



HEADLINE NEWS!



Choral Evensong
for
PENTECOST
Sunday 24th May 2026
at 6.30pm

St John's Church, Bilton Lane, Harrogate, HG1 3DT

All are welcome!

The poster features a white dove with wings spread, surrounded by flames and musical notes. Below, a group of children in red and white robes are singing from a book. In the background, a church building is visible under a bright sky.



Cafe Church

 Sunday 10th May

 10:30am

Join us for a relaxed morning of coffee and pastries, thoughtful conversation on Acts 17, reflection, and music

Everyone is warmly welcome!

 St Luke's Church
Franklin Square
Harrogate
HG1 5EL

The poster features a wooden cross, a cup of coffee with a latte art design, and a cinnamon roll. The background is a bright, sunlit scene with flowers and musical notes.

TODAY'S SERVICES AND EVENTS

SUNDAY 3RD MAY (*Fifth Sunday of Easter*)

- 9.00am Holy Communion (SJ)
10.30am All Age Parade Service (SJ)
Readings: (Acts 7:55-end); John 14:1-14
Hymns: SB 209; SB 30; SB 226; SB 47
- 10.30am Holy Communion (SL)
Readings: Acts 7:55-end; John 14:1-14
Hymns: SB 92; AMNS 131; SB 216; AMNS 147
- 6-7.30pm Youth Worship Night at Wesley Chapel

CHURCH LIFE

I DID IT!

Thank you so much to the whole church family for your support, messages and prayers for my London Marathon run last Sunday. It was so hard but I had the very best day and through the pain I still haven't stopped smiling.

You have helped me raise over £3000 (I will let you know the final total when all money is in and banked) and I am truly amazed at that.

You can still sponsor me in person at the office; scan this QR code or follow this link

<https://2026tcslondonmarathon.enthuse.com/pf/gill-clarke-3a338#qrCode>

As a group of runners we have raised almost a £million which is going to help fund the diagnostic check to make detection quicker and give people with pancreatic cancer a better chance of recovery. I am so proud to be part of Team Purple.



The next coffee morning is on **Saturday 9th May** 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.

All proceeds this month will be for **Christian Aid**.

Donations for the tombola and raffle are desperately needed as we ran out last month, they can be left at the back of either church. Any donations for the cake stall can be brought from 9.30am on the day.



May'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 June's issue can be sent to sjslfocus@gmail.com or left in the drawer at the back of St John's by Sunday 10th May.

THE GREEN TEAM

There is a new registration scheme designed to improve access to North Yorkshire's household waste recycling centres.

From Monday, **April 27th**, residents will need to register their name, address and vehicle before visiting any of the county's 20 recycling centres. Registration is free, takes a couple of minutes, and lasts for three years.

Residents can register online from April 27th and use the centres straight away. Nothing will be sent in the post, and staff will check number plates on arrival.

Those without internet access can call the council on **0300 131 2 131**, or visit a library or council office for help. <http://www.northyorks.gov.uk/hwrc>


COMMUNITY EVENTS

NETMAKERS ARE RECRUITING FOR A NEW CHARITY LEAD

Do you have a heart for local mission, especially among young people?
Do you want to see our town transformed with the Gospel?
Are you someone who enjoys connecting and serving people from a variety of different backgrounds to help them work together?
Are you administratively gifted and able to ensure Netmakers remains a safe and effective organisation?
If so, this role might be for you. Please feel free to get in touch if you'd like to find out more, or click [here](#).
Closing date: Friday 8th May. Interview date: Friday 15th May

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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.

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THIS WEEK'S DIARY

MONDAY 4 MAY

No morning prayer and the parish office is closed for the Bank Holiday

TUESDAY 5 MAY

9-9.30am Morning Prayer (SJ)

WEDNESDAY 6 MAY

9-9.30am Morning Prayer (SJ)
10.30am Holy Communion (SJ)
10.30am Thirst Coffee Morning at Dene Park Community Centre

THURSDAY 7 MAY

9-9.30am Morning Prayer (SJ)
9.30-11.30am Little Fishes (Parent & Child Group) (SL)
12-1.00pm Bible Study Group (SL)

FRIDAY 8 MAY

1-3.00pm Wellbeing Café (SL)

6.30-7.15pm Junior Choir Practice (SJ)
7-7.45pm Adult Choir Practice (SJ)

SATURDAY 9 MAY

10.00am-12noon Coffee Morning in Church Hall (SJ)

SUNDAY 10 MAY (Sixth Sunday of Easter)

9.00am Holy Communion (SJ)
10.30am Holy Communion (SJ)
*Readings: Acts 17:22-31
John 14:15-21*
*Hymns: AMNS 156; AMNS 515;
SB 100*
10.30am Café Church (SL)
*Hymns: SB 154; SB 118; SB 30;
SB 186*
6-7.15pm Ignite (Year 7+ Youth Group) (SL)



Our next **BAPTISM INFORMATION SESSION** is on Monday 11th May, 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.

CONTACT US

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For any queries or concerns, contact

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