

Making Disciples who make Jesus known

HEADLINE NEWS!

Dear Friends,

Thank you so much for an amazing last Sunday at St John's and St Luke's. Both the morning service and afternoon event were joyful celebrations and it was lovely to say a proper goodbye to so many of you. I am so grateful for the generous cheque and also for all the individual cards, gifts, messages and emails. I will be buying something nice for the house with the money and - whatever we get - it will always remind me of your kindness. I will miss you all so much but I hope to see you around Harrogate. Goodbye and God bless, you are all in my prayers and in my heart.

Love Laura

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

TODAY'S SERVICES AND EVENTS

SUNDAY 8TH FEBRUARY *(Second Sunday before Lent)*

9.00am Holy Communion (SJ)

10.30am Holy Communion (SJ)

Readings: Romans 8:18-25; Matthew 6:25-end

Hymns: AMNS 104; SB 72; AMNS 394; SB 119

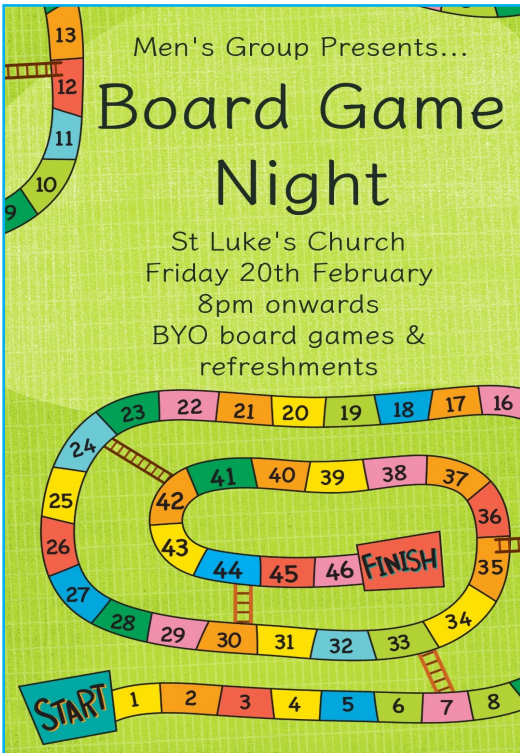
10.30am Café Church (SL)

Hymns: SB 35; SB 102; SB 196; My Lighthouse

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

CHURCH LIFE

A **LENT GROUP** will be running for 6 weeks starting on Thursday 19th February, 12-1.00pm at St Luke's and everyone is invited to join. If you are interested you can pick up one of the accompanying books; 'Dancing to the heartbeat of God', the Archbishop of Canterbury's Lent book for 2026, from the parish office for a donation to the youth appeal. Before you come to the first meeting please do read the week 1 material beforehand.



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. If you have previously completed a form there is no need to do a new one, your entry will be included again.

We are looking to replace the **TV** that we use for Monday First and in our small meeting room at St John's as the one we have has been broken. If you have a TV (24"-32") that you are no longer using that has an HDMI port please contact the office before we go to buy a new one.

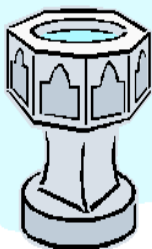
Baptised at St John's on 1st February 2026

Maeve Olive Bacon
Emanie Rose Coutts
Archibald Jonathan David Ford

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.

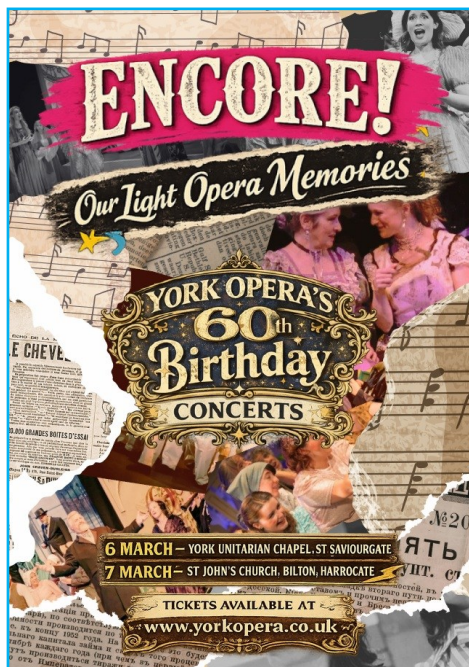
Amen.



Archdeacon James Theodosius is coming to a special PCC meeting on Wednesday 18th February to discuss the options of replacing Laura's position of **Team Vicar**. Please pray for the PCC in support of the decisions that will be made on that evening.

URGENT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

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. **ALSO** help needed to clean St John's, 1 hour per month on a rota with a well-established team. Please contact the office for more details. Thank you.



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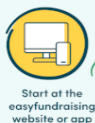
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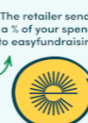
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We love welcoming everyone into our churches, whether it's to mark an important time in someone's life, to worship regularly, or to come together in the heart of the community.

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 9 FEBRUARY

9-9.30am Morning Prayer (SJ)

TUESDAY 10 FEBRUARY

9-9.30am Morning Prayer (SJ)

10.00am Walking Group (SJ)

WEDNESDAY 11 FEBRUARY

9-9.30am Morning Prayer (SJ)

10.30am Holy Communion (SJ)

10.30am Thirst Coffee Morning at
Dene Park Community
Centre

THURSDAY 12 FEBRUARY

9-9.30am Morning Prayer (SJ)

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

FRIDAY 13 FEBRUARY

1-3.00pm Wellbeing Café (SL)

6.30-7.15pm Junior Choir Practice
(SJ)

7-7.45pm Adult Choir Practice (SJ)

SATURDAY 14 FEBRUARY

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

7-9.30pm Valentine's Day Ceilidh
(SJ)

SUNDAY 15 FEBRUARY (*Sunday next before Lent*)

9.00am Holy Communion (SJ)

10.30am Morning Worship (SJ)

Readings: 2 Peter 1:16-end
Matthew 17:1-9

Hymns: AMNS 139; SB 187;
SB 74; AMNS 214

10.30am Morning Worship (SL)

Readings: 2 Peter 1:16-end
Matthew 17:1-9

Hymns: SB 234; SB 182;
Transfiguration;
Is He worthy?

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. 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.

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