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Dear Friends,

In my introductory article I wrote about Doctor Who and regeneration; subsequently my August piece had a think about James Bond and reinvention; I figured why not make it a pop culture trilogy, but with which creative 'IP' (Intellectual Property) to conclude? Slightly oddly I'm going to assert my millennial sensibility and take a typically postmodern bricolage-style side-step into higher brow territory and Jane Austen!

This year sees the 250th anniversary of the famous novelist's birth (16th December for the cake and candles); the beloved BBC adaption of her most celebrated novel, *Pride and Prejudice* also happens to be 30 years old (from an analogue era when the best TV always seemed to be reliably revealed in the Autumn); a dramatic behemoth of its own, it made household names of Colin Firth and Jennifer Ehle, launching the former's career on a televisual trajectory towards the cinematic stratosphere. Additionally, as you may have noticed (unless you've gone entirely cashless), the Hampshire author features on the current £10 bank note.

One anecdote about Austen that's always intrigued me, and I've possibly exaggerated in my mind to justify a personal paucity of penned production, is that when she lived in cosmopolitan Bath she wrote less as there was simply more to do and actual entertainments, not so dependent on self-starting imagination; her rectory roots resulted in fabulous fantasy and bore witness to the genesis of a genius – but this in and of itself was presumably born out of the needs of her circumstances (privileged, but surely somewhat constrained). Pithily, necessity is the mother of invention (and presumably sister to sanity!).

Almost a decade ago, when I worked at Hexham Abbey, I put together a Lent course based on rewatching the aforementioned TV classic, and a couple of years back in my previous parish, we

studied the Venerable Dr Rachel Mann's 'A Truth Universally Acknowledged 40 Days with Jane Austen' – it was a tiny bit hit and miss in reception (as Lent books invariably seem to be), but the estimable archdeacon's close kinship with her literary forbear was evident, and the themes she extrapolated from the source texts suitably thought provoking. Snippets of the 6 completed novels sparkled, and the precis sections were an invaluable reminder of who was who and what was going on when and where; the plots not so much contrived but spun into a web of complicated comings and goings, with the satisfaction of a happy ending broadly earned through adversity (without the predictability of the cringeworthy cliché). The roots of the Gothic silliness of *Northanger Abbey* were new to me, as was (if I remember rightly) the way Austen helped make novels a respectable literary form at a time when they were still emerging and rather looked down on. More poignantly, the easily missed prophetic power in another slightly less popular work, *Mansfield Park* – notably its opposition to slavery – has stuck with me; similar perhaps the championing of an older female protagonist in *Persuasion*, the heroine eventually marrying at the grand old age of 27 (!). Another feature of Rachel Mann's book was to emphasise Jane Austen's Anglican identity, and I guess that's part and parcel of her quintessential Englishness. And despite the infamous Mr Collins of *Pride and Prejudice** (with dishonourable mentions for Mr Elton and Dr Grant in *Emma* and *Mansfield Park* respectively), it's not even all bad for clergy (see Edmund, again in *Mansfield Park*, Henry in *Northanger Abbey*, and Edward (aspirational) in *Sense and Sensibility*)! [* BBC '95's David Bamber's portrayal was impressively oily – but shout-out also to appropriately clerical pre-Rev warm-up turn for Tom Hollander in the 2005 Hollywood adaptation.]

First and foremost for me, it's Austen's wit and wicked one-liners that elevate her as an author, which is not to knock her plots or characterization, but claustrophobic conversation and the verbal dexterity to transcend ones circumstances thereby making an art form of rebuke and repartee is a skill she gleefully masters. That though is not to imply empty insults or comedy for comedy's sake; the jibes and retorts often have bite because they're rooted in

reality (whether domestic or perhaps most pointedly the compromised fortunes of women in a profoundly patriarchal era) and can serve as a conduit for critique.

As much as her dialogue was a huge stylistic influence on me – pity my poor secondary school English teachers (and pardon the ongoing affectation) – I would be remiss to blather on in my convoluted prose without including a sample of Austen’s own craft, so here’s a telling extract from the conclusion of *Pride and Prejudice* which proves that it is achievable for attitudes to alter and relationships to mend despite seemingly impossible and intractable obstacles (including sometimes those of our own making, and with mistakes acknowledged on all sides – surely an admirably encouraging Christian sentiment):

‘Elizabeth, feeling all the more than common awkwardness and anxiety of his [Darcy’s] situation, now forced herself to speak; and immediately, though not very fluently, gave him to understand that her sentiments had undergone so material a change, since the period to which he alluded, as to make her receive with gratitude and pleasure his present assurances. The happiness which this reply produced, was such as he had probably never felt before; and he expressed himself on the occasion as sensibly and as warmly as a man violently in love can be supposed to do. Had Elizabeth been able to encounter his eye, she might have seen how well the expression of heartfelt delight, diffused over his face, became him; but, though she could not look, she could listen, and he told her of feelings, which, in proving of what importance she was to him, made his affection every moment more valuable.’

Jane Austen’s not everyone’s cup of afternoon tea of course – looking for a useful quotation I discovered that neither Mark Twain nor Ralph Waldo Emerson were fans, with some especially acerbic put-downs. Admittedly even my teenage self graduated to Elizabeth Gaskell’s arguably slightly more ethically astute, socially conscious work and especially George Eliott’s more intellectually

impressive observations, and I'm not sure I'd have the brain power any more for anything so stretching as Georgian and Victorian fiction. That said, as with all good education, something stubbornly endures – and quite simply, Austen's canon, once you've code switched into ballroom mode, is fantastic fun. Plus there's that ordinary, Anglican faithfulness to her (small) world-building, with the undertone of quiet revolution that deserves due respect and rewards revisiting; so I heartily commend all things Austen to you this Autumn whether it be through the original page or encountered on the small or silver screen...

Take care,

Matthew

SEPTEMBER COFFEE MORNING

A huge thank you to all our wonderful volunteers and our lovely visitors who raised the brilliant amount of £621 at our coffee morning on Saturday 13 September in aid of Sri Lankan Tea worker's Dignity through Education. We remember with gratitude our much loved friend Jean who helped Theva, the founder of the charity, in establishing it. She would be so pleased to see such a fabulous contribution.

It was, as always, a very jolly and happy morning and lovely to welcome some new people too. We look forward with pleasure to seeing you all again next month; Saturday 11 October when we will be raising funds for The Green Team.



Join us for
our next
events

Harcourt Gardens care home, Harrogate

Supporting people with advancing dementia

Wednesday 15th October, 2pm - 4pm

We will shine a light on some aspects of dementia that you're not often told about.

Finance clinic

Tuesday 21st October, 12.30pm - 2pm

Meet Elaine Lightfoot, solicitor from McCormick's solicitors, and Sally Rollinson, a Titan Solla Representative, who will explain the options for funding long-term care, benefits and how you can help your savings go further.

Living well with dementia

Thursday 30th October, 2.15pm - 4pm

Meet Belinda Goode who will share valuable insights into the benefits of meaningful activity and good nutrition in supporting loved ones to live well with dementia.



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care UK 

Welcome Sunday

Our Green Team community project was completed and displayed on Sunday 14th September just in time for Welcome Sunday.



Started in March following an inspirational talk from the Cone Exchange on repurposing fabric, more than 25 people have been involved. With the exception of the largest piece of fabric (key to its stability), all the elements were re purposed fabrics or taken from 'stash' (the collection of assorted fabric off cuts, wool and cord all sewers accumulate!). Volunteers sourced fabric, designed, cut, sewed, and embroidered to bring a new work to life.

We hope you enjoy its bright addition to church,

The Green Team

Raise free donations for Bilton St John every time you shop online!



How to get involved

1

Download the
easyfundraising app

2

Choose us as
your cause

3

See retailers donate
whenever you shop



ST JOHN'S CHURCH BILTON

COFFEE MORNING

SATURDAY 11TH OCTOBER

ENTRANCE £1

10AM-12NOON

(accompanied children free)

Refreshments included in entry fee

Home-made cakes

Jigsaws

Hand-made cards

Raffle

Large choice of books

Tombola

Refreshments



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growing together





www.stjohnsandstlukes.org.uk

HARVEST SUPPER

18th October 2025, 6.00pm

St Luke's Church, Franklin Square, HG1 5EL

Get your tickets
through Eventbrite or
the church office



2ND NOVEMBER 2025
3.30PM
ST JOHN'S CHURCH, BILTON LANE

ALL ARE WELCOME

All
SOULS'
Day

What are the seven R's?

Back in the 19th century, pretty much the only things taught at school were the three R's – reading, (w)riting and (a)rithmetic. OK, so two of those don't actually start with the letter "r" but you get the picture – the emphasis was on the basics of learning. These days children are taught a much broader spectrum of subjects and life skills in addition to those same basics. One of the things taught in GCSE subjects such as Design & Technology, Geography, and Science are the seven R's.

So, what, I hear you say, are the seven R's? You may well have heard of the three R's in terms of the environment – reduce, reuse and recycle. An additional four R's have been added to this list to build on the original three and make a more complete way of thinking about how to help the environment.



1. **Rethink:** take a moment to consider what you want and need. Think before buying something or throwing something away that can harm the environment. Do you really need a brand new mobile phone just because there is a new model being publicised? What's really wrong with your current model?



2. **Refuse:** say "no, thank you". Don't accept a plastic bag with your shopping – take your own reusable cloth carrier or produce bags. Ask the baker to put your bread rolls into your own bag rather than another plastic bag. Refuse unnamed junk mail by opting out with the Royal Mail's opt out service

(<https://help.royalmail.com/personal/s/article/How-to-opt-out-of-advertising-mail>)



3. **Reduce:** the world won't stop turning if you choose to have less dresses than your 'normal' consumer friend. Reduce your shopping. Try to borrow things instead of buying them. You can reduce your amount of "stuff" by having a good clear out and by giving

good quality items to your local charity shop, or make some money by selling items on websites such as Gumtree, Ebay or Vinted.



4. Reuse (or repurpose): reuse things you already have. During your clear out (which, incidentally, can be very therapeutic!), you will probably come across items that you had completely forgotten about, or that you can repurpose. Old tyres could become planters, old bits of wood can be fashioned into bird boxes, cotton fabric can be turned into beeswax wraps. The Cone Exchange, based near Morrisons in Starbeck, are masters of repurposing and have a wonderful shop full of all sorts of things that have been donated. See <https://www.coneexchange.org/> for details.



5. Repair: our culture has often been called a 'throwaway society' because more items end up in landfill than need to. Don't just automatically chuck something out when it goes wrong, try and repair it instead. If you're not sure what to do, ask an expert. There are also repair cafés where volunteers repair people's items in return for a donation towards running costs. See <https://harrogaterepaircafe.co.uk/> for details of Harrogate's repair café.



6. Re-gift: we often feel self-conscious about gifting someone a thing that was once gifted to us. But isn't it great that if we aren't using that particular thing, we give it to someone who wants it? Alternatively, the church's coffee morning raffle and tombola stalls always need good prizes to give away!



7. Recycle: Recycling means collecting, treating/processing, and reusing materials that would otherwise be considered waste. For example, recycling paper to save trees, glass is used to make other glass products, and plastics are melted to make new products. Unlike plastic, which can only be



recycled a few times before it has degraded too much, glass and aluminium can be infinitely recycled.

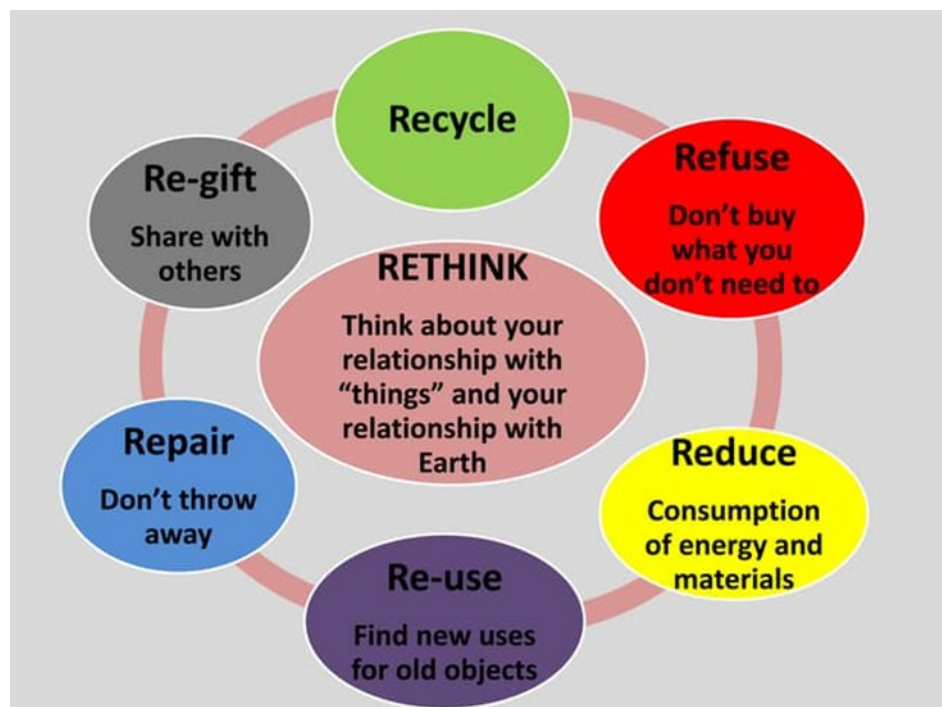


Sometimes, another R is used to replace one of the above, and that is **Rot**. Home composting is great for providing your garden with nutrient rich soil. It also keeps food scraps out of landfill where they decompose anaerobically and release harmful greenhouse gases, particularly methane, into the atmosphere.

Out of all the seven R's, recycling, though admirable and we should all do it, should ideally be the last resort. If we used less in the first place and reused or repaired as much as possible, then there should be less to recycle. After all, once we have carefully put all our recycling into our council recycling bins, do we truly know what happens to it? Sadly, whilst glass, aluminium and paper are easy to recycle, in the UK thousands of tonnes of plastic waste ends up in waste incinerators or landfill. Waste incinerators cause air pollution, noise, smells and traffic. According to Greenpeace (https://www.greenpeace.org.uk/news/plastic-recycling-export-incineration/?gad_source=1&gad_campaignid=19850865277&gbraid=0AAAAADmLluWyweEJEGmCNkpEAzE3YWoBc&qclid=EAlaIqobChMlIbWsy6WhjwMvt5hQBh28bAB7EAAAYASAAEgJLo_D_BwE), over half of household plastic packaging waste gets sent abroad where it can be burned or dumped illegally.

This doesn't mean to say we should give up and say we are all doomed. Recycling is still very worthwhile and a recycling system that works well is part of the solution to the environmental crisis. The problem isn't that people aren't recycling enough – the problem is that there is still too much throwaway plastic being produced. What can we do about this? Use our purchasing power and make conscious decisions of what products to buy. Write to the manufacturers making it plain that you want their products to be fully recyclable and use less (or preferably no) plastic. Write to your local councillors and MP about this issue. The more those in

power are aware of the issue and the feelings of the electorate, the more they will listen and do something. As the saying goes, there is no planet B.



Coming up...

Advent and Christmas Services and Events have been planned – please see poster on page 21

Christmas Tree Festival is happening again in December

Volunteers Thank You Event – Sunday 1st February, 4-6.00pm (SL)

COFFEE MORNING SATURDAY OCTOBER 11 2025: THE GREEN TEAM

October's coffee morning is in aid of our Green Team who this time are supporting Horticap.

Horticap is an independent, registered charity with qualified staff and a team of volunteers who provide training in horticulture allied crafts and rural skills for adults with learning and other disabilities. They have a beautiful garden centre with an extensive array of plants for sale, very nice gift shop with lots of local products for sale and a fabulous café (the scones are legendary). The café is on the ground and upper floor with a lift available and there is also a lovely outdoor seating area.

Please do join us to help raise funds for this much loved local charity who are such a valued part of our community. We look forward to seeing you.

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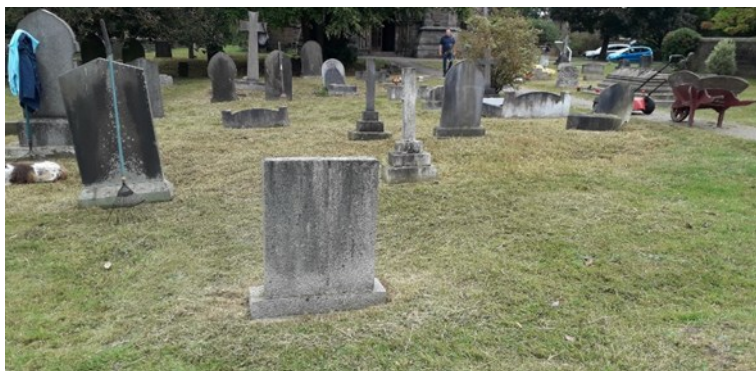
CHURCH WORKING GROUNDS PARTY

A huge thank you to everyone who helped with the church grounds working party on Saturday 6th September. Around 20 people (and one very well behaved spaniel, Lizzy!) came and strimmed, chopped and raked the long grass where the wildflowers had died down in the churchyard. Some trees were also pruned and brambles removed, the paths were swept and litter picked. The church grounds now look very neat and tidy and ready for winter. The hard work was rounded off with a very welcome bacon butty and cup of tea - thank you Jane Thompson!





Many hands
make light work.
Because so
many volunteers
turned out it was
amazing how
much was
accomplished.



WETHERBY ECO – ENERGY FAIR

Save the Date!

Saturday, 8th November 2025, 10am to 2pm

St. James' Church Centre, Wetherby

FREE entry

All welcome

Home energy workshop – saving you energy and money in your home.

Find out what's happening locally with the **Boston Spa Energy Efficiency Trial**, St James' Church 'road to net zero' and new technology like solar, battery and air source heat pumps.

And, do you know why so many people are concerned about climate change? Explore the subject with our **keynote speaker Brenda Ainsley** (from **The Climate Reality Project**) - and what we can each do to help our families and within our communities.

**Free entry. Displays, presentations, refreshments, craft
thrift sale and lots more.**



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For Christ at the heart of the community



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St John's Church, Bilton Lane, HG1 3DT
St Luke's Church, Franklin Square, HG1 5EL

Christmas Fair

Saturday 29th November, 10.30am-1pm
at St Luke's Church

Advent Carol Service

Sunday 30th November, 6.30pm
at St John's Church

Café Carols

Sunday 7th December, 4.00pm
at St Luke's Church

Coffee Morning

Saturday 13th December, 10am-12noon
at St John's Church Hall

Christingle Service

Sunday 14th December, 4.00pm
at St John's Church

Lily Pad Carols

Thursday 18th December, 8pm
at Lilypad, Kings Road

CORMORANT SC
Nine Lessons & Carols

Sunday 21st December, 6.30pm
at St John's Church

Nativity Service

Wednesday 24th December, 4.00pm
at St John's Church

Midnight Communion

Wednesday 24th December, 11.30pm
at St John's Church

Christmas Day Communion

Thursday 25th December, 10.30am
at St John's Church

 THE CHURCH
OF ENGLAND

JOY

ST JOHN'S CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL 2025

It's back for another year!

Any size of tree can be accommodated
(real/fake/homemade), any theme goes.
Trees need to be in place by Sunday 30th
November and will stay up until the
beginning of January

To find out more information and to book your free place in
the festival at St John's please contact Gill in the church office
at church@stjohnsandstlukes.org.uk



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1ST SUNDAY
OF THE MONTH

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OCTOBER'S CALENDAR

OCTOBER

Wednesday 1st	9-9.30am 10.30am 10.30am	Morning Prayer (SJ) Holy Communion (SJ) Thirst – Coffee at Dene Park Community Centre
Thursday 2nd	9-9.30am 9.30-11.30am	Morning Prayer (SJ) Little Fishes (Parent & Toddler Group) (SL)
Friday 3rd	1-3.00pm	Wellbeing Café (SL)
Saturday 4th	7.30pm	Echo 42 Big Band Concert (SJ)
Sunday 5th	9.00am 10.30am 10.30am 5.00pm 6-7.30pm	Holy Communion (SJ) All Age Parade Service (SJ) Holy Communion (SL) Joint Choral Evensong for Harvest at Christ Church Youth Worship Night at Wesley Chapel
Monday 6th	9-9.30am 2-3.00pm	Morning Prayer (SJ) Monday First at Dene Park Community Centre
Tuesday 7th	9-9.30am 3.30-5.00pm	Morning Prayer (SJ) Pause (Year 6+ Drop-in Session) (SJ Hall)
Wednesday 8th	5.15pm 9-9.30am 10.30am 10.30am	St Aidan's SIF Signing (SJ) Morning Prayer (SJ) Holy Communion (SJ) Thirst – Coffee at Dene Park Community Centre
Thursday 9th	9-9.30am 9.30-11.30am 9.30am	Morning Prayer (SJ) Little Fishes (Parent & Toddler Group) (SL) Bilton Grange School Harvest Service (SJ)
Friday 10th	1-3.00pm 6.30-7.15pm 7-7.45pm	Wellbeing Café (SL) Junior Choir Practice (SJ) Adult Choir Practice (SJ)
Saturday 11th	10.00am-12noon	Coffee Morning in Church Hall (SJ)
Sunday 12th	9.00am 10.30am 10.30am 12.30pm 6-7.15pm	Holy Communion (SJ) Harvest Holy Communion (SJ) Harvest Café Church (SL) Baptisms (SJ) Ignite (Year 7+ Youth Group) (SL)

Monday 13 th	9-9.30am	Morning Prayer (SJ)
Tuesday 14 th	9-9.30am	Morning Prayer (SJ)
	10.00am	Walking Group (SJ)
	2-3.30pm	Comfort Café (SJ)
	3.30-5.00pm	Pause (Year 6+ Drop-in Session) (SJ Hall)
Wednesday 15 th	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
	7.30pm	Open Worship Band Practice (SJ)
Thursday 16 th	9-9.30am	Morning Prayer (SJ)
	9.30-11.30am	Little Fishes (Parent & Toddler Group) (SL)
Friday 17 th	1-3.00pm	Wellbeing Café (SL)
	6-7.15pm	Junior Choir Practice (SJ)
	7-7.45pm	Adult Choir Practice (SJ)
Saturday 18 th	6.00pm	Harvest Supper (SL)
Sunday 19th	9.00am	Holy Communion (SJ)
	10.30am	Morning Worship (SJ)
	10.30am	Morning Worship (SL)
	6-7.15pm	Ignite (Year 7+ Youth Group) (SL)
Monday 20 th	9-9.30am	Morning Prayer (SJ)
	7.30pm	Green Team Meeting
Tuesday 21 st	9-9.30am	Morning Prayer (SJ)
	3.30-5.00pm	Pause (Year 6+ Drop-in Session) (SJ Hall)
Wednesday 22 nd	9-9.30am	Morning Prayer (SJ)
	10.30am	Holy Communion (SJ)
	10.30am	Thirst – Coffee at Dene Park Community Centre
Thursday 23 rd	9-9.30am	Morning Prayer (SJ)
	9.30-11.30am	Little Fishes (Parent & Toddler Group) (SL)
Friday 24 th	1-3.00pm	Wellbeing Café (SL)
Sunday 26th	9.00am	Holy Communion (SJ)
	10.30am	All Age Holy Communion (SJ)
	10.30am	All Age Worship (SL)
	11.45am	St Aidan's SIF Signing (SJ)
Monday 27 th	9-9.30am	Morning Prayer (SJ)
Tuesday 28 th	9-9.30am	Morning Prayer (SJ)
Wednesday 29 th	9-9.30am	Morning Prayer (SJ)
	10.30am	Holy Communion (SJ)
	10.30am	Thirst – Coffee at Dene Park Community Centre
Thursday 30 th	9-9.30am	Morning Prayer (SJ)

Wednesday 29 th	9-9.30am 10.30am 10.30am	Morning Prayer (SJ) Holy Communion (SJ) Thirst – Coffee at Dene Park Community Centre
Thursday 30 th	9-9.30am	Morning Prayer (SJ)
<u>NOVEMBER</u>		
Sunday 2nd	9.00am 10.30am 10.30am 2-4.00pm 3.30pm 2-4.00pm 6-7.30pm	Holy Communion (SJ) All Age Parade (SJ) Holy Communion (SL) Crafternoon (SJ Hall) All Soul's Service (SJ) Crafternoon (SJ Hall) Youth Worship Night at Wesley Chapel
Monday 3 rd	9-9.30am 2-3.00pm	Morning Prayer (SJ) Monday First at Dene Park Community Centre
Tuesday 4 th	7.30pm 9-9.30am 3.30-5.00pm	Baptism Information Session (SJ) Morning Prayer (SJ) Pause (Year 6+ Drop-in Session) (SJ Hall)
Wednesday 5 th	9-9.30am 10.30am 10.30am	Morning Prayer (SJ) Holy Communion (SJ) Thirst – Coffee at Dene Park Community Centre
Thursday 6 th	9-9.30am 9.30-11.30am	Morning Prayer (SJ) Little Fishes (Parent & Toddler 9o/Group) (SL)
Friday 7 th	1-3.00pm 6.30-7.15pm 7-7.45pm	Wellbeing Café (SL) Junior Choir Practice (SJ) Adult Choir Practice (SJ)
Saturday 8 th	10.00am-12noon	Coffee Morning in Church Hall (SJ)

PLEASE KEEP SENDING IN ARTICLES
FOR THE MAGAZINE.

IF YOU ARE LOOKING FOR HELPERS/
VOLUNTEERS THE MAGAZINE IS THE
PLACE TO DO IT!

PARISH CHRISTMAS FAIR



ST. LUKE'S ON SATURDAY 29TH

NOVEMBER 2025

10.30AM TO 1.00PM

Bishop Nick's Farewell Service - save the date

Bishop Nick's farewell service from the diocese will take place at 3.30pm on Sunday 23 November at Ripon Cathedral. All welcome! Bishop Nick says: 'I do not look forward to this event, but I do want to take the opportunity to thank clergy and lay people in this unique diocese and lay down my pastoral responsibilities well.'

We are looking for somebody to take over sorting and preparing the tombola prizes for the monthly coffee mornings. Pat is stepping down after many years and is happy to show the new person how to get the items ready.

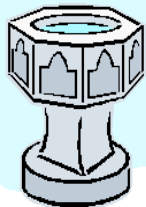
This is a really vital part of our coffee morning each month and raises a lot of money for good causes.

If you think you could take this over either speak to the office or to Anne Grindrod or Pat Fenton.

PEOPLE

Baptisms

Dottie Scarlett Boreham
Austin Thomas Gill
Alice Elizabeth Hall
Florence Beatrice Grace Stevenson



Confirmation

Stephen Fry
Rebecca Parish



FUNERALS/ MEMORIALS

*We extend our sympathy to the families of those
who have recently died:*

Alan Edmunds

SUNDAY 12TH OCTOBER

is Copy Date for
NOVEMBER 2025 FOCUS

Items for inclusion to:

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or Editor, 20 Redhill Close

HG1 3JG

or leave them in the drawer at the
back of St John's Church

St John's & St Luke's

CHURCH OFFICE OPENING HOURS

MONDAY, WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY

9.30am to 1.00pm

TUESDAY 11.30am to 1.00pm

FRIDAY CLOSED

565129 (+ Answerphone)

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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.

HELP US STOP EXPLOITATION

SAY SOMETHING, IF YOU SEE SOMETHING SUSPICIOUS. CONTACT:

Crimestoppers **OR** Police **OR**
0800 555 111 101

WWW.STOP-CE.ORG

Contact:

**SAY
SOMETHING**
IF YOU SEE
SOMETHING.

STOPCE

SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCING

Our small, friendly Scottish Country Dance group meet at St Luke's Church hall on Mondays from 7.30 to 9.30.

**We welcome new members -
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