THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND
Diocese of Leeds

ST JOHN'S & ST LUKE'S CHURCH

Belonging Together in Christ

HEADLINE NEWS!





This year's chosen book for Advent is **ADVENT FROM A-Z** and is available to buy now from the office for the reduced price of £4.50. Please pop in or e-mail Gill to get a copy. Our **ADVENT COURSE** will start on Tuesday 1st December for 4 weeks at St Luke's at 7pm. All are very welcome to come along.

TODAY'S SERVICES AND EVENTS

SUNDAY 22ND NOVEMBER *(Christ the King)*

9.00am	Holy Communion (SJ)
10.30am	Holy Communion (SJ)
	Readings: Ephesians 1:15-end; Matthew 25:31-end
	Hymns: AMNS 147; AMNS 426; SB 170; AMNS 139
10.30am	All Age Worship (SL)
	Readings: Ephesians 1:15-end; Matthew 25:31-end
	Hymns: SB 154; SB 170; Living hope; SB 212
2-5.00pm	Wreath Making Workshop (SJ Hall)
4-5.30pm	Youth Confirmation Preparation Class (SL)
6-7.15pm	Ignite (Year 7+ Youth Group) (SL)

CHURCH LIFE



ADVENT & CHRISTMAS AT ST JOHN'S & ST LUKE'S

SATURDAY 28TH NOVEMBER	10.30am-1.00pm CHRISTMAS FAIR @ ST LUKE'S
SUNDAY 29TH NOVEMBER	6.30pm ADVENT CAROL SERVICE @ ST JOHN'S (followed by mulled wine & mince pies)
SUNDAY 6TH DECEMBER	2.00pm MONDAY FIRST CAROLS @ DENE PARK COMMUNITY CENTRE 4.00pm CANDLELIT COME & SING @ ST LUKE'S
SATURDAY 12TH DECEMBER	10.00am-12noon CHRISTINGLE COFFEE MORNING IN CHURCH HALL @ ST JOHN'S
SUNDAY 13TH DECEMBER	4.00pm CHRISTINGLE SERVICE @ ST JOHN'S
THURSDAY 17TH DECEMBER	7.30pm CAROLS AT LILYPAD, KINGS ROAD
SUNDAY 20TH DECEMBER	6.30pm NINE LESSONS & CAROLS @ ST JOHN'S (followed by mulled wine & mince pies)
THURSDAY 24TH DECEMBER	4.00pm NATIVITY SERVICE @ ST JOHN'S 11.30pm MIDNIGHT MASS @ ST JOHN'S
FRIDAY 25TH DECEMBER	10.30am JOINT CHRISTMAS DAY ALL AGE COMMUNION @ ST JOHN'S

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KIDZ KLUB HAMPERS 2026

Today is the last day to donate to our hampers. If you can help again, this is **what they are looking for**: Christmas biscuits or chocolate log ~ Non-alcoholic mince pies, Christmas pudding, Christmas cake, or Stollen ~ Savoury snacks (breadsticks, crackers, nuts, crisps) ~ Chocolates or sweets [we likely have enough chocolate coins] ~ Soft drinks ~ Christmas crackers or other Christmas decorations ~ Pamper items such as bubble bath for adults. Kidz Klub are very keen for hampers to include **creative gifts** which can occupy the children throughout the year. For example: craft materials, paper and card, stickers, colouring and activity books, crayons and pens, pencil sharpeners, small toys, jigsaws (up to 100 pieces), books and games. Colouring books and felt tips/colouring pencils in moderation please, because we already have a fair number.

We are looking for delivery drivers to help take the hampers across to Leeds on Wednesday 2nd December, if you can help please get in touch. Val Carr and Caroline Wise.

Thank you to everyone that contributed to and supported last Saturday's **COFFEE MORNING**, a wonderful £556 was raised for our mission partners **Artizan International.**

The next coffee morning is on Saturday 12th December, 10am-12noon in the church hall, donations for the raffle and tombola can be left at the back of either church.

Donations for the cake stall can be brought on the morning from 9.30am.

All proceeds this month will be for **The Children's Society** and we will be making Christingles ahead of the service at St John's on the Sunday.



This lovely **GREEN BENCH** has been reconditioned by Steve Woodrow and donated to the church. We will be holding a secret auction to decide it's new owner. If you'd like to make a bid please write your name, phone number and the amount you'd like to bid on a piece of paper and give it to Gill or Alethea.

The winner will be announced on Sunday 29th November.



COMMUNITY NEWS

What do you love about living or working in Bilton & Woodfield? And what would you like to see improved? A group of local residents is coming together to help shape a new small grants fund for the area. They want to make sure that funding supports the things that really matter to local people and makes a positive difference to community life.

We are inviting local residents, workers and anyone with a connection to the Bilton & Woodfield area to share their thoughts through a short community survey. The survey should only take a few minutes to complete. Please share your thoughts and help the panel understand what matters most to the local community.

Complete the survey here

YOUTH & CHILDREN'S WORK

Due to the large numbers in **BLAZE**, we are looking to start a separate group in the new year for year 8+ during 10.30am Sunday services at St John's but we need more volunteers on the rota. If this is something you would be interested in finding out more about please speak to Judith. *(This is in addition to Ignite on Sunday evenings)*

THIS WEEK'S DIARY

MONDAY 23 NOVEMBER
9-9.30am Morning Prayer (SJ)
TUESDAY 24 NOVEMBER
9-9.30am Morning Prayer (SJ)
WEDNESDAY 25 NOVEMBER
Team Vicar Interview Day
9-9.30am Morning Prayer (SJ)
10.30am Holy Communion (SJ)
10.30am Thirst - Coffee Morning at Dene Park Community Centre
1.30-3.30pm Wellbeing Café (SL)
7.00pm PCC Meeting (SJ)
THURSDAY 26 NOVEMBER
Christmas Tree Festival Set Up
9-9.30am Morning Prayer (SJ)
9.30-11.30am Little Fishes (Parent & Child Group) (SL)
FRIDAY 27 NOVEMBER
Christmas Tree Festival Set Up
6.30-7.15pm Junior Choir Practice (SJ)
7-7.45pm Adult Choir Practice (SJ)

SATURDAY 28 NOVEMBER
Christmas Tree Festival Set Up
10.30am-1.00pm Christmas Fair (SL)
SUNDAY 29 NOVEMBER *(Advent Sunday)*
9.00am Holy Communion (SJ)
10.30am **JOINT** All Age Morning Worship **(SL)**
Readings: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9
Mark 13:24-37
Hymns: O come, O come Emmanuel; SB 164; SB 174; My Lord, He is a coming
12.00pm Kidz Klub Hamper Collation (SL)
5.00pm Choir Practice (SJ)
6-7.15pm Ignite (Year 7+ Youth Group) (SL)
6.30pm Advent Carol Service (SJ) *(followed by mulled wine and mince pies)*

PCC are looking for a **CARETAKER/VERGER** for St John's church hall, 4 hours per week to look after the weekly maintenance and logistical support with setting up for events including the monthly coffee morning. The role will NOT include the cleaning or hall bookings. A full induction and ongoing support from the churchwardens will be given, a working agreement will be in place and DBS will be provided by the church and safeguarding training will need to be completed. Speak to Matthew or either of the St John's Churchwardens for more information.

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