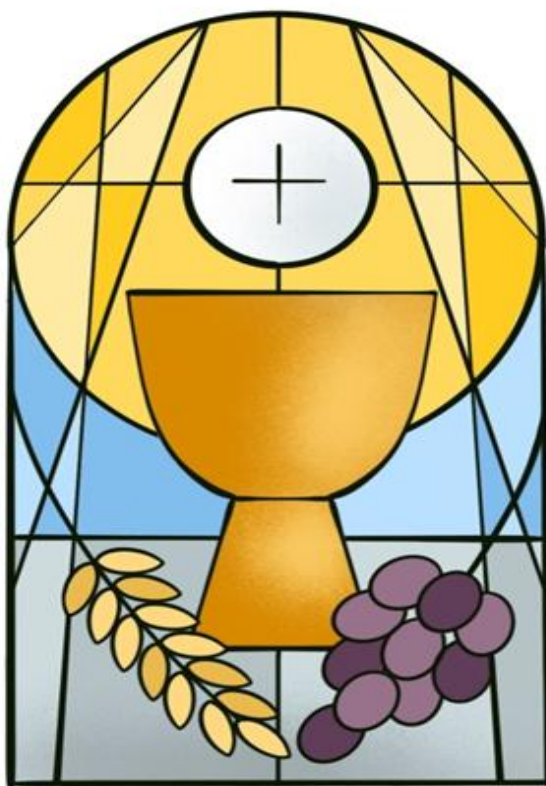


St JOHN'S CHURCH WAKEFIELD

Sharing Christ in the Community

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



**Friday 9
October
Harvest
Supper**

**Sunday 11
October
Harvest
Festival
Service**

Parish Magazine October 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 4th 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.

St John's True Harvest



On my walks over the last few months, I have been struck by how poor the harvest is likely to be this year. I went past a field of potatoes, and the dried soil had left them exposed to the sun. The biggest were nearly two inches across, but the majority were less than an inch. Brambles were loaded with blackberries, but they were only a quarter of the normal size, and had ripened a couple of months earlier than usual. In wheat fields, the heads were only half the normal size, with no weeds growing between the furrows. In a rhubarb field, most of the stalks were less than 6 inches long. But, now we've had some rain, it's amazing how fast things have changed. Grass has gone from brown to green; oak trees have stopped dropping their acorns onto the fallen brown leaves, and I've even found some paths with muddy puddles in them!

Our Harvest Festival (on 11th October – preceded by our Harvest Supper on Friday 9th) is an opportunity for St John's School to share in our service –



not simply by being there, but by offering the prayers. And, as we listen, and perhaps add our own silent reflections, it's an opportunity to ask ourselves, 'What kind of harvest will these children be part of?' St John's school is where they are growing; where they are acquiring the knowledge and skills which will help them, not just to grow, but to flourish.

But we don't stop growing when we leave school. All of us are still growing; acquiring new skills and deeper understanding, as our circumstances change. Whether we're 8, or 38, or 68, we are not the people we were last year. We continue to discover new abilities, new ways of seeing things. Sometimes we have to put aside old patterns, because they no longer fit our changed circumstances; or because our age makes them more effort than they are worth. But we never cease to change.



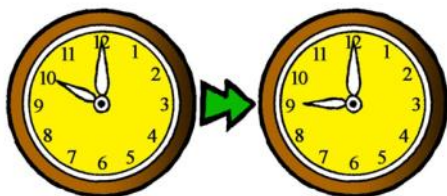
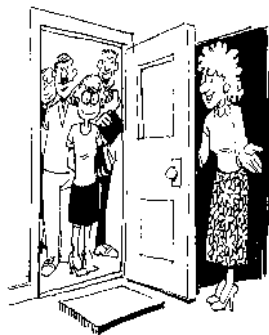
And that means that St John's, too, changes.

People take on new roles; they do things differently – not because they choose to do so, but because of the different skills, the

different emphasis, different perspective that they bring to it.

And in so doing, they help to make St John's more fruitful – able to do new things, and to reach out to new people, who in their turn ensure that we keep on growing. And that's a harvest festival in which we can all rejoice.

Brian



British Summer Time ends
over the night of
Saturday 24 and
Sunday 25 October.
Remember to put your clocks
BACK by one hour.

DIARY DATES for OCTOBER 2026

Fri. 2 9.00am Toddler & Baby group

Sunday 4 Creation Sunday

10.00am Holy Communion

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

Fri. 9 9.00am Toddler & Baby group

6.00pm HARVEST SUPPER

Sunday 11 HARVEST FESTIVAL

10.00am Holy Communion

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

1.30– 3.00pm Study Group on Acts

Fri.16 9.00am Toddler & Baby group

Sunday 18 Trinity 20

10.00am Holy Communion

4.00pm Tea-time Service

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

1.30– 3.00pm Study Group on Acts

Fri. 23 9.00am Toddler & Baby group

Sat. 24 **British Summer Time ends.**

Put clocks BACK 1 hour.

Sunday 25 Bible Sunday

10.00am Holy Communion

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

1.30– 3.00pm Study Group on Acts

Sat. 31 4.00-6.00pm **Light Party for All Hallows Eve**

Sunday 1 Nov All Saints Day

10.00am Holy Communion

Wed 4 10.00am-1.00pm Drop In to St John's

1.30– 3.00pm Study Group on Acts

Fri. 6 9.00am Toddler & Baby group

Sunday 8 REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

10.00am Morning Prayer

You've got the wrong person!

At church recently, we stood to sing Charles Wesley's hymn 'Come Holy Ghost our hearts inspire'. Except the organist was playing the tune which normally accompanies the Christmas carol 'While shepherds watched their flocks by night'.

I'd never sung Wesley's hymn to this tune before, and it took a bit of getting used to. There are some tunes to which we can sing a number of hymns and we are usually quite happy about it. But we mess with carols at our peril! They have become identified with very particular tunes. Give us what we expect, please, organist!

'I don't do that, God!'

We can all expect to encounter the familiar: it is the 'curved ball', the UNexpected, that is difficult to come to terms with. The Bible is full of examples of:

'Who me? You've made a mistake there, God!'

Or it comes down to

'Here I am, Lord, send him!'

Jonah

Perhaps the best-known example is Jonah. He was sure that God had made a mistake in calling him to go and tell the citizens of Nineveh to turn from their wicked ways, so he set off in the opposite direction to Nineveh, and took a ship going west. But he was ambushed by God and ended up in the belly of the great fish. Once he realised that God was serious about what Jonah was to do, and that God would be with him, he set off as God had asked him to.

Moses

Moses is another example.

'Me, tell Pharaoh to let my people go? Me? You must be joking.'

But again, once Moses was convinced that this was the way

God wanted him to go, he submitted to God's plan. He became the great leader of his people, bringing them out of slavery in Egypt to the boundary of the Promised Land.

You cannot be serious, Lord!

God's plans for us are always bigger than we can imagine. Do you have a niggling feeling that God is calling you to a particular task, or to abandon a particular something? It may take time to come round to God's point of view, but it will ultimately turn out to be a better way.

When God calls, He does not abandon us at that point.

He will always resource us for the task he is calling us to, and often in surprising ways.

'Who, me, Lord?'

Yes, YOU!

Revd Roy Shaw

If only...

This world would be transformed Lord....

- * If we had a fraction of the faith in you that you have in us.
- * If we showed a fraction of the love that you show to us.
- * If we showed a fraction of the patience that you display with us.
- * If we shared just a portion of the blessings that we have received from you
- * If we showed as much trust in others as you have shown to us.
- * If we claimed a fraction of the power you promised to your Church.

So transform us Lord, that we might transform this world.



*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.



'JJ's ' (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**

HARVEST FESTIVAL SERVICE

Sunday 11 October 10.00am

Any harvest donations will go to the local food bank, so please only bring dry goods, tins etc. rather than (like



these mice!) perishable fresh items. There will also be a bowl for donations of money towards items people need but which are rarely donated.



Friday 9 October

6.00pm in church

PIE & PEA

HARVEST SUPPER

(meat & potato/ chicken & leek / veggie)

£10 adults, £5 children under 8.

Please bring your own drinks.

You **must pre-book** by 28 September:

sign the list in church or ring Paul 01924 367976



Tyndale said it first!

It is 500 years since William Tyndale printed the very first English translation of the New Testament. Today hundreds of millions of people still quote him, though they don't know it. For in 1526 Tyndale

invented what would become some of the most famous idioms in the English-speaking world.

For instance –

The salt of the earth / Go the extra mile / The powers that be / Eat, drink and be merry / A city on a hill / The apple of his eye / In the twinkling of an eye / Signs of the times / My brother's keeper / Fight the good fight / Broken-hearted / Fallen flat on his face.

These phrases were all created by Tyndale as he translated into English from the original Greek of the New Testament.

As a young Catholic priest in England, Tyndale was inspired by Martin Luther's ground-breaking translation of the Bible into German, so he went to work doing the same for English speakers. No wonder the Bible Society describes Tyndale as a 'background radical' during Henry VIII's reign.

Tyndale invented words, too, when he couldn't find a direct English equivalent for a Greek or Hebrew concept. Here are just some:

Scapegoat: describes the goat burdened with the sins of the people and sent into the wilderness.

Atonement: Literally "at-one-ment", created to describe being at one with God.

Passover: to describe the Jewish holiday where the angel of death passed over the homes of the Israelites.

Busybody: someone who meddles in other people's business.

Tyndale's work is found in many translations of the Bible: the AV, the RSV, the ASV or the ESV, among others.

See Bible Society's website: www.biblesociety.org.uk for more information. Just type 'Tyndale' into its 'search' box.

Autumn Study Groups

There will be three study groups this autumn:



Acts for Everyone

Wednesdays 1.30-2.45 pm in the Samaritan Room.

We will continue to study the Acts of the Apostles, and learn more about the events of the early church. All welcome.

Wednesday October 14th, October 21st, October 28th,
November 4th, November 11th, November 18th

Pilgrim 2 The Lord's Prayer

Wednesdays 7.30-9.00pm at the Vicarage

Wednesday October 14th, October 21st, October 28th,
November 4th, November 11th, November 18th

Pilgrim 6 The Eucharist / Holy Communion

Thursdays 7.30-9.00pm at the Vicarage

Thursdays October 1st, October 15th, October 29th, November 5th, November 12th, November 19th

If you are interested in either of the Pilgrim courses, please speak to Stephanie as each person uses their own booklet, so she needs to have enough!.

Acts for Everyone is open to anyone to come when they can. As it is a daytime course there may be sessions when you have to be elsewhere.



The most dangerous place to be a Christian is North Korea. If a Christian is found in NK the whole family are executed or sent to a labour camp indefinitely, where conditions are dire. In NK being a Christian or owning a Bible is a serious crime. North Koreans may only pay homage to the Kim Regime, not to God. So Christian gatherings must be totally secret. So how do you tell your children about Jesus when doing so can bring imprisonment or

even death? Young-Mi escaped to a neighbouring country where she met Open Doors workers. She explained that she couldn't use the word God with her children, but had told them that, whenever they are in any kind of trouble, they can find help from the One who is in Heaven. She hopes that one day her children will have faith in Christ, just as she has. Hungry to learn more about Jesus, she asked the Open Doors worker to teach her, so she heard about living as a child of God, the importance of reading the Bible and praying. It's dangerous to keep a Bible hidden in your house, so they helped her memorise verses and stories about Jesus and prayed with her. She was so happy to know that she could pray anywhere, anytime.

In NK, Christian parents cannot speak openly about their faith. Instead they instil Christian values, like love, kindness and generosity, hoping, one day, to share the Gospel safely. Many North Koreans encounter Jesus through signs and wonders. An escaped believer says, "If you could see what God is doing in my country, you would never have doubts again. The Holy Spirit is at work, thanks to your prayers." Please pray for wisdom, courage and protection for Christians meeting together in silent worship. A new member could be a spy for the regime, so absolute secrecy is vital. Pray for parents who seek to share their faith with their children. Please pray for the many Christians who have been incarcerated in the labour camps for years, with hard labour and little food .

Margaret Kirkham



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) Supper:

19:30

Talk and time for questions:

19:45-21:00

To **book supper**, please
contact Lyndsay Horsman by no
later than **30th** September:-
Email: lyndsay.horsman@leeds.anglican.org
Tel: 0113 284 4309



FOLLOWING CHRIST WITH THE PERSECUTED CHURCH

WITH A GUEST SPEAKER
FROM THE CHRISTIAN
CHARITY - OPEN DOORS

THURSDAY 08 OCTOBER 2026

388 million Christians
worldwide live in contexts
where they face extreme
discrimination of persecution
for following Christ. That's 1 in
7 of our brothers and sisters.
This evening will give us the
opportunity to hear some of
their stories, pray with them,
and be encouraged and
challenged in our own walk of
faith and witness.

 THE CHURCH
OF ENGLAND
Diocese of Leeds

St John's Christmas Fayre 2026
Saturday 28 November
10.00am-1.00pm

SAVE THE DATE

for our main fund raiser of the year



We are now collecting donations of bottles; unwanted gifts; books, jigsaws and toys (all in good condition please); good quality bric-a-brac; tombola prizes; and sweets / chocolate suitable for children's prizes.

If you would like to help out on a stall or have any ideas for new stalls, please get in touch.

Many thanks, Sally



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

See You at St. John's This All Hallows' Eve!



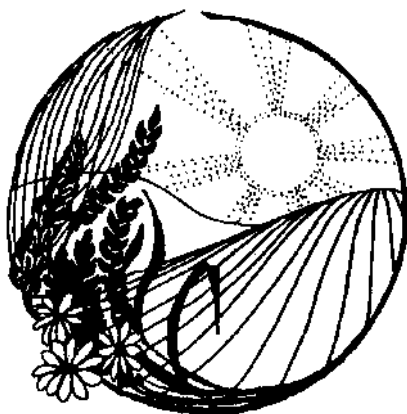
We'll be outside the church on
October the 31st from 4pm until 6pm
serving hot chocolate, sharing treats,
and hosting fun activities for young
people.

Everyone is welcome! Come and stop
by as we celebrate light, joy, and
community.

At my age I have given up on health foods; I need all
the preservatives I can get.

Ever feel like life is a car wash and you're on a
bicycle?

It's good to have self-confidence. It's even better to
have a reason for it.



Harvest Sunday 2 October: Let's celebrate despite the drought!

There can be no doubt that celebrating a plentiful harvest this year might seem difficult, or even inappropriate. In many parts of the world, food crops have not grown as expected, and in some places failed completely. The recent, and on-going, droughts and wildfires in the UK, Europe, Africa, America, Australia, and Asia – to name but a few – and the war in Ukraine which has reduced world grain supplies to a trickle, raises such difficult questions as we prepare for our annual Harvest celebrations that traditionally involve giving thanks to God for all the good food that has been safely gathered in.

In Biblical times, Harvest was the time when people came together to pray for the right combination of rain and sunshine during the coming year so that the next season's harvest would be plentiful. This was what the last day of the Jewish Feast of Tabernacles was all about. It was a time when prayers were offered to God for rain in the coming months to water next year's crops. It was the time when Jesus appeared in the Temple and shouted that the thirsty should come to him. (*John 7:37*) Jesus, of course, was referring to those who were thirsty for the Holy Spirit, while the people and the religious leaders were focussing on more worldly things such as water, the most valuable worldly item for them – and as we have been learning recently, for us!

So, let's not hold back on our Harvest celebrations this year. Let's thank God for both the spiritual and the worldly food that we have received, and pray in earnest that the world

takes climate change even more seriously because it is clearly climate change that is causing this year's drought and poor harvest.

Did you notice the date in this article's title?

October 2nd. But on page 9 we advertise our Harvest Festival this year as being on October 11th.

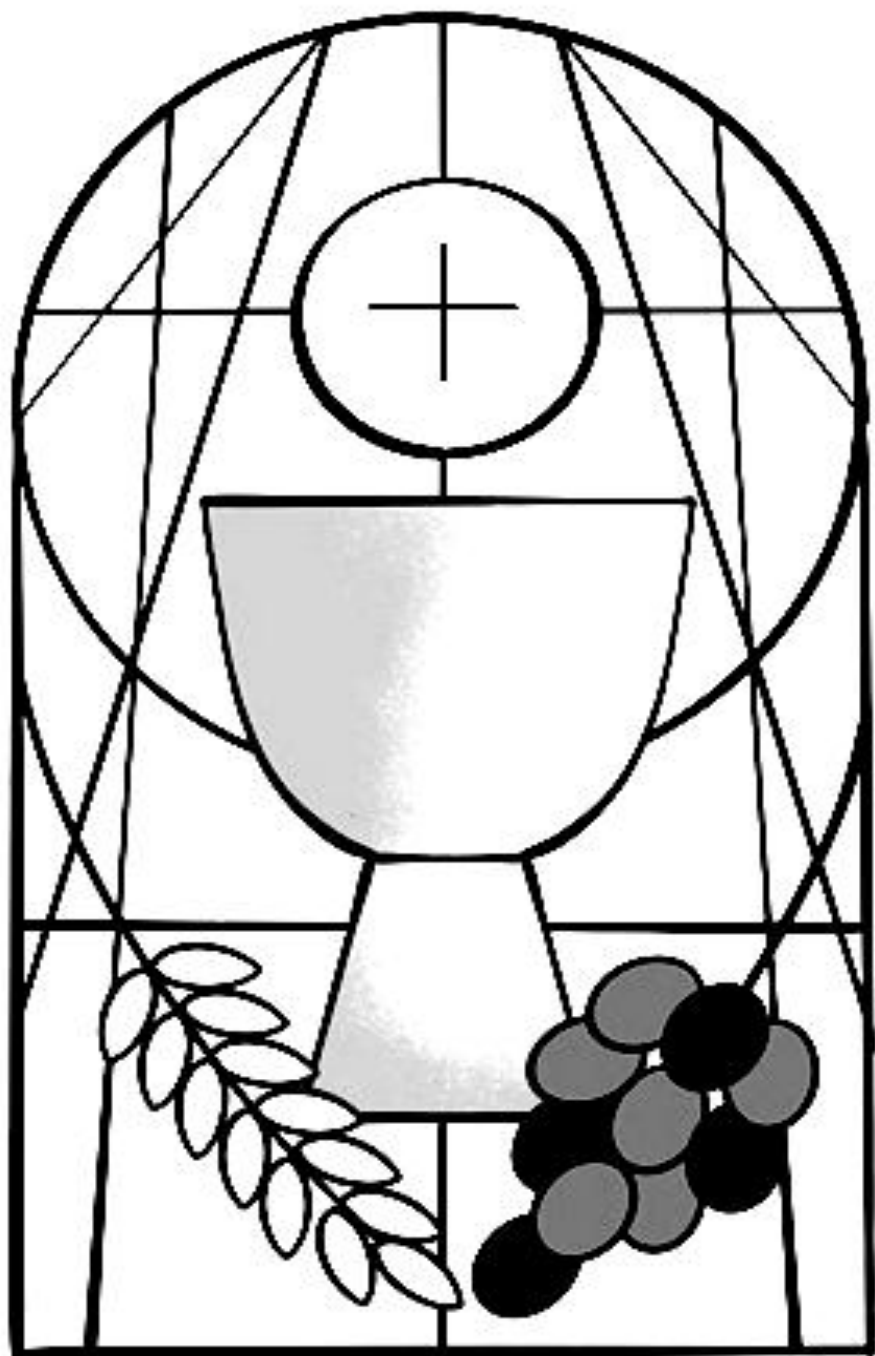
There is a simple explanation:- this article was written for the year 2022! Just 4 years ago. Yet so much of it reads as if it were referring to events of THIS year. How short are our memories, and how rapid the increasing effect of climate change on our weather and our harvests.

A Cautionary Tale

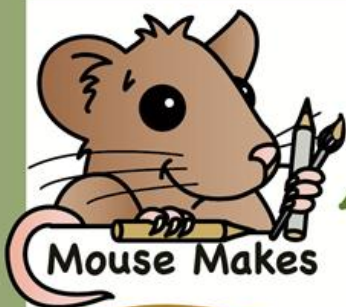
A small man was shuffling along, his head bowed and nodding up and down, one hand flapping at his side. His other hand was being supported by a tall man as he guided him along. Obviously the small man was very disabled and the tall man was his carer.

Except.....the tall man was Vasily Petrenko, conductor of the Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra and the small man he was guiding across the stage was one of the world's leading classical pianists, Nabuyuki Tsujii. Blind since birth, this 29 year-old then proceeded to play the dazzlingly difficult "Rhapsody on a theme by Paganini" by Rachmaninov (so difficult, it is said the composer needed several stiff drinks before he could attempt it) to rapturous applause.

So, is he disabled or differently abled? As the lady sitting next to me said, "You should never judge a book by its cover!"



A picture you could colour in



Mouse Makes



"GOD is the **one** who gives seed to those who **plant**, and He gives **bread** for food. And GOD will give you spiritual seed and make that seed grow. He will **produce** a great **harvest** from your goodness."

2 Corinthians 9:10

Look out for seeds in the park and garden and in your kitchen store cupboard.



How many different seeds can you find?



Jesus said:
"The kingdom of heaven is like a _____ seed that a man took and sowed in his **field**. It is the _____ of all the seeds, but when it has grown it becomes a tree, so that the wild _____ come and nest in its branches."

Read
Matthew
13:31-32

Jesus said:
"You do not need more **faith**. There is no 'more' or 'less' in faith. If you have a bare kernel of faith, say the size of a poppy seed, you could say to this sycamore tree 'Go jump into the lake' and it would do it!"
Luke 17:6

So the one who plants is not important, and the one who **waters** is not important. Only **GOD** is important because He is the one who makes things grow."

1 Corinthians 3:7

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P R O D U C E S G O D



The parable of the Shrewd Manager



JESUS OFTEN TOLD STORIES WITH HIDDEN MEANINGS



ONCE JESUS TOLD A STORY ABOUT A RICH MAN...

...AND HIS SERVANT, WHO MANAGED THE RICH MAN'S PROPERTY.



THE RICH MAN HAD HEARD THAT THE MANAGER HAD BEEN WASTING MONEY.

SO HE CALLED THE MANAGER TO ACCOUNT FOR HIMSELF!



OH NO! I AM GOING TO GET THE SACK!



THE MANAGER AGREED TO LET THE RICH MAN'S TRADERS FIDDLE THEIR BOOKS!



SO THEY ALTERED THEIR DEBTS - AND STAYED FRIENDS WITH THE MANAGER.

JESUS EXPLAINED THAT THE MANAGER HAD BEEN WISE IN MANAGING HIS FUTURE... EVEN THOUGH HE WAS BEING DISHONEST.



JESUS WAS TRYING TO ENCOURAGE THE PEOPLE TO THINK ABOUT THEIR OWN FUTURES TOO. BUT IT'S A HARD PARABLE TO UNDERSTAND!

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



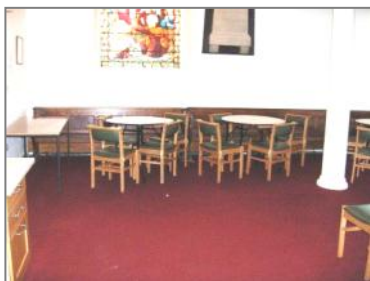
The Samaritan Room has space for up to 15 people. It costs £15 an hour.

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)

“Sleep is spiritual,”

says Sarah Guinness in her new book ‘The Alternative Guide to Discipleship’, which places sleep firmly at the core of growing in Christian spirituality.

Sarah writes, “Sleep is not wasted time. It is an opportunity for God to seal our dreams, and to deposit things and ideas in our hearts and minds. I’d like to imagine that at night God, who knit our brains and bodies together, stands by our beds, ready to sort through the day that we’ve had, patching the holes, processing that conversation, mending the tears in our armour so that we wake up feeling repaired, refreshed and ready for another day.”

Vicar of Brentford, West London, she believes that sleep can be creative, an opportunity for God to speak to us, a place to be vulnerable and a practice run for our Christian lives.

She cites how Adam fell into a deep sleep, and wakes to find Eve. God spoke to a sleeping Abram about His promises and seals a covenant with him. Jesus sleeps and then wakes with clarity to curse a fig tree and clear the temple.

“It’s as though,” says Guinness, Jesus “goes to sleep, has a divine download and feels focused on His priorities.”

It’s in our dreams that God speaks to us most powerfully, she explains. “God, being God, can do far more in our sleeping than we can do in our waking. He uses dreams to get our attention.

“People talk about being woken in the night with a strong urge to pray for a person or a situation. Why? Because sleep isn’t dead space when our bodies reboot. Sleep is spiritual.”

In ‘The Alternative Book of Discipleship,’ Sarah Guinness goes beyond the importance of sleep to map out a route to spiritual growth based on managing boundaries, embracing emotions, learning to play, surrendering outcomes, and other insights. It is founded on the author’s experiences as a parish priest and, before that, 12 years as an occupational therapist.

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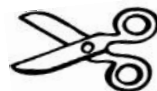
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Why AI is far from divine...

I wrote an email to my local councillor – and in three minutes received back a detailed reply summarising my concerns and promising action. I was impressed by the speedy reaction, but then thought, “Has this helpful, swift, reply perhaps been written, not by my councillor, but by Artificial Intelligence (AI)?”

And, if so, did it really matter?

It flagged up to me how AI is becoming a key part of our lives, often in ways we take for granted. Like algorithms that choose what we might like to watch next on TV or read on holiday.

Churches aren’t immune to AI’s increasing popularity. Pope Leo has advised his priests not to use it to write their sermons.

He told them, “Like all our muscles, if we do not use them, they die. The brain, and our intelligence, must be exercised a little so as not to lose capacity.”

To give a true sermon, the Pope explained, “is to share faith. People want to see *your* faith, *your* experience of having known and loved Jesus Christ.” AI cannot do that!

It is so true. A sermon is to be preached for that congregation, in that place, at that specific point in time, by a preacher who has been open to hear from God as they prepared their message

AI is not human. It will never know pain, hunger, grief or a whole range of other human emotions. And these are the emotions God experienced, living on earth as Jesus Christ. God with us, living and dying as we do. The Almighty came to live among us as human flesh, and not as computer code. Fully God, fully man. Christ lived, and died, in frail human flesh, and rose from death, underlining the sacred value of every human being.

AI falls far short of that value, no matter how closely it can mimic human personality

Peter Crumpler

Readings at the 10.00am Communion Service

Date	Day	1 st Reading	2 nd Reading
4 Oct.	Creation Sunday	Philippians 3:4b-14	Matthew 21:33-end
11 Oct.	Harvest	Philippians 4:1-9	Matthew 22:1-14
18 Oct.	Trinity 20	2 Timothy 4:12-25	Luke 10: 1-9
25 Oct.	Bible Sunday	Colossians 3: 12-17	Matthew 24:30-35
1 Nov.	All Saints	1 John 3:1-3	Matthew 5: 1-12
8 Nov	Remembrance	Romans 10: 5-15	Matthew 14:22-33

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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 items for the November 2026 issue

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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

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 - the youngest section of the Girl Guide Movement

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 Holy Communion (also available on You-Tube)

Candle, shell and leaf prayer stations are available in the side chapel. Tea, coffee, juice & biscuits are served after the service.

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) During holiday times craft etc. activities are available. We have toys and books in the café area, for younger children, 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, prayers and readings. It begins with tea, coffee, juice – and sometimes with cake.

4th SUNDAY EACH MONTH During communion

Prayer for healing, with the laying on of hands, is offered in the side chapel.

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. A wheelchair is available if needed.

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

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