

Making Disciples who make Jesus known

HEADLINE NEWS!



As announced last month, our Team Vicar, the Rev'd Laura Martin is soon moving on to take up a new post as Chaplain at Leeds Hospital Trust.

Laura's final Sunday will be February 1st with a **JOINT LEAVING SERVICE** at 10.30am combined with our regular Parade Sunday at St John's, followed by cake (before an ever-popular Laura is whisked off to do baptisms!); we'll continue our farewell 'bash' with refreshments part 2 (!) at St Luke's at 4pm that afternoon (combined with the annual Volunteer Thank-You).

Please do attend both/either as suits!

Laura's final Sundays 'on duty' will be leading worship at St John's on Sunday 18th January, and St Luke's on Sunday 25th January. She'll also celebrate Communion at St John's on Wednesday 28th January.

Please do make the most of all the opportunities to say thank you and bid Laura a fond farewell, especially if you're not around on Sunday 1st February and do continue to hold Laura and her family in your prayers as she goes with all our blessings and prepares for the next step in her vocational journey!

TODAY'S SERVICES AND EVENTS

SUNDAY 18TH JANUARY (*Second Sunday of Epiphany*)

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| 9.00am | Holy Communion (SJ) |
| 10.30am | Morning Worship (SJ) |
| | <i>Readings: 1 Corinthians 1:1-9; John 1:29-42</i> |
| | <i>Hymns: AMNS 519; SB 141; Will you come and follow me?;</i> |
| | <i>AMNS 249; Take this moment; AMNS 422</i> |
| 10.30am | Morning Worship (SL) |
| | <i>Readings: 1 Corinthians 1:1-9; John 1:29-42</i> |
| | <i>Hymns: SB 141; SB 106; SB 231; SB 77</i> |
| 12.30pm | Baptism (SJ) |
| 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](#)



We would like to have some **CAKES/BUNS** to serve with our teas/coffees after Laura's final 10.30am service on Sunday 1st February at St John's, if you are able to make some to be shared please let the office know.

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 now and donations can be made until the end of January. 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.



Thank you to everyone that contributed to and attended Saturday's coffee morning, a wonderful £588 was raised for our mission partners: **CHRIS**

& ANNA HEMBURY for the missional work they carry out in Hull. 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.

24-7 PRAYER SPACE 19-24th January, St Mark's Church, Leeds Road. Last time we saw people from 12 churches join in to pray together in a beautifully created space, and heard many stories from people who had encountered God in very special ways. To book your space follow this link <https://linktr.ee/Netmakers1>

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.

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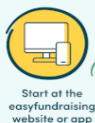
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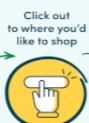
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We love welcoming everyone into our churches, whether it's to mark an important time in someone's life, to worship regularly, or to come together in the heart of the community.

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



THIS WEEK'S DIARY

MONDAY 19 JANUARY

9-9.30am Morning Prayer (SJ)

TUESDAY 20 JANUARY

9-9.30am Morning Prayer (SJ)

WEDNESDAY 21 JANUARY

9-9.30am Morning Prayer (SJ)

10.30am Holy Communion (SJ)

10.30am Thirst Coffee Morning at
Dene Park Community
Centre

12.00om Thirst Table at Dene Park
Community Centre

THURSDAY 22 JANUARY

9-9.30am Morning Prayer (SJ)

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

FRIDAY 23 JANUARY

11.00am Memorial Service: Melissa
Bristow (SJ)

1-3.00pm Wellbeing Café (SL)

6.30-7.15pm Junior Choir Practice
(SJ)

7-7.45pm Adult Choir Practice (SJ)

SUNDAY 25 JANUARY *(Third Sunday of Epiphany)*

9.00am Holy Communion (SJ)

10.30am Holy Communion (SJ)

*Readings: 1 Corinthians 1:10-18
Matthew 4:12-23*

*Hymns: AMNS 376; AMNS 115;
SB 248; SB 87*

10.30am All Age Worship (SL)

*Readings: 1 Corinthians 1:10-18
Matthew 4:12-23*

*Hymns: SB 209; SB 231;
Cornerstone; Praise;
SB 228*

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

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.

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