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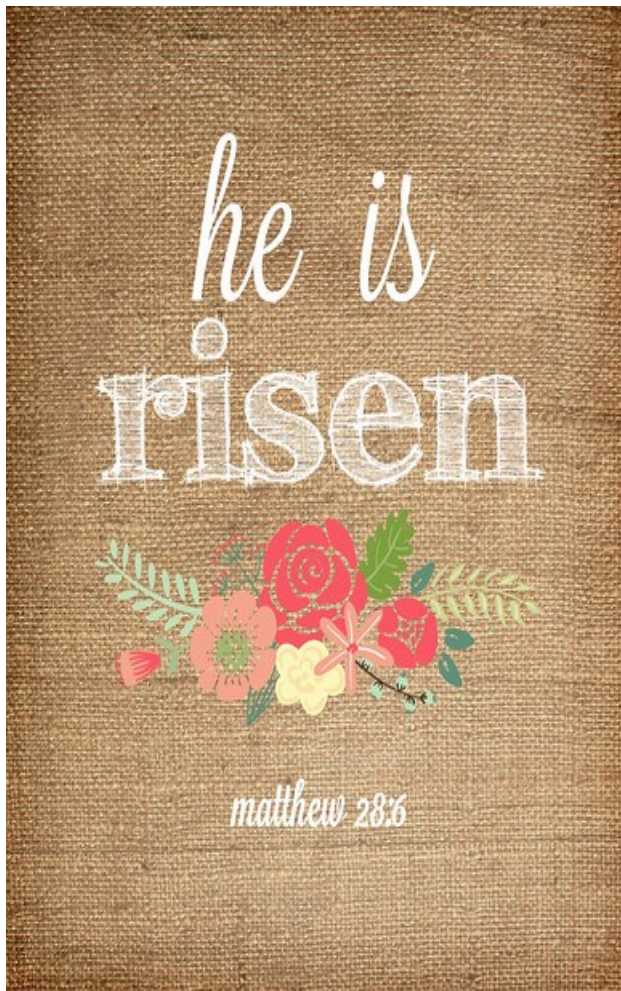
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## **A Letter from our New Team Rector**

Writing this kind of article always involves a certain casting forward of one's mind - Christmas before Advent, Lent before Candlemas, Easter before Holy Week and that kind of thing. Not quite an occupational hazard, but still a tad disconcerting depending on whether or not you're ready to start thinking about something (especially if it involves planning for lots of seasonal services!). And I guess the act of moving is very much like that in and of itself - this week we've been having video calls with removal companies for the requisite quotations and it's all beginning to feel a bit more real... But the transition from one post to another is a rather odd one, a leap of faith of sorts as the administrative gravity steers you through the stages of letting go and taking up.

Imagining oneself into a new role - and there is a lot of novelty to clergy moves: job, house, place all at once - necessarily entails a level of projecting into the future (not quite the

TARDIS, but there is a degree of speculative time travel). But one never quite knows how things will work out, nor indeed with half an eye on providence quite why; maybe that's part of the adventure. Will lessons learned elsewhere be useful or is an altogether different kind of skillset required? And what of the measure and balance - what parts personal revolution/evolution? Do those concepts help or even apply?

Naturally, I guess that wondering legitimately goes both ways, so here's a bit about me which isn't intended to be exhaustive but I do hope will nevertheless be helpful...

Originally, I'm from Darlington in Co. Durham (just across the River Tees, over the border from North Yorkshire). My wife Emily hails from Hexham in Northumberland; our daughter Evie is 3 and will hopefully hold onto her Geordie birthright - especially given recent footballing success! Vocationally, I've served in five parishes (two as a pastoral assistant before theological college; three in ordained ministry): Jesmond, Newcastle; Westminster; Halifax; Hexham; most recently Whorlton, again in Newcastle.

For what it's worth and I'm not a big fan of labels, but just in case it helps, church-wise you'd probably describe me as fairly liberal and 'middle of the road' liturgically, though the Eucharist has come to mean as much to me as preaching and teaching during the course of ministry, so I've probably done that typical drift more 'catholic' over the past decade or so. I genuinely try to respect wherever people are coming from though, and learn from them, whether in worship or life in general and probably have more time for hearing out conservative perspectives than I used to.

Haven't really had capacity for hobbies and the like of late, but I tend to habitually follow current affairs/politics, am an armchair fan of most sports, and lapsed comic book film aficionado, though am a bit behind the most recent such output... Ditto for Doctor Who. And inevitably there's another analogy there in terms of regenerations and different iterations in different contexts. What will this version of 'me' look like?

In the midst of beginning to get my head around all this, it's been really nice to start to touch base with Laura and churchwardens and by the time you read this we'll have had another trip to Harrogate, partly to remind Evie of where she's moving to - there's been a lot of talking about 'Big John and Little Luke' (which sounds like a confused version of Robin Hood's Merry Men, but I promise it makes sense in toddler-speak).

Please do keep us in your prayers as we get ready for the move - literally as well as psychologically! As it happens, the licensing (7pm, Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> June) is due to be on what the lectionary duly informs us is the Eve of Barnabas the Apostle, whose name unless I'm much mistaken equates to 'son of encouragement' - hopefully we can start as we mean to go on, in mutual support and faithfulness.

Take care,

Matthew & Emily and Evie (10.04.25)



On a miserable day last October nearly 300 people packed into St John's Church to say farewell to Jean Margaret Burton a mainstay of the Church and the Parish for over forty years - and how she has been missed!

The first time that you arrived for a service at St John's during those years, Jean would have been among the first to welcome you and engage you in conversation. She seemed always to notice

a new face and to remember everyone's name so she came to know everyone and her friendliness may be one reason the Church was so full.

Jean's death was a shock to everybody especially Keith who, while still in acute shock had to contact the emergency services and then all those she was taking to Simon's licensing that afternoon, as well as Sarah and Orlando, Roger and Katrina and Jean's brother, Christopher, all of whom live many miles from Harrogate. Jean had very rarely complained of feeling or being unwell and her death was certainly not expected last September though the fact that she fell asleep at all times and in all places worried me always.

Apart from our own loss, the Church family all knew that there would be a massive hole in the day to day operation of St John's, but I don't think any of us were quite prepared for exactly how big that hole was. Like royalty Jean never complained (well quietly, perhaps, sometimes)) and never explained. See how many of the following list you have thought about either when Jean was alive or since she died. I'm writing this over six months after her death and we are still finding small jobs that need doing at Church which nobody thought about because they were just done - by Jean.

Let's start with the obvious ones the administration of communion - in Church but also at home for those unable to attend Church, like Shirley and Les Anderson or Jill Pullman; reading the lesson, preparing and saying the intercessions - she would make notes during the sermon to ensure her prayers fitted. Her more recent move to singing in the choir was the only job which did not need filling by someone else though no doubt her voice has been missed. It didn't end with the services, of course, whenever Jean was at Church, which was practically every day, and there was something that she saw needed doing so she just did it - ensuring there was milk for coffee after the next service and tea, sugar, coffee and biscuits in stock both for after the services and for the coffee mornings which also required butter and teacakes.

It was Jean who instigated the coffee mornings once a month to support the Church's charitable giving and as social occasions. She was always there to set up beforehand and to clear away afterwards as well as being present throughout, helping where help was needed or talking to those who came and counting the money. She ensured that banners were acquired to show the charity benefitting and the date and that they were displayed in good time - frequently putting them up on her own. She sorted out a programme of local charities to support over the years. She, also, instigated the "plate for an unexpected guest" at Christmas which has run for many years now and also supports the Church's charitable giving. Without these contributions the 15% which has been given to charity for decades has to be found from the Church's other income from the congregations.

In Church she would prepare the paschal candle so it fitted the holder and clean up the grease which had fallen onto the carpet, with a hot iron and kitchen roll; she vacuumed the crumbs from the East End Room carpet after the Wednesday Communion Service as well as ensuring that everything was washed, dried and put away in the right places in the kitchen. She probably did the same after other services and either washed and dried the towels, tea towels and tablecloths or arranged it. Others have commented on the labels everywhere so that the kitchen was always tidy for anyone else with a meeting at Church and they could find

everything. She would regularly tidy noticeboards and other parts of Church. At other times she would tidy the hymn books and Bibles which had been left untidily in the chairs; pick up litter inside Church and in the grounds; vacuum the carpets when the “official cleaners” were not due for a couple of days. She, also, frequently emptied the waste bins and put out the recycling for collection from the end of the drive. She was probably a prime mover in the Church recycling in the first place and was certainly well to the fore in pursuing and, presumably, in gaining the bronze and silver Rocha Awards that St John’s holds. She also cleaned the floor in the toilet - a task now taken on by Reverend Laura! - and ensured that there were paper towels, toilet rolls etc.

She often covered in the office for holidays or sickness which caused some problems after her death as there was no one who knew the ropes. In the same way, in relatively recent years she became magazine editor to ensure its continuation. She had previously checked that the bundles of magazines were named and ready for those who delivered them and that copies were available for sale at the door by the Sunday before the end of each month. She organised the harvest festival distribution in the days when it was distributed and having ascertained who should receive a gift (the sick or bereaved and those who had attended regularly but no longer could) she delivered many of the harvest gifts herself each with a brief personalised note. More recently she delivered to the charities nominated to receive the harvest goods and, as fresh produce was not wanted by the charities, she would take large marrows and any other fresh food and use it to make chutney which was then sold at the summer and Christmas fairs and more recently at coffee mornings.

For decades Jean ran the preserves stall at the fairs: 95% of its produce she had made and much of the fruit was from her own garden which she had also had picked, cleaned and frozen ready to make jam etc. At the stall she, thoughtfully, provided “tasters” so you could try something before you bought. On its own the preserves stall would raise at least 20% of the funds taken at the summer fair. She also took on responsibility for the Children’s Society boxes, took the toys to the charities following the toy service and led a small housegroup as well as being involved with Christian Aid Week over the years.



When Bilton library was threatened with closure by North Yorkshire County Council some years ago, Jean was one of the first to step in to preserve it as a community library and set it up as a charitable trust in a new location. She became an organiser, of course, including arranging the rota for the volunteers as well as doing her stints and tidying up the library after it closed for the night on the days when she was there. She also became a trustee in the charity Dignity in Education set up by Theva Thevoriakim to help the children of tea workers in Sri Lanka afford a university education. It was this charity's coffee morning the Saturday after Jean died and for the first time, and perhaps for understandable reasons, a coffee morning raised over £1,000.

Jean was one of the organisers of the Harrogate International Youth Music Festival for decades, where she was in charge of the certificate room producing the various certificates for the scores of classes and hundreds of children who participated during the Festival's three weekends in March each year. The certificates were all completed by hand with the name of the young person, the instrument, the class etc. by dozens of "scribes" with beautiful handwriting working on a rota over the weekends from Friday afternoon and 9.00am to 9.00pm all day Saturday and Sunday. There could be up to eight scribes at any time working in total silence with "a helper" checking that everything was spelled correctly (usually it was) before placing them in the relevant file of the relevant class for the award winner to collect or for posting. There were often five certificates to be written for an individual class and all had to be organised so everything was ready as soon as humanly possible after the adjudication. It was highly regimented by Sergeant Major Jean but she never forgot to congratulate warmly each child to whom she handed a certificate and to thank the scribes and even the dogsbody.

If you have any breath still you may be able to add to that list as I am sure it isn't complete or you may just feel that you need a rest but Jean was also a tower of strength for her friends,

neighbours and acquaintances - always ready to give support by listening to you, praying with you and for you, as well as shopping and giving lifts, hospital and care home visiting and offering any support she identified as necessary as if she had nothing else to do. She never gave the impression that anything was too much to ask.

Jean was not all work though, she enjoyed English country dancing each week in Knaresborough, though I believe she was involved in arrangements too, and holidays in France or the Lake District with her beloved family. These along with many friends at home and abroad she saw and kept in touch with as often as possible.

Jean was born in Gateshead on 16th August 1946 the older child of a hardworking clergy couple who moved to Spennymoor shortly after her birth. From an early age she was, perhaps, expected to join in with all that had to be done in the parish and at home but she did it anyway without question. She went to Brownies and Guides and after High School read psychology at Durham University; following a teaching certificate she started work in Portsmouth where she met Keith. They moved to Harlow where Roger and Sarah were born and then to Harrogate in 1979 where Jean began teaching again at Richard Taylor Church of England Primary School.

Always musical Jean had played piano including duets with her brother and, alongside academic subjects, taught the recorder at RTS. You may remember a recorder group playing regularly in Church some years ago of which Jean was a member and for all I know, its inspiration. In recent years she joined the Church Choir. She often sang descants at her place in the congregation and joined in any accompanying gestures and clapping with the songs which many adults chose not to do. Her enthusiasm for music was the foundation of her link to the International Youth Music Festival and both Roger and Sarah became accomplished musicians a gift which has been inherited by both of Jean's adored grandchildren Dominic and Annaliesa. The triumphant sound in "Thine Be the Glory" that first Easter we were free(ish) of covid was Dominic on the trumpet accompanying Roger on the

organ who then played the ultra showy Bach's Toccata and Fugue in D Minor to end the service. Some of us heard them on line and marvelled at the accomplishment - Jean was quietly bursting with pride in Church.

Jean Margaret Burton has left a significant space to be filled in the community she served so selflessly and quietly, especially that of St John's Church and a gaping hole in the lives of all who loved her.

## **QUESTION CORNER**



### **Question**

The crucifixion of Jesus was cruel and horrible. So why do we call that day "GOOD Friday"?

### **Answer**

Yes, it seems all wrong, on the face of it. But the word "good", in old English, is linked to the word "God". For example, "good-bye" literally means "God be with ye". And Good Friday means "God's Friday". On that day Jesus gave his life in love for mankind, taking on himself the sin of the world, so that we can be forgiven. That horrible event became a victory, and death was defeated, as God raised him to life on Easter Day. It was a triumph of love over death, and it means that we can share in resurrection life, as promised by Jesus himself.

What happened on Good Friday was all part of God's plan for our salvation—for our GOOD.

**David**

## **APRIL COFFEE MORNING**

A huge thank you to everyone who volunteered, contributed or helped in any way to make our April coffee morning (in aid of Chris and Anna Hembury and their wonderful work in Hull) such a success. We raised the fabulous amount of £622 whilst all enjoying a brilliant morning of fellowship, fun and laughter. Thank you to all our lovely visitors for supporting our event.

### **Coffee Morning Saturday 10th May 2025: CHRISTIAN AID**

May 10th coffee morning is to raise funds for Christian Aid, a nationwide charity who globally work with local partners to fight injustice, respond to humanitarian emergencies, campaign for change and help people claim the services and rights they are entitled to. Their aim is to end poverty and injustice worldwide.

Please do come along if you are free and help us to support this very worthwhile, well known and much respected charity.

### **Coming up...**

Revd Matthew Hunter's Licensing Service	Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> June, 7pm (SJ)
Extended Coffee Morning for Church Funds	Saturday 14 <sup>th</sup> June, 10.00am-12.30pm (SJ Hall)
Limitless Youth Camp	Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup> to Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> August
Confirmation Service	Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup> September (SJ)



## **ST JOHN'S CHURCH BILTON**

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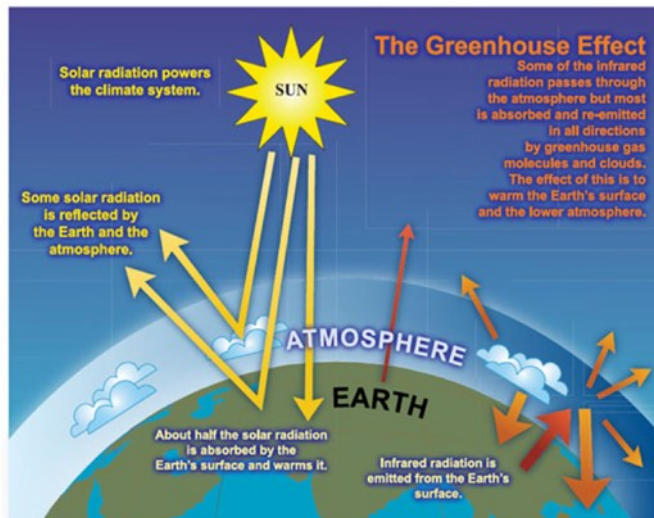
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## CARBON NET ZERO – WHAT DOES IT ALL MEAN?

We often hear about carbon neutral and carbon net zero in the news these days, but what does it actually all mean and how will it affect us?



Source: <https://nems.nih.gov/sustain/Pages/Greenhouse-Gas-Reduction.aspx>

Let's begin with the basic science. During the day, the sun's rays shine through the atmosphere, warming the earth's surface. At night the earth's surface cools, releasing heat back into the air. However, some of the heat is trapped by the gases in the atmosphere and this is what keeps the earth's temperature at an average 14°C (57°F). The gases act like the glass walls of a greenhouse – hence the name, greenhouse gases. Without this greenhouse effect, temperatures would drop to as low as -18°C (-0.4°F) which is too cold to sustain life on earth. The activities of human beings are changing the earth's natural greenhouse effect with a dramatic increase in the release of greenhouse gases, causing global warming and climate change. Since the Industrial

Revolution, increasingly larger quantities of greenhouse gases have been released into the atmosphere. Global temperatures have accelerated in the past 30 years and are now the highest since records began.

### **What are the main greenhouse gases?**

Carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>): CO<sub>2</sub> is naturally released through processes such as volcanic eruptions, plant respiration and animals and humans breathing. But the amount of CO<sub>2</sub> in the atmosphere has increased by 50% since the Industrial Revolution began in the 1800s due to human activities like the burning of fossil fuels and large-scale deforestation. CO<sub>2</sub> is the main contributor to climate change due to its abundance and the fact that it stays in our atmosphere for hundreds of years.

Methane: Methane is produced naturally through decomposition, however large amounts of methane are released by cattle farming, landfill dumps, rice farming and the production of oil and gas.

Nitrous oxide: Nitrous oxide is produced through the large-scale use of commercial and organic fertilisers, fossil-fuel combustion, biomass burning and the production of nitric acid.

Water vapour: Water vapour is the most abundant greenhouse gas. It increases as the earth's atmosphere warms but unlike CO<sub>2</sub>, water vapour persists for only a few days.

Man-made greenhouse gases: hydrofluorocarbons (HFC), perfluorocarbons (PFC) and sulphur hexafluoride (SF<sub>6</sub>). These are man-made during industrial processes and do not occur in nature. Although they are present in very small concentrations in the atmosphere, they trap heat very effectively, meaning they are extremely potent.

### **What can be done to reduce greenhouse gases?**

Greenhouse gases can be reduced by phasing out fossil fuels (such as coal, oil and gas) and moving to renewable energy, such as solar and wind power. As individuals, we can all play our part in protecting our planet, from simple changes, like reusing

and recycling, to bigger lifestyle decisions such as switching to electric vehicles or installing solar panels.

So, now to the carbon bit. As we have already seen, carbon dioxide makes up the bulk of the greenhouse gases, so this is what we are concentrating on. The terms “carbon neutral” and “carbon net zero” are often used interchangeably but there is a difference between the two. While both “carbon neutral” and “net zero” aim to balance greenhouse gas emissions, carbon neutrality mainly focuses on offsetting emissions through projects that remove or reduce carbon dioxide, while net zero encompasses all greenhouse gases and requires a deeper reduction in emissions, with offsetting as a secondary measure. So, carbon neutral means not increasing your carbon emissions and offsetting the carbon that is already produced (for example by paying into a carbon offsetting scheme which plants trees to soak up carbon), such as through a responsible scheme like Climate Stewards (<https://www.climatestewards.org/>). Carbon net zero means reducing your carbon emissions to the lowest levels possible, with offsetting used as a last resort to counteract emissions that remain after all possible reductions have been made.

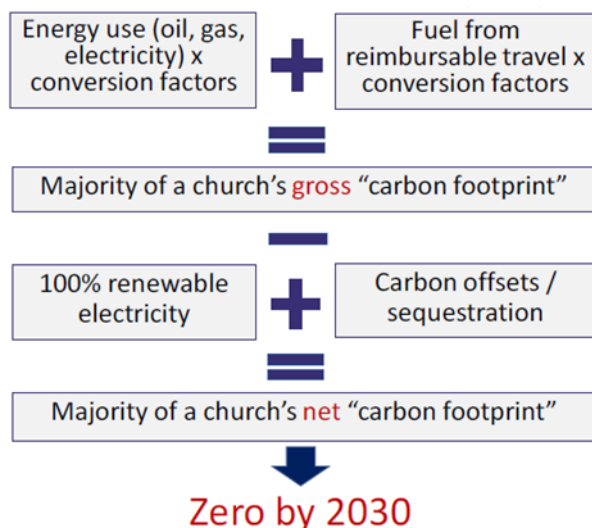
### **What can I do as an individual?**

Think how you can reduce or remove carbon from your everyday activities. Try reducing your energy consumption (think LED light bulbs instead of the old, energy hungry incandescent ones, or insulating your house), use public transport or walk instead of taking the car, eat less red meat (due to the high carbon cost of food production for the cattle, not to mention the methane they emit), reduce your use of plastic, especially single use plastic. Not only are these actions good for the climate, they can also save you money, for example by using less heating because you have increased the insulation and got rid of any draughts. If you want to work out your carbon footprint to see how you and your local area compare, there are several tools on the internet. A good one is the World Wildlife Foundation’s: <https://footprint.wwf.org.uk/> which also gives you ideas of how to improve your score.

### **What can the Church do?**

The Church of England has set itself a target of being carbon net

zero by 2030. To try and meet this target, the Church is measuring its energy use in all buildings (called Scope 1): churches, voluntary aided schools, clergy housing and diocesan offices. It is also measuring travel fuel (car and aviation miles, called Scope 2) used by clergy, diocesan staff and diocesan volunteers. Not yet included (Scope 3) are the carbon emissions from building projects, church procurement, waste, services, water and drainage, financial investments, emails and internet use and air conditioning gases. The aim is have zero net carbon emissions by 2030. This is calculated using this formula:



## What are we doing at St John's and St Luke's?

The above calculation and information is all well and good, but what does it actually mean for us here in Bilton? What it means is that, last year, we had an energy audit done at St John's by the Church of England. It showed us all the areas where we can improve the building, with the long term aim of being carbon net zero. In practical terms, this means things like getting rid of draughts, improving the heating system (and we all know how much we need that to happen!), improving insulation and changing over all the remaining non LED light bulbs to be LED. Longer term, and more expensive, projects will include the replacement of our ageing gas boilers and, who knows, one day,

even solar panels on the roof? York Minster has them, so that's something to aim for long term!

Watch this space for updates on what we are doing. If you would like to get involved, particularly if you have buildings or heating expertise, please contact Claire Golightly on [clairelg80@gmail.com](mailto:clairelg80@gmail.com).

## Got questions about life and the Christian faith?

If you're looking for answers then maybe it's time to make a Start. Normally run in groups of about 6 to 10 people, each session involves video clips, exercises, group discussion and time for reflection. Each session lasts about an hour and is free to attend.

- What's life all about and where are we going?
- Does God exist and what is He like?
- Why is the world in such a mess?
- Who was Jesus, and is He relevant?
- What does Jesus' death on the cross mean for me today?
- How far can I go forward with God in my life?

Start will help you discover more about God, Jesus and the journey of life.

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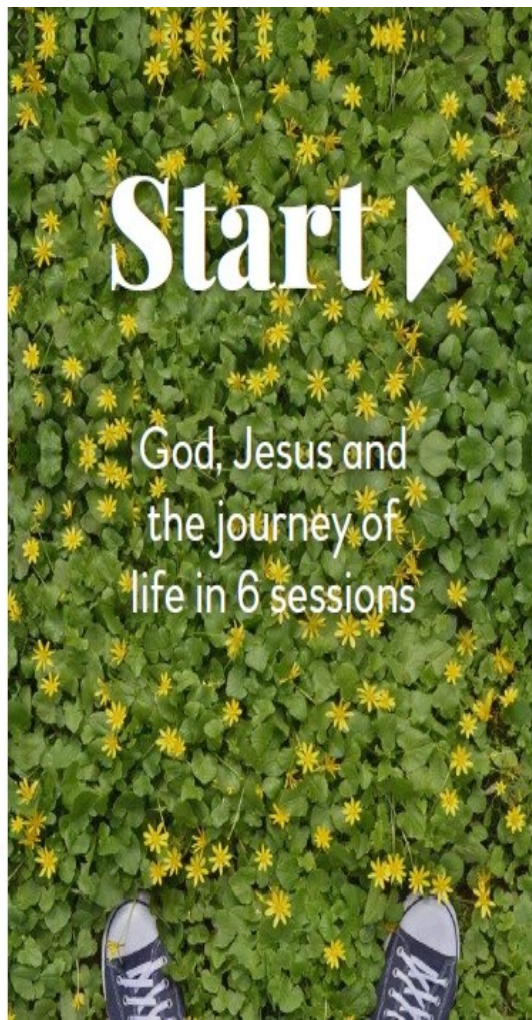
**Cost** Absolutely nothing, the course is free.

### **Where & When**

Tuesday at 7.30pm in the East End Room in St John's Church, Bilton  
Starting on 29 April 2025

### **Any questions contact:**

[Church@StJohnsandStLukes.org.uk](mailto:Church@StJohnsandStLukes.org.uk) and  
we'll come back to you!





On 18<sup>th</sup> March 2025, 2<sup>nd</sup> Bilton Brownies had a fantastic evening celebrating Freya Taylor's Gold Award. This was only the third time one of our girls has earned this award: it involves a lot of effort, spanning the three years most girls spend in Brownies. Since starting Brownies, Freya has earned seven "Skills Builders"



badges which we all worked on together during our weekly meetings and she also worked on "Interest badges" at home. There are 18 interest badges to choose from at the moment and Freya did the following: Jobs, Grow Your Own, Space, Charities and Performing as well as Local History and Speaking Out; it is worth mentioning that she is our first Brownie to have chosen to do these last two. By gaining all these badges, she also earned her Bronze and Silver Awards

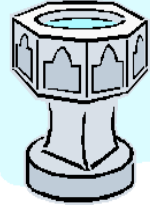
– and finally, her Gold Award.

As well as earning all the necessary badges, Freya also had to organise an activity for the rest of our Brownies to enjoy: Freya invited a horticulturist from RHS Harlow Carr to come to one of our meetings. Suzie gave a brief talk to the Brownies then answered some brilliant questions from the girls, after which they were able to plant some seeds of their choice, choosing from sunflowers, radishes, lettuce, coriander and basil. The evening was a big success and Freya gave Suzie a Grow Your Own badge and a Bluebell six emblem as a token of all our thanks. Well done, Freya!

# PEOPLE

## Baptisms

Eliza Marie Blundell  
Alice Sophie Johnson  
Emily Mary Johnson  
Alfie Ellis Ross



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 parish office will be closed from Monday 26th to  
Thursday 29th May inclusive

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### **St John's & St Luke's**

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# MAY'S CALENDAR

Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup>	9-9.30am 9.30-11.30am	Morning Prayer (SJ) Little Fishes (Parent & Toddler Group) (SL)
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	1-3.00pm	Wellbeing Café (SL)
<b>Sunday 4<sup>th</sup></b>	9.00am 10.30am 10.30am	Holy Communion (SJ) Parade Service (SJ) Holy Communion (SL)
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup>	9-9.30am 3.30-5.00pm	Morning Prayer (SJ) Pause (Year 6-13) Drop-In Space (SJ Hall)
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm 9-9.30am 10.30am 10.30am	Start Course (SJ) Morning Prayer (SJ) Holy Communion (SJ) Thirst – Coffee at Dene Park Community Centre
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup>	9-9.30am 9.30-11.30am  7-8.00pm	Morning Prayer (SJ) Little Fishes (Parent & Toddler Group) (SL) Limitless Camp Meeting (SL)
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup>	1-3.00pm 6.30-7.15pm 7-7.45pm	Wellbeing Café (SL) Junior Choir Practice (SJ) Adult Choir Practice (SJ)
Saturday 10 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am-12noon	Coffee Morning in Church Hall (SJ)
<b>Sunday 11<sup>th</sup></b>	9.00am 10.30am 10.30am 12.30pm 6-7.30pm	Holy Communion (SJ) Holy Communion (SJ) Café Church (SL) Baptisms (SJ) Youth Worship Night at Wesley Chapel
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup>	9-9.30am	Morning Prayer (SJ)



	7.30pm	Baptism Information Session (SJ)
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Green Team Meeting
	9-9.30am	Morning Prayer (SJ)
	10.00am	Walking Group (SJ)
	2-3.30pm	Comfort Café (SJ)
	3.30-5.00pm	Pause (Year 6-13) Drop-In Space (SJ Hall)
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Start Course (SJ)
	9-9.30am	Morning Prayer (SJ)
	10.30am	Holy Communion (SJ)
	10.30am	Thirst – Coffee at Dene Park Community Centre
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup>	12.15pm	Community Lunch at Bilton Community Centre
	9-9.30am	Morning Prayer (SJ)
	9.30-11.30am	Little Fishes (Parent & Toddler Group) (SL)
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup>	1-3.00pm	Wellbeing Café (SL)
	6.30-7.15pm	Junior Choir Practice (SJ)
Saturday 17 <sup>th</sup>	7-7.45pm	Adult Choir Practice (SJ)
	9.30am	Litter Pick in Church Grounds (SJ)
<b>Sunday 18<sup>th</sup></b>	9.00am	Holy Communion (SJ)
	10.30am	Morning Worship (SJ)
	10.30am	Morning Worship (SL)
	12.00pm	Annual Parochial Church Meeting (SJ)
	6-7.15pm	Ignite (Year 7+ Youth Group) (SL)
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup>	9-9.30am	Morning Prayer (SJ)
	7.30pm	Energy Audit Working Group Meeting
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup>	9-9.30am	Morning Prayer (SJ)
	3.30-5.00pm	Pause (Year 6-13) Drop-In Space (SJ Hall)
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup>	7.30pm	Start Course (SJ)
	9-9.30am	Morning Prayer (SJ)
	10.30am	Holy Communion (SJ)

	10.30am	Thirst – Coffee at Dene Park Community Centre
	12.00pm	Thirst Table at Dene Park Community Centre
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	9-9.30am	Morning Prayer (SJ)
	9.30-11.30am	Little Fishes (Parent & Toddler Group) (SL)
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	10.30am	Wedding Rehearsal (SJ)
	1-3.00pm	Wellbeing Café (SL)
<b>Sunday 25<sup>th</sup></b>	9.00am	Holy Communion (SJ)
	10.30am	All Age Holy Communion (SJ)
	10.30am	All Age Holy Worship (SL)
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Start Course (SJ)
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup>	9-9.30am	Morning Prayer (SJ)
	10.30am	Holy Communion (SJ)
	10.30am	Thirst – Coffee at Dene Park Community Centre
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup>	9-9.30am	Morning Prayer (SJ)
	6.00pm	Wedding Rehearsal (SJ)
Saturday 31 <sup>st</sup>	1.00pm	Wedding (SJ)
<b><u>JUNE</u></b>		
<b>Sunday 1<sup>st</sup></b>	9.00am	Holy Communion (SJ)
	10.30am	Parade Service (SJ)
	10.30am	Holy Communion (SJ)
	12.00pm	Emma's Leaving Lunch in Hall (SJ)
	6-7.30pm	Youth Worship Night at Wesley Chapel
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	9-9.30am	Morning Prayer (SJ)
	2-3.00pm	Monday First at Dene Park Community Centre
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	9-9.30am	Morning Prayer (SJ)
	3.30-5.00pm	Pause (Year 6-13 Youth Drop-In) (SJ Hall)
	7-8.00pm	Limitless Camp Meeting (SL)
	7.30pm	Start Course (SJ)
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup>	9-9.30am	Morning Prayer (SJ)
	10.30am	Holy Communion (SJ)

Friday 6<sup>th</sup>

9.30-11.30am

Little Fishes (Parent & Toddler Group) (SL)

1-3.00pm

Wellbeing Café (SL)

6.30-7.15pm

Junior Choir Practice (SJ)

7-7.45pm

Adult Choir Practice (SJ)

## **WHERE AM I?**

I look into the mirror

But what is it that I see?

The person that I once did know

No longer looks at me

Where are you I now ask of them?

You've left me all alone

The face that I once recognised

Now lost within my bones

For somewhere they are lurking

Behind that sad façade

Not willing to reveal themselves

To a face that's now turned hard

The look that I once had when young  
No longer in my sights  
For the life that I have lived so far  
Diminished all its light

The greying of my golden locks  
The weakness in my eyes  
The drooping of my muscles  
Sagging flesh now gently lies

The wrinkles and the furrows  
Shadows growing over time  
The aging of a face I loved  
Now showing all the signs

But there is nothing I can do to stop  
The onslaught of this sin  
My looks have changed forever  
And so have I within

*By Maura Kelly*



## MISSING DAY OR NIGHT

Missing from home or education. Not knowing where they are or who they are with.



## NEW PLACES

Discovering they have been going to new places where they have no obvious connections.



## ONLINE USE

Spending more time online. Secretive activity, refusal to come offline. Have they distanced themselves from family, friends and usual activities?



## CHANGE IN APPEARANCE

Clothing, personal hygiene, talking differently, tired.



## CHANGE IN BEHAVIOUR

Have they become unusually secretive, fearful or withdrawn, aggressive, distanced themselves from family and friends, involved in anti-social behaviour.



## CHANGE IN FRIENDS

Sudden changes in who they are 'hanging out' with including meeting new people from social media.



## COPING MECHANISMS

Alcohol/drug use/self-harm – what they may be doing or using in order to cope.



## POSSESSIONS

Unexplained items e.g. New clothing, money, phone, drugs.



## INJURIES

Unexplained bruises, cuts, burns, marks. Reluctance to seek medical attention.

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