



HEADLINE NEWS!

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

SUNDAY 26TH APRIL, 11.45AM AT ST JOHN'S

Do come along to the APCM to hear about what has been happening in the life of our churches over the past 12 months and to listen and pray for our plans for the coming year. At this meeting we will be electing our Churchwardens and any vacancies we have on PCC, Deanery Synod and Electoral Roll Officers. All church members are welcome to attend but you **MUST** be on the electoral roll to vote. Nomination forms are available at both churches. You can read a copy of the Annual Report for 2025 [here](#)



Choral Evensong
for
PENTECOST
Sunday 24th May 2026
at 6.30pm

St John's Church, Bilton Lane, Harrogate, HG1 3DT

All are welcome!

The poster features a white dove with wings spread, surrounded by musical notes and flames. Below the dove, a group of children in red and white robes are singing from books. In the background, a church building is visible under a blue sky with clouds.



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TODAY'S SERVICES AND EVENTS

SUNDAY 26TH APRIL (*Fourth Sunday of Easter*)

- 9.00am Holy Communion (SJ)
10.30am Holy Communion (SJ)
Readings: Acts 2:42-end; John 10:1-10
Hymns: AMNS 126; AMNS 473; AMNS 426; AMNS 262
- 10.30am All Age Worship (SL)
Readings: Acts 2:42-end; John 10:1-10
Hymns: SB 163; SB 97; SB 132; SB 238
- 11.45am Annual Parochial Church Meeting (SJ)
6-7.15pm Ignite (Year 7+ Youth Group) (SL)

CHURCH LIFE

THE DAY HAS COME!

It's London Marathon day, the weather is looking favourable, I'll have eaten my porridge and pastries, made my way to Blackheath to be corralled into a waiting pen, have joined the long queue for a portalo and the nerves will be coursing through me.



My bib number is **71144**, I'm setting off from Blackheath at 11.17am and you are very welcome to track my (slow) progress via the London Marathon app available in all app stores.

If you would like to sponsor me you still can donate in person at the office; scan this QR code or follow this link

<https://2026tcslondonmarathon.enthuse.com/pf/gill-clarke-3a338#qrCode>



Please keep me in your prayers today, thank you all for your amazing support, Gill

The **PARISH OFFICE** will be closed on Monday 27th April. If you have an urgent enquiry please contact Matthew.

The next coffee morning is on **Saturday 9th May** in St John's Church Hall, 10am-12noon. Entrance £1 includes tea/coffee and biscuits (accompanied children free) and there will be the usual stalls: hand-made cards ~ cakes ~ jigsaws ~ books ~ tombola ~ raffle ~ plus refreshments.



All proceeds this month will be for

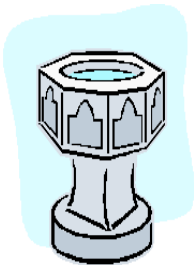


Christian Aid.

Donations for the tombola and raffle are desperately needed as we ran out this month, they can be left at the back of either church. Any donations for the cake stall can be brought from 9.30am on the morning.

Baptised at St John's on 19th April 2026

Winnie Florence Wallen Lockwood Freya Rose Myatt



We welcome you into the Lord's family.
We are members together of the body of Christ;
we are children of the same heavenly father;
we are inheritors of the Kingdom of God.

We welcome you.
Amen.

May's edition of our parish **FOCUS MAGAZINE** is available to buy from both churches for 60p or you can read it on the [parish website](#).
Articles for June's issue can be sent to sjslfocus@gmail.com or left in the drawer at the back of St John's by Sunday 10th May.


THE GREEN TEAM

NO MOW MAY The environmental charity, Plantlife, is again running its annual No Mow May campaign. Starting at the beginning of May, it calls all garden owners and those who manage green spaces to not mow during May. Sadly, as a nation, we have lost nearly 97% of flower rich meadows since the 1930s and with them have gone a vital food source for pollinators, such as bees and butterflies. A healthy lawn with some long grass and wildflowers benefits wildlife, helps tackle pollution and can even lock away carbon below ground. All you need do is not mow your lawn in May. If you choose to carry on after the end of this month, even better, as the benefits will keep coming. You might find all sorts of interesting wildflowers pop up in your lawn that you never knew were there! With over 20 million gardens in the UK, even the smallest patches of grass add up and can, if looked after effectively, deliver great gains for the nature and the climate.

For further information and to sign up, see: <https://www.plantlife.org.uk/campaigns/nomowmay/>

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PARISH GIVING SCHEME

We love welcoming everyone into our churches, whether it's to mark an important time in someone's life, to worship regularly, or to come together in the heart of the community.

If you'd like to support your local church, perhaps you'd consider making a gift? You can make a

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THIS WEEK'S DIARY

MONDAY 27 APRIL

9-9.30am Morning Prayer (SJ)
2-3.00pm Monday First at Dene
Park Community Centre

TUESDAY 28 APRIL

9-9.30am Morning Prayer (SJ)

WEDNESDAY 29 APRIL

9-9.30am Morning Prayer (SJ)
10.30am Holy Communion (SJ)
10.30am Thirst Coffee Morning at
Dene Park Community
Centre

THURSDAY 30 APRIL

9-9.30am Morning Prayer (SJ)
9.30-11.30am Little Fishes (Parent
& Child Group) (SL)
12-1.00pm Bible Study Group (SL)
7.00pm St Aidan's School
Chamber Choir Concert
(SJ)

FRIDAY 1 MAY

1-3.00pm Wellbeing Café (SL)

SUNDAY 3 MAY *(Fifth Sunday of Easter)*

9.00am Holy Communion (SJ)
10.30am All Age Parade Service
(SJ)
*Readings: (Acts 7:55-end)
John 14:1-14*
*Hymns: SB 209; SB 30; SB 226;
SB 47*
10.30am Holy Communion (SL)
*Readings: Acts 7:55-end
John 14:1-14*
6-7.30pm Youth Worship Night at
Wesley Chapel

*There will be no morning prayer on
Monday 4th May due to the Bank
Holiday.*



Our next **BAPTISM INFORMATION SESSION** is on
Monday 11th May, 7.30pm at St John's. If you are thinking about
having your child baptised at St John's or St Luke's you are
welcome to join our list of attendees for this session. Please get in
touch with the parish office to find out more and to book your place.

CONTACT US

SAFEGUARDING

For any queries or concerns, contact

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For any urgent matters please call 999 or 111

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