun to rise tomorrow and the milk to pour out of the bottle. But for God, these properties of matter and the natural world are simply the usual ways He works. If He chooses to do something unexpected to demonstrate something about His character, His relationship with us, and His purposes, then He will.

In 1984 14 UK-based science Professors wrote: “We gladly accept the Virgin Birth, the gospel miracles, the Resurrection of Christ as historical events. We represent many other scientists who are also Christians standing in the historical tradition of the churches.” For the non-believer, I would suggest a thought experiment: if God exists, why should He be bound by the same laws of physics as us?

Breaking his own rules

Professor Christine Done, an Astrophysicist, writes: “Even when I was an atheist I got cross at discussions...on how all Jesus’s miracles could be physically explained. To me, once you have believed in a God, a supernatural being, then it’s obvious that supernatural stuff could happen: any God who can make the physical universe and its laws can presumably suspend those laws in any time and way He chooses.”

Timing?

Some miracles appear to be just wonderful timing. The wind blew all night and the Israelites crossed the Red Sea on dry land, for example. The biblical writers don’t seem interested in distinguishing between wonders that seem to break the usual rules of how things happen and those that don’t.

Many in Jesus’ audiences were not won over by His wonders. Most of the people who ate the food He produced out of nowhere were quite happy to turn on Him when the religious authorities decided He was dangerous. We can only make sense of something unexpected, such as an answer to prayer for healing, in the context of a growing relationship with God.

Our task as Christians

The exciting task for a Christian is to explain what this interaction looks like, and to demonstrate what 'your kingdom come' looks like in our communities.

God works through us in words, works *and* wonders.

Dr Ruth M Bancewicz, Church Engagement Director at The Faraday Institute for Science and Religion in Cambridge.



Crufts now welcomes mongrels

The Royal Kennel Club, which runs Crufts, is going to admit mongrels for the first time in its 150-year history.

Crufts will become a 'year-round community', available to all dog owners, whatever kind of dog they have. Its new online platform will launch in February 2026.

Jannine Edgar, chief executive of the RKC explains: "While our initiatives in areas such as health, research and breeding have historically been focused on pedigree dogs, we now recognise that dog ownership has evolved and therefore we must too. So now our remit extends to all dogs, and we will be investing our efforts to do more for every dog and their owners through the Crufts brand, which will be much more than an annual show.

This year Crufts Dog Show takes place 5th to 8th March at the NEC in Birmingham. Crufts has also held events aimed at non-pedigree dogs since 2000, after launching the cross-breed competition 'Scruffts'.

The late Queen, who was devoted to her corgis, was patron of The Kennel Club for 70 years. Following her death, the King granted the organisation a royal prefix in 2023.

The Good Samaritan

JERICO

ONCE, A LAWYER TRIED TO TRICK JESUS WITH A CLEVER QUESTION.



JESUS REPLIED BY TELLING THE LAWYER A STORY.



A MAN WENT FROM JERUSALEM TO JERICO. ON THE WAY...

HE WAS ATTACKED BY ROBBERS!!



THEY TOOK EVERYTHING HE HAD AND LEFT HIM FOR DEAD!



LATER A PRIEST PASSED BY, BUT DID NOTHING TO HELP - NOR DID THE RELIGIOUS MAN FROM A TEMPLE!

BUT A MAN FROM A FOREIGN COUNTRY STOPPED TO HELP THE INJURED MAN. HE DRESSED THE MAN'S WOUNDS AND EVEN PAID FOR HIM TO STAY AT AN INN.



JESUS THEN ASKED "WHO WAS THE NEIGHBOUR?"

- ☐ PRIEST
- ☐ TEMPLE MAN
- ☐ FOREIGN MAN

WHICH DO YOU THINK WAS THE ONE THE LAWYER CHOSE?

Community Use of St John's Church

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The church building is fully accessible, with ramp access to the main door, and two ramps giving access to the staging.

Our accessible toilet also provides baby change facilities.

For further information, or to enquire about hiring our facilities, please e-mail: stjohn.churchbookings@gmail.com

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)

The 7 Deadly Sins is a list compiled by Pope Gregory 1 in AD 590 to describe the nature of sin and different ways it shows itself. So each month we shall consider one of these sins.

The Seven Deadly Sins: Pride

We start by considering pride which is *'the beginning of all sin'* according to Augustine.

Pride is preoccupied with self and denies the need for others or God. We see it present in the first sin, when Adam and Eve wanted to become like God (Genesis 3:5).

What does pride look like? Jesus told the story of two men, a Pharisee and a tax collector, who went to pray in the Temple (Luke 18: 9-14). The Pharisee stood by himself and prayed: *'God, I thank you that I am not like other people, robbers, evildoers, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week and give a tenth of all I get.'* (11,12). He illustrates how pride is essentially putting ourselves in God's place and believing we can run our own lives. It is subtle and self-deceptive and eats away our lives: *'Pride goes before destruction, a haughty spirit before a fall.'* (Proverbs 16:18).



So how do we deal with pride? The answer is humility. The tax collector stood at a distance *'he would not even look up to heaven, but beat his breast and said, 'God, have mercy on me, a sinner.'* (13). This man was right with God, because he acknowledged his sin and his need for forgiveness.

Humility is being realistic about ourselves, and acknowledging our total dependence on God. We develop it by giving ourselves wholeheartedly to God and repenting of our desire to do things our way: *'Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up.'* (1 Peter 5:6).

'Humility is not in thinking less of yourself, but in thinking of yourself less' (Rick Warren).

Canon Paul Hardingham

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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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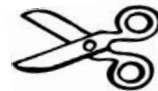
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Readings at the 10.00am Communion Service

Date	Day	1 st Reading	2 nd Reading
4 Jan.	Epiphany	Isaiah 60:1-6	Matthew 2: 1-12
11 Jan.	Christ's baptism	Isaiah 42:1-9	Matthew 3:13-end
18 Jan.	Epiphany 2	Isaiah 49:1-7	John 1:29-42
25 Jan.	Conversion of Paul	Acts 9:1-22	Matthew 19:27-end
1 Feb.	Presentation	Malachi 3:1-5	Luke 2:22-40

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are those of each writer and are not necessarily held
by the Editor, Vicar or PCC.*

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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By 11 January 2026

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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=NHZXaEc2TkJEcFBXbmtpOE5WTEpadz09)
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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 Simon Daley, 07814 413401 <https://www.facebook.com/25thstjohnsscouts>

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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