

St JOHN'S CHURCH WAKEFIELD

Sharing Christ in the Community

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



Parish Magazine June 2026



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 3rd Sunday of this 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 e-mail 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.

Give Thanks



How many times in a day do you say 'Thank You'? Hopefully, most of us were taught as children to say thank you, and it has become an automatic response when someone does something for us or we are given something. But 'Thank You' should not be automatic and not

just when we've been given something.

"Be always joyful; pray continually; give thanks whatever happens; for this is what God in Christ wills for you"

1 Thessalonians 5:18.

How difficult is it always to remember this? There are so many times in every day when we find it so hard to be joyful. The ups and downs of everyday life; the difficulties we face; the circumstances we meet and have to cope with, some small but some far greater. How can we be joyful?

As we wake up each morning, perhaps that is how we should start the day: by giving thanks and being joyful for the new day. Joyful that we HAVE a new day, before thinking of the anxieties that the day may bring: the pain of aching joints, the difficulties of getting out of bed, the bleakness of another day alone, problems we might have to face at work or within the family. In these first few moments of the day, remember to give thanks.

At the end of the day find time to give thanks whatever the day has been like.

Jesus' teachings on thanksgiving are not confined to moments of abundance, they extend to times of trial and tribulation as well. It is easy to give thanks for the good times, for a day spent doing something we enjoy. Much more challenging to give thanks when we are going through difficult circumstances, when life doesn't seem fair, when others seem to be having a better time than we are.

When I see the first signs of spring breaking through after the cold dark winter, it always makes me say thank you for the new life appearing. The colours that will come back into our world and our life. I notice plants appearing around the garden, re-appearing after the cold dark days. How wonderful to go outside without layers and layers of clothes on. How much more grateful must the homeless person, living on the streets, be for the warmer days and nights - winter must be so hard for them. Do they give thanks for the new warmth or are they just thinking of the trials of the day ahead?

Do we remember to give thanks after a busy day spent with family or friends? Thanks that we can spend time together, sharing fun and laughter and companionship. As we face the washing up and the tidying up, give thanks for the day. How much would an older person, living alone or in a care home, be grateful to be faced with piles of washing up after a day with family and friends?

We are lucky to have our faith in Jesus. We know are never alone, even in the dark places that life sometimes leads us into.

We should

Give thanks with a grateful heart,

Give thanks to the Holy One;

Give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ his son

And now let the weak say 'I am strong'

Let the poor say, 'I am rich',

Because of what the Lord has done for us.

Let us remember to give thanks for the little things, the medium sized things and the big things in life. For times that are easy to give thanks for and those that are not so easy.

For things we understand and things that we don't.

Give Thanks .



Sue Slaven

DIARY DATES for JUNE 2026

Wed 3 11.00am-1.00pm Drop In to St John's.

Fri. 5 9.00am Toddler & Baby group

Sunday 7 Trinity 1

10.00am Holy Communion

Wed 10 11.00am-1.00pm Drop In to St John's

Fri. 12 9.00am Toddler & Baby group

Sunday 14 Trinity 2

10.00am Holy Communion

Wed 17 11.00am-1.00pm Drop In to St John's

Fri. 19 9.00am Toddler & Baby group

Sunday 21 Trinity 3 (Father's Day)

10.00am Holy Communion

4.00pm Tea-time service

Wed 23 11.00am-1.00pm Drop In to St John's

Fri. 25 9.00am Toddler & Baby group

Sunday 28 Trinity 4 St John's Day

10.00am Holy Communion

with participation by St John's School

12.00-2.00pm COMMUNITY PICNIC in the churchyard

(or in church if wet)

Bring your own food, drinks provided.

Wed 1 July 10.00am-1.00pm Drop In to St John's

Fri. 3 July 9.00am Toddler & Baby group

Sunday 5 July Trinity 5

10.00am Holy Communion

Wed 8 July 11.00am-1.00pm Drop In to St John's

3.30-5.30pm MESSY CHURCH

Fri. 10 July 9.00am Toddler & Baby group

Sunday 12 July Trinity 6

10.00am Holy Communion

Tues 14 July 7.30pm PCC meeting

Sunday 28 June St John's Day

10.00am Family Communion for St John's Day,
with participation from St John's School

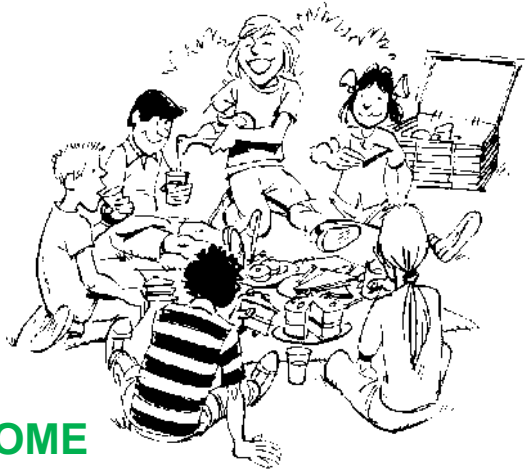
St. John's Day Sunday 28 June

COMMUNITY PICNIC

12 noon — 2.00pm

In the churchyard
(or in church, if raining)

EVERYONE WELCOME



Bring your own food and perhaps chairs / rugs.

Hot and cold drinks provided.

Games and activities for children of all ages.

Next

Messy Church is

Wednesday 8th July

Put the date in your diary





Wakefield
Cathedral

Wakefield Cathedral invites you to **Follow Me**

The latest session in the
series of evenings on
faith and discipleship,
led by Bishop Malcolm
Chamberlain

Session Running Order:

(Optional) Choral Evensong:

18:30-19:15

(Optional) Supper:

19:30

Talk and time for questions:

19:45-21:00

To **book supper**, please
contact Caroline Asquith by no
later than **Tuesday 27th May**:-

Email: [caroline.asquith@](mailto:caroline.asquith@leeds.anglican.org)

leeds.anglican.org

Tel: **07776 963653**



DIVIDED COMMUNITIES: RECONCILING CHURCH


WITH GUEST SPEAKER:

CHINE MCDONALD

(DIRECTOR OF THEOS, THE RELIGION
AND SOCIETY THINK TANK)

THURSDAY 11TH JUNE
2026

At a time of growing division
around immigration, race,
and identity, this evening will
offer space to reflect
prayerfully and theologically
on how the Church is called
to respond. Together, we will
consider the rise of Christian
Nationalism and explore how
we might bear faithful witness
to the reconciling love of
Christ within our communities
and nation.

 THE CHURCH
OF ENGLAND
Diocese of Leeds



*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**

Hopefully this is not the case while Stephanie is on her sabbatical.

Please remember NOT to phone or e-mail Stephanie before late August, even if she is in Wakefield. The aim of the sabbatical is to give her a complete break from parish duties.

Please contact Sally about the church building, and Cath about services (details on the back page)



Some of the great questions of life

Why are buildings called buildings when they are finished?
Shouldn't they be called built?

Why is abbreviated such a long word?

Why is it that when you tell a man there are 400 billion stars he will believe you, but when you tell him there's wet paint, he has to touch it?

If your supermarket has been lowering prices every day, how come nothing is free yet?

If con is the opposite of pro, is Congress the opposite of progress?

If a fire-fighter fights fire and a crime fighter fights crime, what does a freedom fighter fight?

Do you find it unnerving that what doctors do is called 'practice'?

Great Big Green Week 6-14 June

This is the UK's biggest secular celebration of community action to tackle climate change and protect nature. The theme this year is 'Together For Good', reflecting the good that people do together. Thousands of activities will happen across the country: planting pollinator friendly plants, letter writing to MPs, beach clean-ups, litter picks, school assemblies, films, walks, talks and craft workshops. These events are hosted by anyone who cares about a healthy, safe, fairer future. The week has been organised by the Climate Coalition for the past six years.



This year Great Big Green Week is also combined with 'Churches Count on Nature' and 'Love Your Burial Ground'. Their website [Caring For God's Acre.org.uk](http://CaringForGodsAcre.org.uk) has some interesting information and webinars about how to record the wildlife in the churchyard and to

record it as part of a national citizen science project. There are some lovely resources for children too. Link for free webinars: <https://www.caringforgodsacre.org.uk/webinars-summer-26/>

Actions show our faith

Being people of faith here at St John's means caring for others and the planet we live on. We quietly take action with our gifts of tree saplings, sowing wildflower seeds, poster displays, prayers, songs, clothes swap 2025, recycling, fairtrade tea, coffee, communion wine, brown paper loo rolls and enjoying our beautiful tree-filled churchyard. We are connecting our faith to practical actions for climate and nature.

Caring for creation is an act of worship rooted in scripture, from Genesis to Revelation.

'God saw everything he had made and behold it was very good' Genesis 1:31

'And the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations' Revelation 22:2

The last day of Great Big Green Week is on Sunday 14 June. Please enjoy a Fairtrade tea /coffee break after the service and celebrate together the actions you are already doing to tackle climate change and protect nature.

Liz Oldroyd

We thank Liz for all that she did in her time as Churchwarden, and are very grateful that she continues to be our environment officer, encouraging us all to value the natural world.

Our British bumblebees

We have 24 types of bumblebees. Here are just six of them:

Early Bumblebee: – Rather small, with distinctive lemon-yellow bands on thorax and abdomen, and an orange tail. An important pollinator of our soft fruit.

Common Carder Bee: – Very common, and often still feeding in November. Fluffy, brown and orange, with sometimes darker bands on the abdomen.

Tree Bumblebee: – A fuzzy bee, with brown-orange hairs on its thorax, a black abdomen, and a white tail.

Red-tailed Bumblebee: – The female is very large, with a big red 'tail', while males are smaller.

Garden Bumblebee: – A scruffy-looking large bee, with a long tongue and face. It has yellow bands at the collar, rear of the thorax and at the first segment of the abdomen, and the tip of the tail is white.

Buff-tailed bumblebee: – The biggest of our bumblebees, with a yellow collar near the head and another on the abdomen. The queen has a buff-coloured 'tail', while the workers have white 'tails' and black hair on their faces.

Be kind to our bees. They are in steady decline across the UK.



Giving Thanks for Fathers

There is no finer sound in the world than your child calling you 'daddy', or 'dad'. I love it!

And as I look around our neighbourhood, dads today are far more involved in their children's

lives than when I was a child. Pushing prams, holding hands while out on a walk, bathing, playing games. Dads are in all these activities and more. I see the dads on either side of our house, and they obviously love their kids with all their hearts.

Unfortunately, too many kids grow up without a stable and involved male figure in their lives over the whole of their childhood and beyond. And no prizes for guessing the outcome; when they reach fatherhood, their kids often grow up without a stable and involved male figure in their lives.

Dads

This year the 21 June brings Fathers' Day. May all dads reading this be pampered like never before! If it's a fine day, it may be a case of 'Stand back everyone- dad's going to bar-b-q'. But before we get carried away, let's spare a thought for those who, for one reason or another, couldn't be dads, or whose dads fell far short of the high expectations we invest in them, or who lost a dad at a crucial time in life and feel a permanent ache where 'Dad' should be.

God as Father

Our Christian faith teaches us to look at God as 'Father' - we address Him as such in the opening words of the Lord's Prayer, and it was Jesus' custom to talk to God as 'Father'. Maybe, taking into account those who have had a very mixed experience, or a bad experience, of fathers, we should qualify

what we say of God and call Him 'the Good Father', or 'our Good Father'.

Because that is what the experience of countless Christians would testify to; that God is a good father. I think of the picture Jesus paints in the parable of the Prodigal Son; the father on the look-out for his wayward son day after day, and when he sees him in the distance runs all the way to him to embrace him. Now in Jesus' time, in that culture, fathers did NOT run, least of all to welcome returning no-goods who had wasted half the father's fortune. Fathers were people of dignity. Run? Never!

Jesus has turned that on its head. We can be sure that a welcome awaits us; we turn to God, or return to God, and find that He's already half-way towards us, coming at speed to embrace us.

Rev'd Roy Shaw

"Daddy, I want to ask you a question", said little Bobby after his first day at Sunday school.

"Yes, Bobby, what is it?"

"The teacher was reading the Bible to us – all about the children of Israel building the Temple, the children of Israel crossing the Red Sea, the children of Israel making sacrifices. Didn't the grown-ups do anything?"

A young curate, who always seemed to be in a hurry, was late in taking his 8-year-old son to school. In the rush, he made a turn at a red light when he should have stopped. "Oh dear," he said to his son, "I should have stopped there, but I made a mistake." The boy replied, "Don't worry daddy, you'll be OK. The police car right behind us just did the same thing."

Why People are the Helpers of Creation

Urbanisation has taken us away from the rest of Creation, often reducing it in our eyes to a resource that we draw on when we feel like it, or need it. But Jesus said the stones would start praising Him if people didn't (Luke 19:40), and in the Psalms and Job, all of Creation is praising God.

There is no hint here that people are needed to enable Creation's praise to happen. The singing is metaphorical, but it draws attention to fact that all creatures praise God by being themselves. They don't only praise with their 'voices', but with everything else they do as well: eating, running, hopping, grooming, reproducing, and so on. Which is a reminder to us that our whole lives can be an act of praise to God.

Our isolation from Creation's praise can add to our sense that the whole world revolves around us and our needs. In reality, Creation is God-centred and 'His name alone is exalted'. (Psalm 148:13). The value of Creation for God is not necessarily linked to its value for us – it is of value to God because He made it, He cares for it, and it praises Him.

Genesis 1:28 says that we must "rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky and over every living creature that moves on the ground". To rule wisely, we need to get hold of the fact that, although we have a special responsibility, we are creatures alongside all the other creatures. One way to ground ourselves in this idea is to re-join the choir and worship God together with every other living and non-living thing on earth.

Rather than being needed to help Creation praise God, we can actually rely on it to help *us* in our worship. Sharing God's delight in Creation, we can learn to delight in God. In return. The best thing we can do is to let living things recover their full fruitfulness as much as possible so that they can praise God fully.

We are called to a life of humble service, taking care of each other and everything else on this planet. In this way, we can choose to see other creatures as they are, pointing our attention away from themselves towards God – until we are caught up in their praise of Him.

Dr. Ruth Bancewicz,



FUNERALS

We commit to the Lord's eternal care

- 7 May** **Barbara Flint**
at Wakefield Crematorium
- 14 May** **Dorothy Birkenshaw**
at Wakefield Crematorium



CONFIRMATIONS

Defend, O Lord, this thy servant with thy heavenly grace

- 17 May by Bishop Toby**
in Wakefield Cathedral

Young people:

Charlotte Holmes
Ruby Delaporte
Joseph Delaporte

Adults:

Debra Brooke
David Brooke
Jamie Foulds
Diane Newton
Megan Westwood



Dreams can be pleasant or terrifying, can't they? For a man called Yasin, a shop keeper, his dream was life-changing, in more ways than one. He lives in Iraq, where Christians are persecuted. In Yasin's amazing dream, he met with Jesus. Yasin says, "I can't describe how beautiful he was." After meeting with Jesus in that amazing way, Yasin was forever changed.

At first he kept his faith a secret, even from his wife and children. He got a Bible somehow, but he taped over the title so no-one would know what it was. As he read his Bible, his love for Jesus kept on growing and he couldn't hold it in any longer. He shared his secret with his wife who was horrified. "How could you bring that book into our house" she screamed. But Yasin prayed and patiently shared what he had learned about Jesus from reading the Bible and from his dream. After much prayer, his wife and children also became Christians.

SO FAR.....SO GOOD. BUT..... Sharing the gospel with others was far more difficult and dangerous. His own brother tried to kill Yasin; his house was fire-bombed; he lost his shop and no-one would give him a steady job. His family were often afraid to go out of the house. Strangely, he managed to get a job as a shepherd!

Despite the risks, Yasin can't keep silent. The persecution is continuous, but Yasin says, "There's no other way. Jesus died on the cross to redeem me. I will not deny him or leave him." I wonder how you or I would act in this situation?

Yasin can't keep Jesus to himself. Amazingly, his witness is changing lives. Two of the people who persecuted him have now become Christians through his teaching. Two more are open to exploring the faith. Through social media (love it or hate it!) Yasin has preached the Good News to a Muslim

Cleric and prayed with him and this man is now reading the Bible for himself!

Yasin says, " Pray for me, because I believe in the power of prayer. Pray that God gives me strength to evangelise to as many people as possible. And pray that God would protect my children. Could you pray for God's protection over new Christians in Iraq so they will know they are not alone. They face threats and discrimination from Islamist extremist groups. Sometimes powerful people seize the property of Christians. Pray also that believers who have chosen to stay in the country would be greatly used by the Lord as salt and light in Iraq."

I wonder if any of us will meet with Jesus in our dreams. I wonder what he would say to us?

If you would like to find out more about the work of Open Doors and how you can support persecuted Christians around the world, visit opendoorsuk.org.

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



Mouse Makes

"May the grace of the Lord
JESUS CHRIST and the
 love of **GOD** and the
 fellowship of the
HOLY SPIRIT be
 with you all."

2 Corinthians
 13:14

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 COMFORTER • GUIDE
 ADVOCATE • WISDOM
 POWER • TRUTH • BREATH
 LIFE • ETERNAL • DOVE
 WIND • FIRE • TEACHER



Celebrating 160 years of Reader Ministry

It is 160 years since the Reader Movement began in the Church of England. It was born out of a need to connect the Word of God with an increasingly secular world, in which the Church had lost direct contact with millions of people.

The senior clergy realised that people had less and less knowledge of the Bible, so they founded a ministry to bring the voice of God back into the conversation.

What was so important in this initiative in 1866, as with the founding of the Mothers' Union 9 years later and the Church Army 16 years later, is that they were all lay initiatives in mission. All, of course, were encouraged and supported by the ordained clergy, but proud to be overwhelmingly lay.

The emphasis on lay-ness was not anti-clericalism, but was founded on a idea of teamwork in which lay and ordained would work together, to pray for and bring in God's kingdom.

In the words of Archbishop Oscar Romero:

We cannot do everything.

And there is a sense of liberation in realising that this enables us to do something, and to do it very well. It may be incomplete but it's a beginning, a step along the way, an opportunity for the Lord's grace to enter and do the rest.

We may never see the end results, but that is the difference between the master-builder and the worker.

We are workers, not master-builders.

We are ministers, not messiahs.

We are prophets of a future not our own.

To be a Reader is to emphasise the fact that your primary ministry is *not* in holy buildings with coloured-glass windows and pointed arches, but in being a disciple, a member of the dispersed people of God, bringing Him into the conversation.

We give thanks for the ministry of Cath Fox and Brian Morris, St John's Readers, (now known as Licensed Lay Ministers, LLMs.) and all they contribute, both in church and in the wider world.

The tale of the Salt and Light



JESUS OFTEN TOLD
STORIES WITH
HIDDEN MEANINGS



HE ONE EXPLAINED TO HIS
FRIENDS THAT THEY WERE A
BIT LIKE SALT!

IN JESUS' DAY, SALT WAS
VERY PRECIOUS. IT HELPED
PRESERVE FOOD...

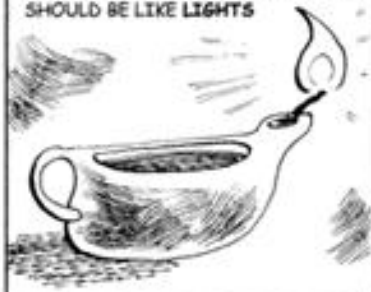


...AND SALT GAVE FLAVOUR.
IT WAS VERY USEFUL INDEED



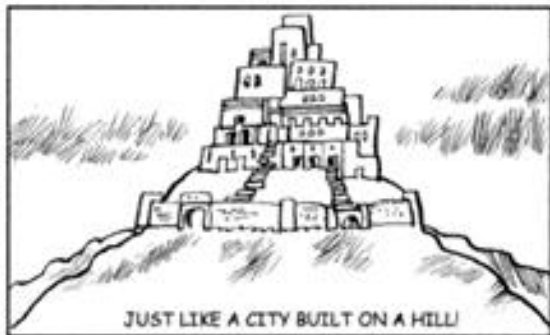
SALT HELPED MAKE LIFE
BETTER - WE TOO SHOULD HELP
MAKE LIFE BETTER IF WE
CHOOSE TO FOLLOW JESUS!

JESUS ALSO SAID HIS FOLLOWERS
SHOULD BE LIKE LIGHTS



'NOBODY LIGHTS A LAMP - THEN PUTS
IT UNDER A BOWL', SAID JESUS

THE WAY WE LIVE OUR LIVES AS
CHRISTIANS SHOULD BE AN EXAMPLE
TO THE REST OF THE WORLD.



JUST LIKE A CITY BUILT ON A HILL!

Community Use of St John's Church

Wentworth St, Wakefield, WF1 2QU

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 Seven Deadly Sins: Gluttony

'They're called deadly because they lead to the death of the soul.' (Richard Newhauser).

This month we are looking at *Gluttony*. Which food do we find hardest to resist? Which activity do we indulge in to excess?

It is reported that 66% of adults in the UK are overweight or obese. Gluttony is indulgence to excess, usually involving food. However, it can also include excessive drinking, screen time of all kinds, shopping, gambling etc.

Paul warns us about the dangers of gluttony when he refers to those whose minds are set on earthly things: *'their destiny is destruction, their god is their stomach, and their glory is in their shame.'* (Philippians 3:19). Our struggle with gluttony is often the outward sign of a spiritual hunger for acceptance, love, or self-worth. This desire for satisfaction cannot be satisfied by food alone, or other 'displacement' activities.

How can we overcome gluttony?

Glorify God with your body: 'Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God?' (1 Corinthians 6:19). Paul reminds us that our bodies belong to God; as temples of the Holy Spirit, we should use them to glorify God.

While we have freedom in what we consume or how we use our time, we are also called to honour God in our actions.

Exercise self-control: 'live by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh.' (Galatians 5:16). Paul goes on to list self-control as one of the Fruit of the Spirit (5:23). As we examine ourselves and identify those areas where we lack self-control, we can entrust them to God, asking for the strength of the Holy Spirit to overcome gluttony.

We recognise that true satisfaction is only found in a desire for God alone: *'Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.'* (Matthew 5:6).

Paul Hardingham

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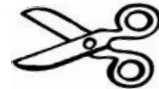
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Readings at the 10.00am Communion Service

Date	Day	1 st Reading	2 nd Reading
7 June	Trinity Sunday	Romans 4: 13-end	Matthew 9: :9-13,18-26
14 June.	Trinity 2	Romans 5:1-8	Matthew 9:35 – 10:8
21 June	Trinity 3	Romans 6: 2b-11	Matthew 10:24-39
28 June	St John's Day	Acts 13:14b-26	Luke1:57-66,80
5 July	Trinity 5	Romans 7:15-25a	Matthew 11:16-19

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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 This will not be held while Stephanie is on her sabbatical

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.

4th SUNDAY EACH MONTH (THIS month, the 3rd Sunday)

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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