

***Making Disciples who make Jesus known***

## **HEADLINE NEWS!**



Could you help once a month with **REFRESHMENTS** after the 10.30am service at St John's? We are looking for new volunteers to help our team on a rota or we may have to stop serving them every week (!) and we all look forward to a tea/coffee, biscuits and a chat after the services. If you can help please speak to one of the lovely team on a Sunday morning or get in touch with the office. Full instructions will be given.

A **LENT GROUP** will be running for 6 weeks starting on Thursday 19th February, 12-1.00pm at St Luke's and everyone is invited to join. If you are interested you can pick up one of the accompanying books from the parish office for a donation to the youth appeal.



We are revising our **WHO'S WHO** parish directory in 2026. If you would like to be included please fill in one of the 'consent forms' available at both churches and tick the relevant box and hand to a churchwarden or leave in the office. You do not have to have all your information published, just let us know but it is also used as a prayer diary and we would love to pray for you and your family each month. If you have previously completed a form there is no need to do a new one, your entry will be included again.

## **TODAY'S SERVICES AND EVENTS**

### **SUNDAY 25TH JANUARY** (*Third Sunday of Epiphany*)

9.00am	Holy Communion (SJ)
10.30am	Holy Communion (SJ) <i>Readings: 1 Corinthians 1:10-18; Matthew 4:12-23</i> <i>Hymns: AMNS 376; AMNS 115; SB 248; SB 87</i>
10.30am	All Age Worship (SL) <i>Readings: 1 Corinthians 1:10-18; Matthew 4:12-23</i> <i>Hymns: SB 209; SB 231; Cornerstone; Praise; SB 228</i>
6-7.15pm	Ignite (Year 7+ Youth Group) (SL)

# CHURCH LIFE

## VOLUNTEER THANK YOU EVENT

**Sunday 1st February, 4-6.00pm at St Luke's**

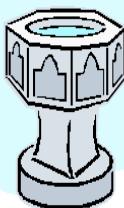
If you volunteer in any capacity within St John's, St Luke's or any associated activities the clergy team would like to invite you to come along for an informal cheese and wine get-together so they can say thank you for all that you do.

We are also using this as an opportunity to say farewell to Laura as this will be her last day in the parish so the invite is extended to everyone that would like to come

It would be useful to have an idea of numbers for catering so if you are planning to come along please let Gill in the office [know](#)



**Baptised at St John's on 18th January 2026**



**Zoey Scarlett Heeles**

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.

The next **COFFEE MORNING** is on Saturday 14th February 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. Leave any donations for the raffle/tombola in the boxes at church, cakes to be brought on the morning. If you have anything you may wish to regift then please do drop it off. All proceeds this month will be for **MONDAY**

**FIRST**, the monthly fresh expression run by Val and John Carr and the team from St John's & St Luke's at Dene Park Community Centre.



Join us for a  
**Valentine's  
Day  
Cèilidh**

**Saturday 14th February  
7:00pm - 9:30pm  
St John's Church, Bilton  
No Dance Experience Required  
BYO Refreshments**

Tickets on the door: £5 | Under 18s free



## Our next **BAPTISM INFORMATION SESSION**

is on Monday 2nd March, 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.

## UNEXPECTED GUEST

Will you join our tradition of setting a place for an unexpected guest (who might be Jesus)?

Rather than turkey and all the trimmings, we put onto the plate what the meal would have cost, and bring that to either church. This year all donations received will go to **Harrogate Homeless Project**.



Plates are available for collection in both churches and donations can be made until the end of January (**final week to give**). If you are able to Gift Aid your donation please fill out the label on the front and HHP will be able to claim that on your giving.

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

regular or one-off gift simply and safely online, through the

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GIVING  
SCHEME**, scan the QR code to find out more.



# THIS WEEK'S DIARY

**MONDAY 26 JANUARY**

9-9.30am Morning Prayer (SJ)

**TUESDAY 27 JANUARY**

9-9.30am Morning Prayer (SJ)

**WEDNESDAY 28 JANUARY**

9-9.30am Morning Prayer (SJ)

10.30am Holy Communion (SJ)

10.30am Thirst Coffee Morning at  
Dene Park Community  
Centre

7.00pm PCC Meeting (SJ)

**THURSDAY 29 JANUARY**

9-9.30am Morning Prayer (SJ)

9.30-11.30am Little Fishes (Parent &  
Child Group) (SL)

**FRIDAY 30 JANUARY**

1-3.00pm Wellbeing Café (SL)

**SUNDAY 1 FEBRUARY (Fourth**

*Sunday of Epiphany)*

9.00am Holy Communion (SJ)

10.30am **JOINT** All Age Parade  
Service (SJ)

*Readings: 1 Corinthians 1:18-end*

*John 2:1-11*

*Hymns: SB 87; SB 28; SB 42;*

*Holy Forever*

1.00pm Baptisms (SJ)

4-6.00pm Volunteer's Thank You

Event & Laura's Farewell  
(SL)

6-7.30pm Youth Worship Night at  
Wesley Chapel

Our very own Ian Thomson-Smith will be performing with **YORK OPERA** at 7.30pm, Saturday 7th March at St John's. You're invited to celebrate six decades of song, laughter, and stage magic at their special 60th anniversary concert. Encore! brings together the best-loved moments from the company's rich history in light opera — from sparkling Gilbert & Sullivan favourites to timeless classics that have delighted audiences for generations. Join principals and chorus as we revisit the melodies, characters, and stories that shaped York Opera's journey. Expect glorious harmonies, witty lyrics, and a joyful celebration of community, creativity, and the enduring power of music.

Tickets from [yorkopera.co.uk](http://yorkopera.co.uk)

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