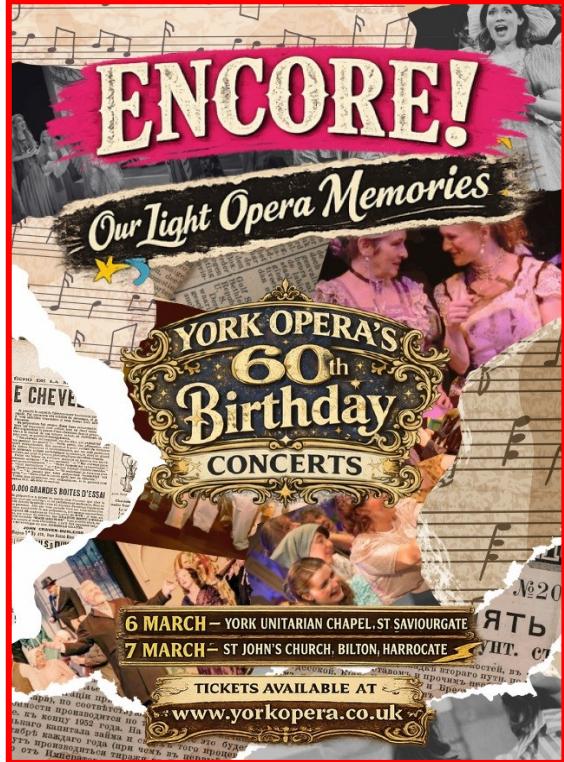


*Making Disciples who make Jesus known*

## HEADLINE NEWS!



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.

## TODAY'S SERVICES AND EVENTS

### SUNDAY 22ND FEBRUARY (First Sunday of Lent)

9.00am Holy Communion (SJ)  
10.30am Holy Communion (SJ)

*Readings: Romans 5:12-19; Matthew 4:1-11  
Hymns: AMNS 56; SB 187; SB 106; SB 146*

10.30am All Age Worship (SL)  
*Readings: Romans 5:12-19; Matthew 4:1-11  
Hymns: SB 109; SB 132; SB 250; 10,000 reasons*  
6-7.15pm Ignite (Year 7+ Youth Group) (SL)

# CHURCH LIFE

Our **WORSHIP BAND** are having a practice on Wednesday 25th February at St John's and would welcome anyone coming along that would like to join them with singing or playing an instrument.

The **MONDAY FIRST** team would like to say a big thank you for the money raised at the coffee morning last week. It is really encouraging to have such support from the church family. If you are able to get along to one of our meetings it would be lovely to see you. The next one is on Monday March 2nd at 2pm at the Dene Park Community Centre.



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## ART EXHIBITION

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- St John's Church

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Come to view their table top art exhibition that will be on display at St John's from 2nd-15th March.

Who's  
Who

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.

All St John's **CHURCH HALL** bookings are now being handled through the parish office. If you would like to book the hall for a party/event/regular group please email [church@stjohnsandstlukes.org.uk](mailto:church@stjohnsandstlukes.org.uk) or ring 01423 565129

**KIDZ KLUB** are recruiting for a Central & Schools Club Coordinator in Leeds. For more information follow [this link](#) to their website



Thank you to everyone that supported Saturday's coffee morning at St John's, a wonderful £644 was raised for Monday First at Dene Park.

The next **COFFEE MORNING** is on Saturday 14th March 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.

All proceeds this month will be for **SJ & SL Youth Work.**

### SAVE THE DATE

This year's Annual Parochial Church Meeting will be held at St John's on Sunday 26th April after the 10.30am services.

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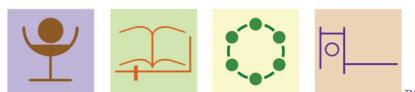
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# THIS WEEK'S DIARY

## MONDAY 23 FEBRUARY

9-9.30am Morning Prayer (SJ)

## TUESDAY 24 FEBRUARY

9-9.30am Morning Prayer (SJ)

## WEDNESDAY 25 FEBRUARY

9-9.30am Morning Prayer (SJ)

10.30am Holy Communion (SJ)

10.30am Thirst Coffee Morning at  
Dene Park Community  
Centre

7.30pm Worship Band Practice  
(SJ)

## THURSDAY 26 FEBRUARY

9-9.30am Morning Prayer (SJ)

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

12.00pm Lent Group (SL)

## FRIDAY 27 FEBRUARY

1-3.00pm Wellbeing Café (SL)

## SUNDAY 1 MARCH (Second

*Sunday of Lent)*

9.00am Holy Communion (SJ)

10.30am Parade Service (SJ)

*Readings: [Romans 4:1-5,13-17]*

*John 3:1-17*

*Hymns: SB 132; SB 218; SB 30;*  
*SB 146*

10.30am Holy Communion (SL)

*Readings: Romans 4:1-5,13-17*

*John 3:1-17*

*Hymns: SB 60; SB 68; SB 112;*  
*SB 238*

12.30pm Baptisms (SJ)

6-7.15pm Youth Worship Night at  
Wesley Chapel

## BRIEF UPDATE RE: TEAM VICAR VACANCY

More to follow as we think and pray, but essentially, PCC had a really helpful conversation with Archdeacon James on Wednesday evening.

The post is being reduced to 0.5 FTE and we are being encouraged to reflect creatively on how resource is deployed across the parish.

Please talk to Matthew, the churchwardens, and your PCC members if you wish to know more. Timings TBC (not before Easter). There'll most likely be an evolving reflection from Matthew in April's Focus magazine.

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