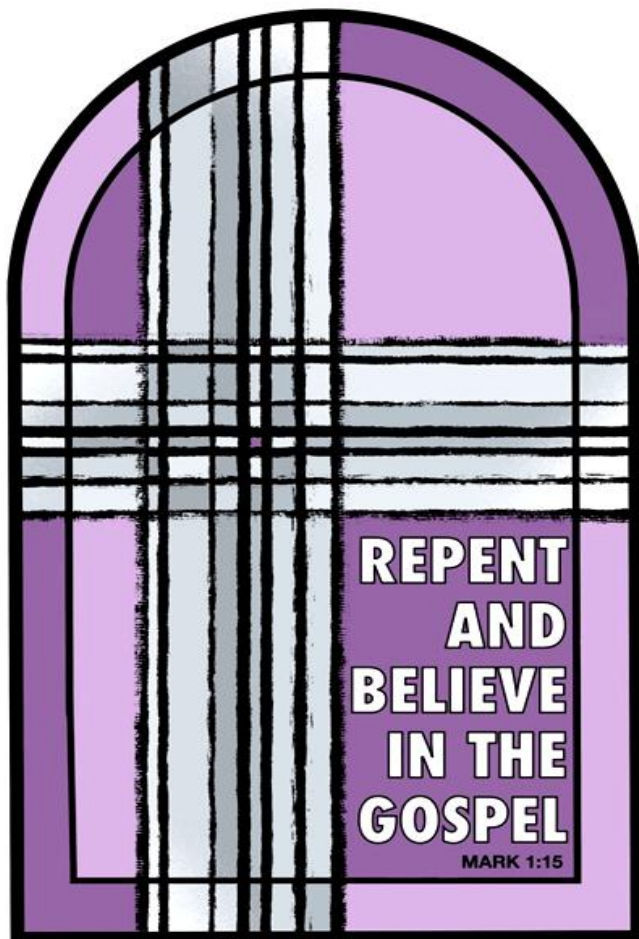


# St JOHN'S

CHURCH WAKEFIELD

Sharing Christ in the Community



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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 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

## Time is only Lent to us!

Sometimes it's surprising how fast things can change. We begin February with a sense of celebration. We recall the presentation of Jesus, as a first male child in a family, in the Temple. This brought delight to Simeon and Anna, who recognized him as the one for whom they had been longing. A fortnight later, on February 14<sup>th</sup>, we have what has now become a secular celebration: St Valentine's day. This originally remembered the martyrdom of an early saint of that name in about 269 AD. Scarcely have we recovered from this, when we begin, on the following Wednesday, Ash Wednesday, the season of Lent. For some people this may prove to be a problem; if you give up chocolate for Lent, you'll just have to hope you weren't given too much on Valentine's Day!

We live in a world in which the rate of change sometimes seems to be increasing, and it can be hard to tell whether changes are for better or worse. It's also becoming harder to know who we can trust. Who is telling us the truth, rather than talking about the picture of the imaginary world they claim we're living in.

But sometimes imaginary worlds can become real. How did Simeon recognize that one 40-day old child was so significantly different from all the others brought to the temple? Luke says he was 'guided by the Spirit'. I suspect

that this is potentially far more common than we realize; but, far too often, the noise of our lives either blanks out the guidance, or makes it seem irrelevant or unnecessary.

Perhaps, instead of giving something up for Lent, you might consider taking up something new. There are books which offer a reading, a reflection, and themes for prayer for each day of Lent, often leading up to the events of Holy Week and Easter. There are study groups where you can explore aspects of the Easter story you may never have encountered before. There are retreats, which invite you to spend a few days away, often in silence: you can meet privately with a guide to help you explore aspects of your faith you may have always taken for granted, and help you explore new paths.

What all of these have in common is that they require you to look at how you use your time. Time is something we rarely think about (unless we feel we never have enough of it!) So



make time to look at time – to ask yourself, ‘How does the amount of time I spend on different activities reflect their importance in my life? And what changes would enable me to put more effort into the things I’d usually say are more important? And in what ways would these changes enable God to point me in a new direction?’

**Brian**

# DIARY DATES for FEBRUARY 2026

## Sunday 1

### 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

1.30-2.45pm Acts for Everyone study group

Fri 6 9.00am Toddler & Baby group

## Sunday 8

### Second Sunday before Lent

10.00am Holy Communion

Mon. 9 9.30am Morning Prayer via Zoom

Wed 11 11.00am-1.00pm Drop In to St John's

1.30-2.45pm Acts for Everyone study group

Fri. 13 9.00am Toddler & Baby group

## Sunday 15

### Sunday before Lent

10.00am Holy Communion, then pancakes

4.00pm Tea-Time Service

Mon. 16 9.30am Morning Prayer via Zoom

Wed.18 ASH WEDNESDAY

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

7.30pm Holy Communion with Ashing

Fri. 20 NO Toddler & Baby group (half-term)

## Sunday 22

### Lent 1

10.00am Holy Communion and baptism

Mon 23 9.30am Morning Prayer via Zoom

Wed 25 11.00am-1.00pm Drop In to St John's.

1.30-2.45pm Acts for Everyone study group

Fri. 27 9.00am Toddler & Baby group

## Sunday 1 March

### Lent 2

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 March

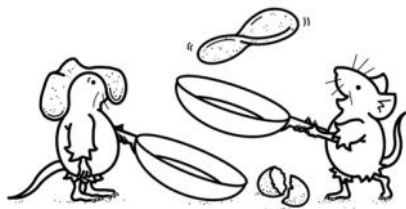
### Lent 3

10.00am Holy Communion



It's odd, really, to think that that confessing one's sins to God should be linked to making pancakes. But the beginning of Lent brings us both – Shrove Tuesday (17 Feb.) is Pancake Day, and is followed by Ash Wednesday, and so Lent begins. In centuries gone by, the pancakes were made to use up the milk and eggs before the fasting of Lent. More recently,

many readers will have childhood memories of the wonder of watching our mothers break an egg, mix it with milk and flour – and out of that gooey mess, produce a light and delicious pancake, to eat with lemon and sugar, or jam, or golden syrup.



## **Winnie the Pooh and Lent 2026**

Remember the Winnie the Pooh stories? And Kanga's insistence on Baby Roo's taking his Strengthening Medicine? It's 'really quite a nice taste when you get used to it', she said, although I'm not convinced Baby Roo always agreed.

It can be helpful to think of Lent as a sort of medicine; an opportunity to strengthen us in the things that are good, rein in other facets of our personality, and reset the compass to the true North of following Jesus. A 'Spring-clean of the soul'.

Baby Roo found Strengthening Medicine not to his liking, and we may groan inwardly at the thought of 'giving up something for Lent'. Think of what lies behind this 'giving up'. It's so that we may be strengthened, our character refined, our prejudices examined, our junk thrown overboard, and we may come to Passiontide and Easter more fit to walk the way of the Cross, and rise in new life with Jesus at His Resurrection.

Nor is Lent just a case of giving up chocolate. One year I gave up Facebook for Lent, having spent far too much time scrolling through it each day. It freed me to do other, more constructive things. And instead of giving up, or as well as giving up, why not take up something life-affirming, something good for God. You could join a Lent Study Group, read a spiritual book, pray every day, read your Bible every day, be in church every Sunday.

### Ash Wednesday



Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, 18 February. Many Christians go public with their intention to keep a good Lent by being 'ashed' - the sign of the Cross made on the forehead in a mixture of ash and holy oil at a special service that day. The ash is usually the burnt remains of the palm crosses from last year.

Having been ashed, the intention of the 40 days of Lent is to maintain a steady course closer to God, symbolised by the giving up of something – like chocolate – which has a hold on us. We walk with Jesus on the way to the Cross, mindful of the 'riches of God's kindness, forbearance and patience' as St Paul has it, and mindful too of Jesus' choice of the Cross as a way for us to enter those riches more fully.

And to face the immensity of that sacrifice, and the immensity of God's riches made available to us in Jesus, we need all the Strengthening Medicine we can get!



Henry is making a real effort this Lent. He's given up the remote control and walks to the TV



*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](mailto:cath.s.fox@outlook.com)**





The picture (which you could colour in) shows Mary and Joseph, in the Temple in Jerusalem. 40 days after Jesus' birth Mary, like all Jewish mothers, went to the Temple with Jesus, her first male child, to 'present Him to the Lord'. At the same time she, as a new mother, was 'purified'. This was when Simeon recognised Jesus as the promised messiah, the light of the world. We celebrate the Presentation of Christ in the Temple on 2 February or the Sunday nearest to it. It is sometimes called Candlemas.

## **British Yorkshire Pudding Day – 1 February 2026**

British Yorkshire Pudding Day, celebrated on the first Sunday of February, is a moment dedicated to one of the most iconic staples of British cuisine: the Yorkshire pudding. This annual observance honours a dish that has been part of the national culinary identity for centuries, cherished for its versatility, simplicity, and comforting presence at the heart of the traditional Sunday roast.

### **Origins**

The origins of Yorkshire pudding reach back to the early 18th century, when cooks sought clever ways to make the most of precious ingredients. Before modern ovens, roast beef was cooked on a spit over an open fire, and a pan was placed beneath to catch the drippings. Resourceful cooks began using those rich drippings to flavour a simple batter of eggs, flour, and milk or water, creating what was first known as “dripping pudding”. This early version was served as a first course, particularly in poorer households, where it helped dull the appetite before the more expensive meat was served sparingly.

Over time, the pudding evolved into the airy, crisp-edged, soft-centred delight recognised today. Its association with Yorkshire probably stems from the region’s reputation for producing especially light and well-risen puddings, though the dish was enjoyed throughout England. By the 19th century, the name “Yorkshire pudding” had firmly taken hold, and it became an essential component of the Sunday roast.

### **Modern variations**

British Yorkshire Pudding Day encourages cooks of all levels to celebrate this humble yet beloved dish. Whether served with roast beef and gravy, filled with sausages as toad-in-the-hole, or reinvented in modern wraps and desserts, the Yorkshire pudding remains a symbol of British ingenuity and comfort. The day invites everyone to appreciate its history, enjoy its flavours, and keep the tradition alive.

# Making Sense of the Old Testament



On Saturday 24 January 15 of us gathered in church to try and make sense of the Old Testament. The Old Testament is the first 75% of the Bible, the remaining 25% being the New Testament, which tells of Jesus' life, death and resurrection and what happened to his followers

The books of the Old Testament are the scriptures with which Jesus and all his contemporaries would have been familiar, read aloud each week in the synagogue. So if we do not have some understanding of this part of the Bible, we do not realise how much of it is echoed and fulfilled in the New Testament.

We had a varied day, including playing a form of Bingo; writing down the questions we had; matching pairs of Bible extracts; reading a psalm reflectively; and listing the words that occurred to us when we thought about the Old Testament. We list here the words that we thought of at the start of the day:

Stories	History	Names	Long	Confusing
Repetitive	Curious	Dense	Intimidating	God
People's Longevity	Expectancy			



At the end of the day other words that came to mind were:

Inspiring	Predictive	Relevant
Relationship	Less intimidating	

Perhaps you would have thought of other words.

In future issues of this magazine we may look at some of the questions people asked, or the comments they made, about the Old Testament



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## AREA QUIET DAY FOR LENT

SATURDAY 21ST  
FEBRUARY 2026,  
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Chamberlain

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refreshment and guided  
reflection in the peaceful,  
meditative surroundings of  
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Diocese of Leeds

# Learning and Sharing Together

Look out for two new opportunities to learn more about our faith and share our faith journey's with others.



## **Acts for Everyone**

There is an Acts for Everyone group studying the Acts of the Apostles. This book follows directly on from Luke's gospel, as he moves from telling about Jesus' life and work to recording what happened next. So we learn a lot about the early church and the people who were important in how it grew and spread.

This group meets 1.30 - 2.45pm in the Samaritan room. Everyone welcome. Dates: Wednesday 4, 11, 25 February, 11, 25 March, 15 April.

## **The Creeds**

The Pilgrim Course no. 5 is on The Creeds. From the earliest days of the church, Christians developed short, simple summaries of the faith which became known as creeds. They remain important to the church today and are regularly used in worship.

The course is on Thursday evenings, 7.30-9.00pm at the Vicarage. Dates: 12, 19, 26 February, 5, 12 March.

You can still join these groups: please let Stephanie know.

## **Confirmation**

If you are interested in becoming a full member of the Church of England, and being confirmed, Stephanie is running a course over the next 2 months. It does not commit you to being confirmed, but allows you to explore what it means and make an informed decision. Please speak to Stephanie if you are interested.

## **The new Archbishop of Canterbury**

The Rt Revd & Rt Hon Dame Sarah Mullally DBE is due to officially become Archbishop of Canterbury on 28 January 2026, by being legally confirmed at St Paul's Cathedral. Her enthronement in Canterbury Cathedral will be in February 2026.

She has been Bishop of London for several years, and is the first woman ever to become Archbishop of Canterbury. But what else do you know about her?

She was born in Woking in 1962, and is one of four children, with two sisters and one brother.

She attended Winston Churchill Comprehensive School and Woking Sixth Form College. She went on to South Bank Polytechnic and Heythrop College, University of London

### **Nursing**

She worked as a nurse in the NHS, which she has described as “an opportunity to reflect the love of God”. A specialist cancer nurse, she became a ward sister at Westminster Hospital, before being made Director of Nursing at Chelsea and Westminster Hospital.

In 1999, aged 37, she was appointed the Government's Chief Nursing Officer for England in the Department of Health - the youngest person ever appointed to the post. Bishop Sarah was made a Dame Commander of the British Empire in 2005 in recognition of her outstanding contribution to nursing.

### **Priesthood**

Sarah became a Christian at the age of 16. While working as the Chief Nursing Officer for England, she discerned a call to ordination and trained for ministry at the South East Institute for Theological Education. Ordained in 2001, she served her curacy at St Saviour's Battersea Fields, initially as a self-supporting minister until she left her government post in 2004. At the time she described it as “the biggest decision I have ever made”. She moved to be Team Rector of Sutton

in 2006, and in 2012 became Canon Treasurer at Salisbury Cathedral.

### **Consecration**

In 2015 Sarah was consecrated as the Suffragan Bishop of Crediton in the Diocese of Exeter: the 4th woman to become a Church of England Bishop.

On 12 May 2018, Bishop Sarah was installed as the 133rd Bishop of London, the first woman to hold the role. She has sat in the House of Lords since then. Her maiden speech paid tribute to the NHS on its 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary, saying “I am the Bishop I am today due to that first vocation to nursing: compassion and healing are at the heart of who I am.”

### **Personal details**

Archbishop Sarah is married to Eamonn, an Irish-born IT and Enterprise Architect who enjoys beekeeping and volunteering as a London tourist guide.

The couple have two grown-up children, Liam and Grace.

Archbishop Sarah has continued her interest in the health service, having been a non-executive director at the Royal Marsden NHS Foundation Trust and then at Salisbury NHS Foundation Hospital.

She is Chair of Christian Aid.

She has spoken openly about her dyslexia, describing her difficulties with writing and reading.

In her spare time, she loves cooking, walking and pottery.

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## **Hymns for Professionals**

Dentist – Crown Him with many crowns

Contractors – The Church’s one foundation

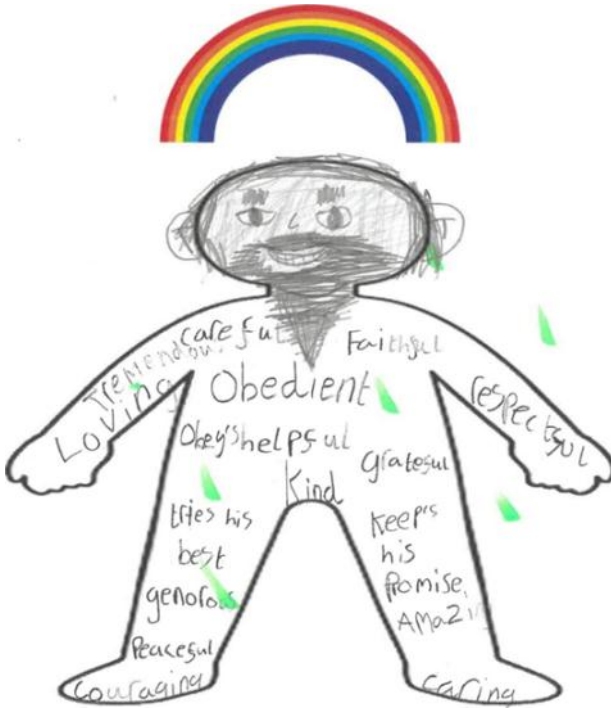
Obstetricians – Come labour on

Golfers – There is a green hill far away

Politicians – Standing on the promises

Librarians – Let all mortal flesh keep silent

# St John's School Page



Year 3 children have been looking at the story of Noah and reflecting on the kind of person Noah was.

The children also discussed how God made a covenant with Noah and promised to never flood the earth again. He sent a rainbow to remind people of this promise. .







Read the story in  
Luke 4:1-13

## THE TEMPTATION OF JESUS

After Jesus was baptised in the River Jordan where did the Holy Spirit lead him to? v1

How many days was Jesus being tempted by the devil? v2

What did Jesus eat? v2

What did the devil tempt Jesus to turn a stone into? What did Jesus say? v3-4

What did the devil offer Jesus if He worshipped him? What did Jesus say? v7-8

What did the devil ask Jesus to do? What did Jesus say? v9

## FIRST TEMPTATION THE DEVIL SAID:

"If you are God's Son order this stone to turn into bread."

JESUS REPLIED:

"Man shall not live on bread alone."

Read Deuteronomy 8:3

WE LEARN:

Read the Bible

Learn God's word.



## SECOND TEMPTATION THE DEVIL SAID:

"I will give you power and wealth if you worship me."

JESUS REPLIED:

"Worship the Lord your God and serve only Him."

Read Deuteronomy 6:13

WE LEARN:

Put God first  
Worship only Him.



What did the devil ask Jesus to do? What did Jesus say? v9

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## THIRD TEMPTATION THE DEVIL SAID:

"If you are God's Son throw yourself down, the scriptures say God will take care of you."

JESUS REPLIED:

"Do not put the Lord your God to the test."

Read Deuteronomy 6:16

WE LEARN:

God cares, trust  
Him do not test Him.

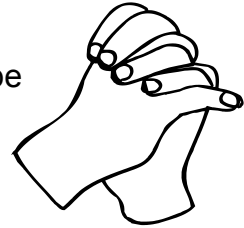


## Some hints about prayer this Lent

Prayer is instinctive for most human beings, even those who don't regard themselves as religious. You are at a bus stop in the wind and the rain, thinking 'I do hope the bus will come soon'. It's an inner yearning. It defies logic: either the bus is coming, or it isn't. But we all do it. It's instinctive and it's the raw material of prayer. Hoping for something better is basic. Like all instincts, it needs to be trained.

### **To whom do we pray?**

What you pray, and the way you do it will be shaped by your view of God. Christian prayers are fashioned by what we know of Jesus and what He taught about prayer.



### **We pray by invitation.**

Again and again, Jesus encouraged His companions to pray. Some of His parables on it have been misinterpreted as ways to persuade a resistant God to do what we want.

Look at Luke 18, verses 1-8, about a widow whose perseverance finally persuaded an unwilling judge to rule in her favour. The lesson is that God is *not* like that!

Similarly, an unwelcome neighbour who persistently calls for help in the middle of the night gets what he wants (Luke 11:5-13). The lesson? If such tenacious lobbying can overcome human unwillingness, *how much more* our gracious God will heed His children's cry.

### **Pushing at an open door.**

Jesus is already praying for us. So, when we start to pray, we step on to an already moving staircase. Sometimes prayer seems tougher than it need be.

Jesus invited us to be linked to Him, in the way a novice bullock is yoked to a mature ox. Have a look at Matthew 11:28-29, which concludes "for my yoke is easy and my burden is light".

When Marion Bartoli unexpectedly won the 2013 Wimbledon final, she said “I believe if you put all your heart and effort into everything you are doing, then God is there to help you.”

### **Is your prayer on the right lines?**

Try adding “for Christ’s sake” at the end. “Please let my marrow win the Gardening Club competition”? No. “Not my will but yours” is the key. So when praying, don’t give God instructions, just report for duty.

*John Barton*

We shall rest and we shall see,  
we shall see and we shall love,  
we shall love and we shall praise,  
in the end which is no end.

*St. Augustine*

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

# The Big Bash!



JESUS OFTEN TOLD STORIES WITH HIDDEN MEANINGS



ONE STORY WAS ABOUT A RICH MAN WHO DECIDED TO HAVE A PARTY

HE SENT OUT LOTS OF INVITATIONS



OH! NO!!

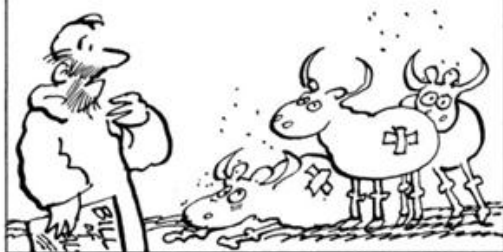


BUT PEOPLE STARTED MAKING EXCUSES

ONE MAN SAID HE HAD BOUGHT A FIELD, BUT NEEDED TO MEASURE IT



ANOTHER MAN SAID HE NEEDED TO TEST DRIVE THE OXEN HE HAS JUST PAID FOR



ANOTHER MAN SAID HE HAD JUST GOT MARRIED - AND HIS WIFE WOULDN'T LET HIM OUT!

SO THE RICH MAN INVITED ALL THE POOR AND NEEDY INSTEAD.



YES - I CAN COME TO YOUR PARTY

THE PARABLE MEANS WE SHOULDN'T MAKE EXCUSES FOR NOT FOLLOWING JESUS.

# Community Use of St John's Church

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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.



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# The Seven Deadly Sins: Greed

*'How much money is enough? Just a little bit more.'* (John D Rockefeller).

In the second of our series on the Seven Deadly Sins, we are looking at greed. It is the overwhelming desire for *more and more* in our lives. In our consumer culture it can be hard to tell the difference between needs and wants – e.g. buying a new laptop or shoes for different occasions? We need to ask the question: *How much is enough?*

Jesus was approached by a man who wanted Him to settle a dispute about family inheritance. He said, *'Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; life does not consist in an abundance of possessions.'* (Luke 12:15). Jesus goes on to tell the story of a rich farmer who builds bigger and bigger barns, but whose life is unexpectedly cut short by death. He concludes: *'This is how it will be with whoever stores up things for themselves but is not rich towards God.'* (21).

How do we overcome greed and become *'rich towards God'*? Paul writes: *'I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want.'* (Philippians 4:13). Overcoming greed involves learning to be content in whatever situation we find ourselves, in need or plenty. Paul is not saying that there is anything wrong with having food, money or possessions, but these cannot be the primary source of our contentment. The secret of contentment is found in a transforming relationship with Jesus: *'I can do all this through Him who gives me strength.'* (13). He is the one who enables us to overcome greed and know riches.

*'Contentment makes poor men rich; discontent makes rich men poor.'* (Benjamin Franklin).

Canon Paul Hardingham

How do you make the number one disappear by adding to it? Add a G to make it gone.

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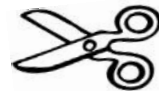
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## Readings at the 10.00am Communion Service

Date	Day	1 <sup>st</sup> Reading	2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading
1 Feb.	Presentation	Malachi 3:1-5	Luke 2:22-40
8 Feb.	2 before Lent	Romans 8:18-25	Matthew 6:25-end
15 Feb.	Sunday before Lent	2 Peter 1:16-end	Matthew 17: 1-9
18 Feb.	Ash Wednesday	Isaiah 58:1-12	Matthew 6:1-6,16-21
22 Feb.	Lent 1	Genesis 2:15-17. 3:1-7	Matthew 4:1-11
1 Mar.	Lent 2	Genesis 12:1-4a	John 3:1-17

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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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## **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.*

**25<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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.

3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

4<sup>th</sup> 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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