# St JOHN'S CHURCH WAKEFIELD

Sharing Christ in the Community

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## St John's

# Christmas Fayre

## Saturday 28 November
## 10.00am - 1.00pm

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



**Father Christmas here from**
10.45am - 11.30am

**Lots of Stalls:** Tombola, Christmas Gifts, Cakes, Preserves, Books, Games, Crafts, Bric-a-Brac, Toys, Children's Crafting, Festive Fun.
**Lots to Eat:** Bacon Butties, Mince Pies, Cakes.



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 3rd 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.

## NOVEMBER: Remembering, Preparing and Changing

November has a particular stillness about it. The leaves are falling, the evenings are drawing in, and the landscape seems to pause before the full arrival of winter. It is a season that naturally invites us to slow down, to remember and to prepare.




For many of us, November begins with remembrance. On Remembrance Sunday, we gather to honour those who have given their lives in war and conflict, and to remember the families and communities who have carried the consequences of those conflicts. However, Remembrance is not simply about looking backwards, it is also a time to focus on peace. Jesus reminds us in the Beatitudes, "Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God" (Matthew 5:9). These words seem particularly appropriate in a world where division and conflict remain so painfully familiar. As we remember the cost of conflict, we are reminded of our calling to be people who seek reconciliation, kindness and peace wherever we can.

The changing of the season offers another kind of reminder. Nature itself teaches us that letting go is part of life. Trees lose their leaves, daylight diminishes, gardens

sleep for the winter. Yet beneath the surface, life continues. Winter is not the end, but part of a cycle of rest, renewal and growth.




Perhaps there is something here for us spiritually, too, since the church year starts on Advent Sunday, 29 November. As the year – for nature and for the church – draws towards its close, November gives us an opportunity to think about what we need to let go of, what we need to place into God's hands, and what we need to prepare for. Preparation does not always mean doing more. Sometimes it means making space: for prayer, for silence, for other people and for God.

November's message may be summed up in three simple words: remembrance, preparation, peace.

May we remember those who have gone before us.
May we pray and work for peace.
And may we prepare our hearts and our minds for the season ahead, trusting that even when the days grow darker, God's light remains.



Wendy Smith

# DIARY DATES for NOVEMBER 2026

**Sunday 1** **All Saints Day**
10.00am Holy Communion

Wed 4 11.00am-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

Tues. 10 7.30pm PCC
Wed 11 11.00am-1.00pm Drop In to St John's
1.30– 3.00pm Study Group on Acts
Fri.13 9.00am Toddler & Baby group

**Sunday 15** **Second before Advent**
10.00am Holy Communion
4.00pm Tea-time Service

Wed 18 11.00am-1.00pm Drop In to St John's
1.30– 3.00pm Study Group on Acts
Fri. 20 9.00am Toddler & Baby group

**Sunday 22** **Christ the King**
10.00am Holy Communion

Wed 25 11.00am-1.00pm Drop In to St John's
Fri. 27 9.00am Toddler & Baby group
**SAT. 28 10.00am - 1.00pm CHRISTMAS FAYRE**

**Sunday 29** **Advent Sunday**
10.00am Holy Communion

Wed 2 December 10.00am-1.00pm Drop In to St John's
3.30—5.30pm MESSY CHURCH
Fri. 4 9.00am Toddler & Baby group

**Sunday 6 Dec.** **Advent 2**
10.00am Holy Communion
3.00pm SERVICE OF HOPE

Wed 9 11.00am-1.00pm Drop In to St John's

# From Sabbatical to Scargill

As many of you know, I was away from the parish on sabbatical from 11th May until 23rdAugust 2026. I am very grateful to Sally and Cath for enabling St John's to run smoothly while I was away. I'm also grateful to everyone who supported them during this time.

So, what did I do while I was away? My first destination was Salisbury. I stayed in a beautiful study centre called Sarum College in the Cathedral Close. I was able to go to evensong at the Cathedral and to do a tour of the Cathedral, which holds one of the original copies of the Magna Carta. I attended a course on the Old Testament book, *TheSong of Song*s, at Sarum College. I love learning and it was fascinating to hear from Jewish lecturers about how this Old Testament book has been interpreted by Jewish scholars over the centuries. It was also interesting to realise how important this book of the Bible was to Christians in the Middle Ages. It was interpreted as a picture of the journey of the soul to find union with God. I also enjoyed looking at the ways in which the book has been the inspiration for art and poetry through the centuries.

The next stage of my sabbatical involved going on a ten-day guided retreat at St Beuno's Jesuit Spirituality Centre in Wales. I spent the whole time in silence apart from attending worship and meeting with a spiritual guide each day. It might sound scary to be silent for so long, but it was an amazing gift to me! I was able to slow down so that I could hear God speaking to me as I meditated on passages from the Bible. It was during this retreat that I sensed that God might be calling me to a new adventure as part of a residential community…. I'll say more about this later!

At the end of July, I went to Cambridge to do a course in biblical studies. It was a joy to study the accounts of the resurrection in each of the Gospels and to see how they have inspired artists over the centuries. I also enjoyed studying Greek again! I feel encouraged to try and keep my Greek up as it often helps me to notice things in the New Testament which might not have struck me in English.

It was good to have time to do some reading and to complete an assignment for my course in spiritual accompaniment. I also appreciated time with family and friends and a wonderful holiday on the French and Italian Rivieras. My sabbatical was everything I had hoped it would be and I have come back feeling refreshed physically and spiritually.

It has been lovely to be back at St John's since my return! However, as many of you know, I will be on the move again soon. I do feel called to live in community and have been offered the post of Chaplain of Scargill Community in North Yorkshire. I will be leaving St John's at Christmas and moving to Scargill at the end of January 2027. Scargill Community welcomes individuals and groups. Some come to attend courses and retreats; others come because they need a break or some space. As Chaplain I will be responsible for offering pastoral care to the community as well for leading worship, teaching and caring for guests.

I shall be very sad to leave St John's. It has been an amazing gift to be part of *this* community for fourteen years and I will miss you very much. At the same time, I am excited about the new adventure God is leading me on. I value your prayers for this new stage in my life and ministry as I pray for the unfolding of the next phase in the life and ministry of St John's.

***Stephanie***



*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**




*FUNERAL*

*We commit to the Lord's eternal care*

**8 October John Hanson**

*BURIAL OF ASHES*

*in St. John's Churchyard*

**23 September Julian Bentham**

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

# All Saints

On 'All Saints' (1st November), we remember all those heroes of the faith who have, in one way or another, witnessed to Christ in what they said and what they did. But sometimes the saints of old can matter less to us than the saints we have personally known.

One minister tells of his good friend, Stan, a farmer on the Yorkshire Wolds, who died earlier this year. Stan was the sort of man you'd meet at the mart, or have a chat with in the village. He always had time for you. You'd go away thinking 'salt of the earth', and you would be right.

But Stan was much deeper than that. He was a devout Christian, with a simple but profound faith, used by God in many situations that never made the public eye. His farm had a Site of Special Scientific Interest which captured many of the unique features of the Wolds. He was a knowledgeable plantsman, though you'd have to drag it out of him. In his day he had taken Bibles to Soviet-era Ukraine and Romania, and received the thanks of the local Christians: they were so encouraged to know that they were not alone, that someone cared, and made the effort to bring them the Word of God.

So Stan, although a quiet family man living on a fairly remote farm, had had a profound influence for God and for good in many people's lives, both in the area – and in Ukraine and Romania.

And there have been multitudes like him. This month, are there folk in your life who have been an influence on you for God and for good? What difference did they make to you?

All Saints-tide is the ideal opportunity to give thanks for them. They are life's unsung heroes, who help others steer a path closer to God by their wise words, or their support, their prayers. The impact of a good life on others can be enormous. For all of them, let's thank God.

*Rev. Roy Shaw*

# Autumn Study Groups



The three study groups continue this month:

## 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.

November 4th, November 11th, November 18th

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.

## Pilgrim 2 The Lord's Prayer

**Wednesdays 7.30-9.00pm** at the Vicarage
November 4th, November 11th, November 18th

## Pilgrim 6 The Eucharist / Holy Communion

**Thursdays 7.30-9.00pm** at the Vicarage
November 5th, November 12th, November 19th

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## The £20 and the £5

Two well-worn banknotes arrived at the Bank of England to be retired – a £20 and a £5. Going along on the conveyor belt, the £20 reminisced about how much he had travelled: "I've been to the finest restaurants, West End shows and amusement parks," he said. "I even went on a Caribbean cruise once. Where have you been?"

"Oh," said the £5 note, "I've been to a Methodist church, an Episcopal church, a Baptist church, and a Lutheran church."

"What's a church?" asked the twenty.



*For all of you who live with teenagers, you may want to know that they really have a lot in common with cats:*

## Cats and teenagers

Neither teenagers nor cats turn their heads when you call them by name.

No matter how much you do for them, it is never enough.

Cats rarely deign to walk with you when outside, and the same is true of teenagers.

No cat or teenager shares your taste in music.

Cats and teenagers can suddenly get 'hissy', without any known cause.

Cats and teenagers can lie on the living-room sofa for hours on end without moving, barely breathing.

Cats have nine lives. Teenagers live as if they did.

Cats and teenagers yawn in exactly the same manner, communicating that ultimate human ecstasy – utter boredom.

Cats and teenagers do not improve anyone's furniture.

Cats and teenagers are known to creep home at all hours of the night. Neither will tell you where they've been.

So, if you must raise teenagers, it is a good idea to follow instructions as for cats: Just put food out at regular intervals and do not make any sudden moves in their direction. When they make up their minds, they will finally come to you for some affection and comfort, and it will be a triumphant moment for all concerned.

It was Dad's turn to read young Jamie a bedtime story. After 20 minutes, Mum called up the stairs, "Is he asleep?"
Young Jamie called softly back, "Yes, finally."

# The Advent message – history is going somewhere!

‘And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger…’ (Luke 2:7)
‘They will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of the sky, with power and great glory.’ (Matthew 24:30)

What a contrast between Jesus’ humble birth in Bethlehem – and his eventual return! No one knows when that day will be. In the meantime, Advent reminds us of the last of six great saving actions of God in Jesus Christ.

The Birth of Jesus was to inaugurate our salvation. The Death of Jesus at Calvary established it – forever. The Resurrection of Jesus at Easter confirmed it. The Ascension of Jesus to heaven celebrated it. The Gift of the Spirit at Pentecost drove it worldwide. And sixthly will come the Return of Jesus at the world’s end – to consummate and complete it.

The Advent message reminds us that history is not circular or locked into an unending stalemate. Nor can we believe in successive reincarnations: the Bible is clear that man is destined to die once, and then face judgment (Hebrews 9:27).

The Bible says that world history is leading to the new heaven and the new earth. They will be inaugurated when ‘He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.’ Christ’s final triumph, will bring about the dismantling of the whole apparatus of Evil that has so harassed us across the centuries.

The Cross and Resurrection secured the victory over evil. Christ’s return will make it final! Believers echo Paul’s words in 1 Thessalonians 4:17 - ‘And so we will be with the Lord for ever.’ If we have a strong view of the future, we can be sure it will energise us in the present!

In the meantime, Advent is coming round once again. It’s time to celebrate the first of God’s six mighty acts that secured our salvation – and look forward to the future.

*Richard Bewes*

# 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.

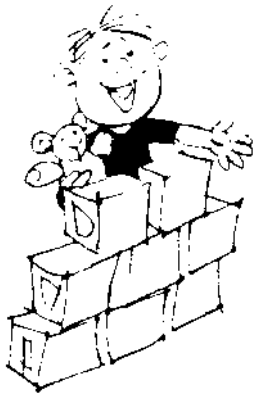
If you would like to help out on a stall or have any ideas for new stalls, please get in touch.

***Many thanks, Sally***

# Good Eating!

## Recipes cooked by Deidre for many church events

## Look out for this cook book at the Fayre and in church



## On Saturday morning, 26 September, we held Lego Breakfast in church.

It was well attended by children of varying ages who brought along family and friends. They all enjoyed the variety of games and activities on offer, suitable for children of all ages. It was good to have a chance to catch up with folk we already knew and to meet new friends.

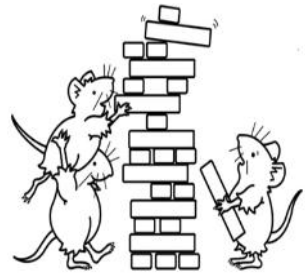
**Valued Support**

The breakfast rolls were much appreciated, with the bacon and the rolls being sponsored by Spar in St John's. This meant we could offer the event free. Some people were also generous and made a donation.

Spar has very generously said that they will sponsor the three Lego Breakfasts held throughout the year as well as the Christmas Fayre. They said that they like to be part of the community in St John's district.

**Many hands appreciated**

Our thanks to all who volunteered to set up the activities and clear away at the end, cooked and made breakfast rolls, served drinks, took orders for breakfast and helped to make people feel welcome.



If you would like to be involved in the next Lego Breakfast in January, please talk to Bridget or Geoff Lockyer.

What is that big thing with the long neck writing "Jane Eyre?"
Well, that is the Brontesaurus, of course!

# St John's School Pages

Children from St John's School led the prayers at the church Harvest Festival Service on 11 October.

**Charlotte**
God, this is your world,
Teach us how to live in the world that you made.
Amen



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

**Robin**
I am thankful for all the carrots that famers grow for us to eat.
Amen



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

**Sophia**
Thank you for sweetcorn and peppers.
Amen

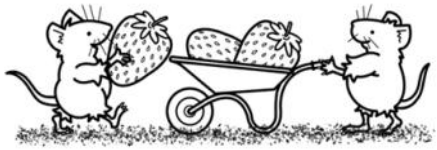


**Georgie**
Dear God
Thank you for the fruit and vegetables.
Help us to share with others.
Thank you for the Harvest.
Amen

**Eliza**
Thank you for chicken and rice.
Amen

**Emma**
Dear Lord
Thank you for all our food and the good things we have.
Help us to feed those who have nothing.
Please help us to take care of the World.
Amen

**Rowan**
Thank you for juicy pineapples and ripe strawberries.
Amen

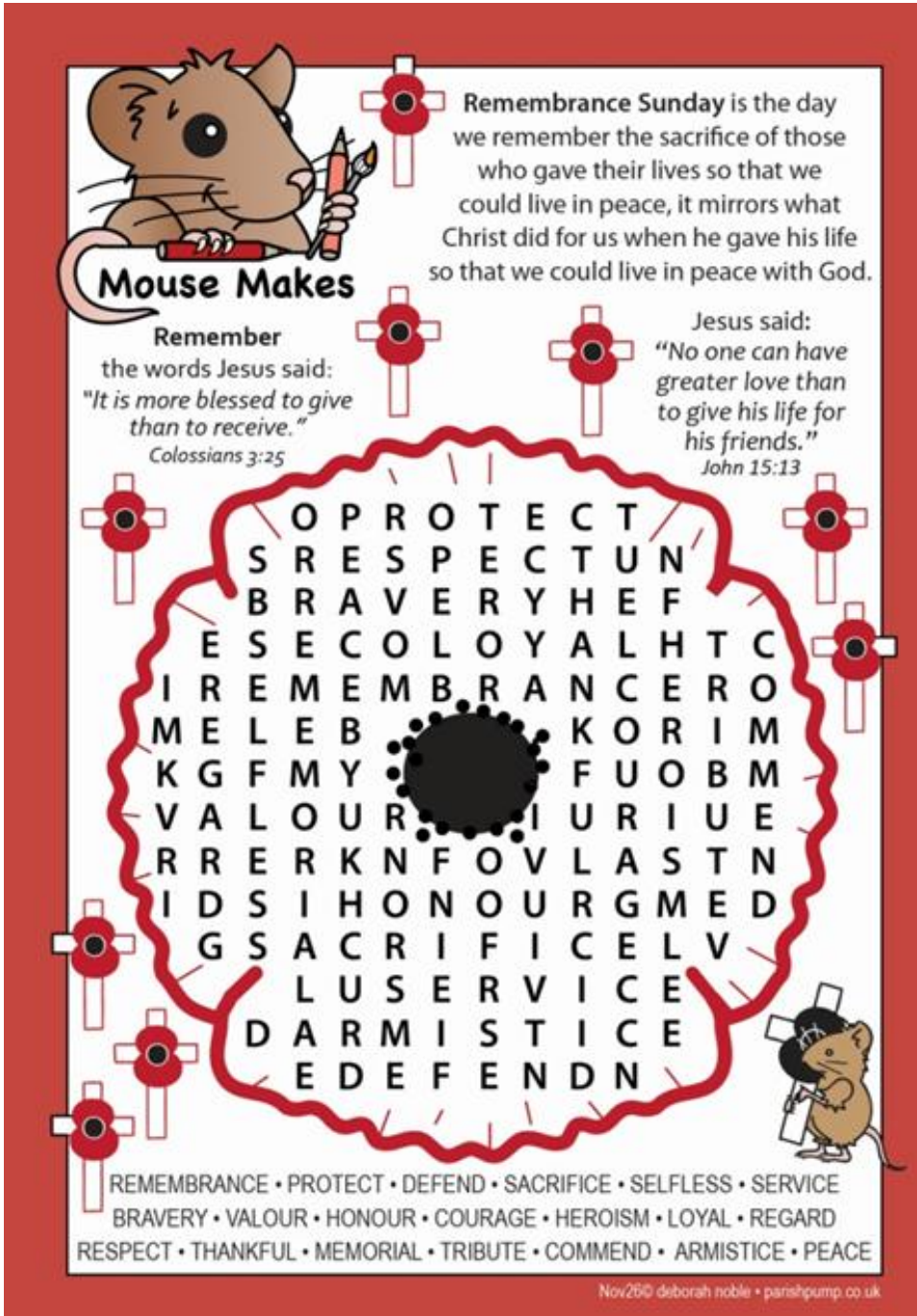


**Caleb**
Thank you for raspberries and bananas.
Amen



**Uhtred**
Thank you for cheese pizza.
Amen

**Joey**
Thank you for chips.
Amen


Mouse Makes
Remembrance Sunday is the day we remember the sacrifice of those who gave their lives so that we could live in peace, it mirrors what Christ did for us when he gave his life so that we could live in peace with God.
Remember the words Jesus said: "It is more blessed to give than to receive." Colossians 3:25
Jesus said: "No one can have greater love than to give his life for his friends." John 15:13
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# Those giant autumn house spiders

We've all been there – quietly relaxing at home, when suddenly a HUGE thing with LONG legs scuttles right by you. You can't help but jump, and, if you are normal, scream.

What just scared you was a fully grown adult male *Eratigena atrica*. They are among the largest spiders in Central and Northern Europe.

It has not just come in from the cold. It has been living warm and cosy, hidden in your house for weeks. Now it has left its dark hiding spot to race across your carpets and walls and bed with a definite purpose in mind: it is looking for love.

For autumn is mating time for the big spiders, and there are also females living in your house, safe and secure in cracks, lofts and behind furniture.

If you think giant house spiders are big, you are right. With a body length of 1.6cm, their leg span can commonly reach up to 7.5 cm. And heaven help you if you find you are sharing your house with a cardinal spider (*Tegenaria parietina)* – their bodies are up to 2cm long, and their long hairy legs can span up to 12cm. If *that* thing runs down the couch towards you, you'll notice it! And giant house spiders are fast. They can hit speeds of up to half a metre per second.

The good news is that giant house spiders are as scared of you as you are of them. They are disease-free, and their bite is extremely rare and harmless. They even pay their rent by eating your flies, mosquitoes, and other small bugs.

So, try and be kind to them, and let them live with you – they don't like the cold outside very much. Just lift your feet as they gallop across the carpet…

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**Willpower:** the ability to eat one salted peanut – and stop.

**Smile:** something that adds to your face value. - Anon

# The gardener and the Vine



JESUS OFTEN TOLD STORIES WITH HIDDEN MEANINGS





ONCE HE TOLD HIS FRIENDS ALL ABOUT A GARDENER.

THE GARDENER'S JOB WAS TO CARE FOR THE VINES





HE WOULD LOOK AT EACH BRANCH CAREFULLY..

... AND IF IT WAS PRODUCING GOOD FRUIT, HE WOULD CARE FOR IT AND NOURISH IT.



IF IT WAS PRODUCING BAD FRUIT...





...OR NO FRUIT AT ALL...



...THEN THE GARDENER WOULD CHOP IT OFF, AND BURN IT IN THE FIRE!!

JESUS WANTED HIS FRIENDS TO SHARE THE GOOD NEWS - THAT'S LIKE THE VINE BEARING GOOD FRUIT.





YOU CAN READ THIS SPECIAL PARABLE IN JOHN'S GOSPEL, CHAPTER 15.

# 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.

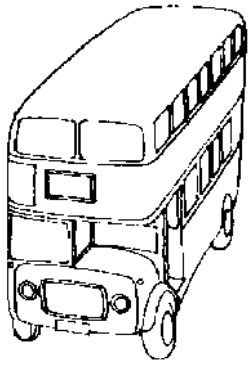


Our fully equipped kitchen opens onto a café area with 6 tables + 24 chairs. The tables can be removed to make a larger, more flexible, meeting space. The café area costs £18 an hour, including the kitchen. The kitchen costs £15 per session (half day or evening) when hiring the nave or Samaritan room.



Steward £10 per hour (negotiable for regular bookings)

*Comparing the Christian life to a bus ride (or to driving a bus) illustrates how faith involves community, trust, and surrendering control to God as the driver.*



## Letting Go of Control

- **Surrendering the wheel:** Walking with God is like getting onto a bus and letting Jesus take the driver's seat rather than trying to control the route yourself.

**Trusting the destination:** You may not understand every turn, delay, or rough patch in the road, but you trust that the driver knows the way and will get you there safely.

## Traveling Together in Community

- **Sharing the same journey:** The Christian life is community-focused rather than isolated (more like a shared bus ride than riding alone on a motorcycle).

**Experiencing things together:** On the bus, everyone travels the same road, hears the same messages, and shares in the same destination together despite different backgrounds.

## The Role of Leadership and Rules

- **The driver's guidance:** Spiritual leaders or Vicars are often seen as helping steer the vision under God's ultimate direction.

**Learning obedience:** Just as rules on a bus exist to keep everyone safe and moving smoothly, guidance in faith helps shape a respectful and orderly community.

***Alan Rickards***



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## YOUR PARKING SPACE

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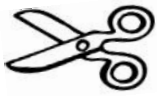

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# Sing-a-long-a scripture attracts one million song plays



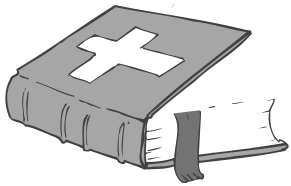
This is listening to the Bible, but NOT as you've known it. For a new website which offers 38,048 individual recordings of chapters of the Bible being sung, in 16 different genres, has become a smash hit worldwide.

In only the first two weeks of its existence, it has seen one million song plays from its 3,600 hours of produced scripture music.

All in all, TheSinging.Bible offers the equivalent of five months of continuous listening, without repeating a chapter. It is free to use and does not need to be downloaded.



Listeners in 194 countries are enjoying the Bible in a mix of musical styles, including country, hip-hop, hard rock, opera, sea shanty, barbershop quartet, Latin and reggae. The music has been described as "human-led and AI-assisted".



The scripture is in an edition of the Berean Standard Bible. While the music plays, the full text of each chapter is displayed on screen. Thus, you can hear Jonah chapter 1 in sea-shanty style, while St John's Gospel is given in a thundering hard-rock style.

*Visit:* *thesinging.bible/home*

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CHOIR: A group of people whose singing allows the rest of the congregation to lip-sync.
HYMN: A song of praise, often sung three octaves higher than the congregation's range.

| Readings at the 10.00am Communion Service | | | |
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| **Date** | **Day** | **1st Reading** | **2nd Reading** |
| 1 Nov. | All Saints | 1 John 3:1-3 | Matthew 5: 1-12 |
| 8 Nov. | Remem-brance | 1 Thessalonians 4: 13-end | Matthew 25: 1 - 13 |
| 15 Nov | 2 before Advent | 1Thessalonians 5:1-11 | Matthew 25: 14-30 |
| 22 Nov | Christ the King | Ephesians 1: 15-end | Matthew 25:31-end |
| 29 Nov | Advent 1 | Isaiah 64:1-9 | Mark 13: 24-end |
| 6 Dec | Advent 2 | Isaiah 40: 1-11 | Mark 1: 1-8 |

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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 items for the December 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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