



**Making Disciples who make Jesus known**

## HEADLINE NEWS!

### HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SERVICES

Monday 30th March	7.00pm	Reflective Service (SL)
Tuesday 31st March	7.00pm	Reflective Service (SL)
Wednesday 1st April	7.00pm	Reflective Service (SL)
Thursday 2nd April	7.00pm	Maundy Thursday Communion Service (SJ)
Friday 3rd April	10am-12noon	Family Event (SL)
	2.00pm	The Last Hour (SJ)
	6.30pm	Good Friday Service (SJ)
Saturday 4th April	7.00pm	Easter Eve Vigil (SJ)
Sunday 5th April	9.00am	Holy Communion (SJ)
	10.30am	All Age Holy Communion with Baptism (SJ)
	10.30am	All Age Holy Communion (SL)



### GREEN TEAM CRAFTERNOON

Sunday 22nd March 2-4pm, St John's Church Hall

Join us to support your local foodbank.

We will be making reusable strong cotton carrier bags for use by the foodbank when giving emergency food. Each will carry a return label. We will also be collecting good quality LARGE plastic bags for life for the bank to also use. These can be brought to the Crafternoon or left in the box by the recycling station at the back of St John's ONLY between 15th and 22nd March. Everyone Welcome!

## TODAY'S SERVICES AND EVENTS

### SUNDAY 8TH MARCH *(Third Sunday of Lent)*

9.00am Holy Communion (SJ)

10.30am Holy Communion (SJ)

*Readings: Romans 5:1-11; John 4:5-42*

*Hymns: SB 141; SB 220; AMNS 233; AMNS 336*

10.30am Café Church (SL)

*Hymns: Take us to the river; All who are thirsty; Holy Spirit living breath of God*

6-7.15pm Ignite (Year 7+ Youth Group) (SL)

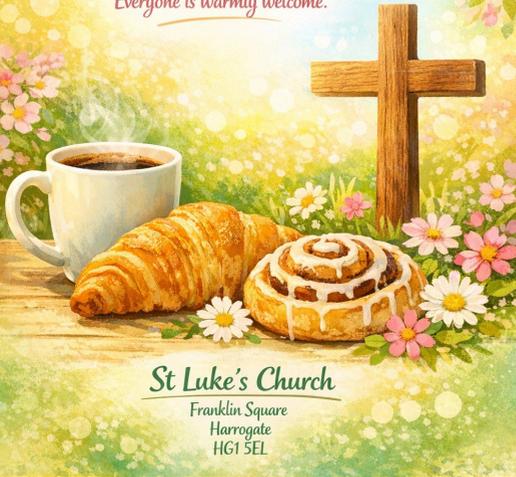
# CHURCH LIFE

## Café Church

Sunday 8th March - 10:30am

Join us for a relaxed morning of coffee and pastries,  
thoughtful conversation on John 4,  
reflection, and music.

*Everyone is warmly welcome.*



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March'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 April's issue can be sent to [sjslfocus@gmail.com](mailto:sjslfocus@gmail.com) or left in the drawer at the back of St John's by Sunday 15th March.

We are delighted to be celebrating many baptisms in our parish at the moment — a real blessing for our community.

To help us warmly welcome these families and support them on this special occasion, we are looking for additional volunteers to join our **BAPTISM TEAM**.

Volunteers help greet families, talk with them during the information sessions and assist during the services on a rota basis. If you would like to be part of this joyful ministry, please get in touch through the parish office or speak to Matthew, Judith or Jan.

## THE GREEN TEAM

Get ready for spring and a new gardening season!

The Green Team will be holding a **SEED SWAP** at the next coffee morning, Saturday 14th March. Bring along any surplus seeds you may have and swap them for different ones.

Try growing something new this year without costing the earth!

This year's **THE BIG PLASTIC COUNT** is taking place between 9th and 15th March. All you need to do is sign up to the website: <https://thebigplasticcount.com/>. You will then be sent details of what to do, what to count and what not to count. You can print out a list of the various types of plastic to put by your rubbish bin, then make a tally of what you put in the bin or recycling every time you throw something away and send Greenpeace the count at the end of the week. By gathering this data, Greenpeace and fellow charity, Everyday Plastic, raise awareness of the issues surrounding plastic, both with the general public and with the government to advocate for change.

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**THE BIG  
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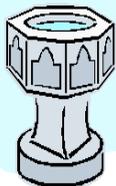
We need volunteers to run our **WHAT'S THE STORY ABOUT EASTER?** event at St Luke's on Good Friday. As part of the experience the children are taken on a journey through the stories of Easter week and move from scene to scene. In order to make this the best experience possible for them, we need 6 people who would be willing to read one of these stories. Nothing needs to be learnt and all the materials will be provided. We ideally also need 3 or 4 volunteers who would be happy to provide refreshments for the children and their parents. Volunteers would need to be available from 9:30-12:30am. Please speak with Judith or email [youthwork@stjohnsandstlukes.org](mailto:youthwork@stjohnsandstlukes.org) for more information.



## Baptised at St John's on 1st March 2026

### Jacob Ian David Rushton

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.



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



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

# THIS WEEK'S DIARY

## MONDAY 9 MARCH

9-9.30am Morning Prayer (SJ)

## TUESDAY 10 MARCH

9-9.30am Morning Prayer (SJ)

10.00am Walking Group (SJ)

## WEDNESDAY 11 MARCH

9-9.30am Morning Prayer (SJ)

10.30am Holy Communion (SJ)

10.30am Thirst Coffee Morning at Dene Park Community Centre

7.00pm Small Group Leaders Meeting (SJ)

7.00pm Finance & Buildings Committee Meeting (SJ)

## THURSDAY 12 MARCH

9-9.30am Morning Prayer (SJ)

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

12.00pm Lent Group (SL)

## FRIDAY 13 MARCH

1-3.00pm Wellbeing Café (SL)

6.30-7.15pm Junior Choir Practice (SJ)

7-7.45pm Adult Choir Practice (SJ)

## SATURDAY 14 MARCH

10.00am Coffee Morning in Church Hall (SJ)

## SUNDAY 15 MARCH (*Mothering Sunday*) (*Fourth Sunday of Lent*)

9.00am Holy Communion (SJ)

10.30am Morning Worship (SJ)

*Readings: 2 Corinthians 1:3-7*

*Luke 2:33-35*

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*Luke 2:33-35*

*Hymns: SB 82; SB 60; SB 191;*

*SB 100*

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**.

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