

Belonging Together in Christ

HEADLINE NEWS!

HARVEST SERVICES

This year are on Sunday 11th October at St John's & St Luke's

We will be collecting in-date non-perishable donations for **RESURRECTED BITES** to be used in their community groceries.

They are particularly in need of the following:

Tinned fruit ~
tinned vegetables ~
tinned meat ~ hot dog
sausages ~ pasta ~
vegetable oil ~ tuna ~
baked beans ~ tinned
tomatoes ~ tea bags ~ flour



October's issue of our parish **FOCUS MAGAZINE** is available to buy from both churches for 60p or to read on our website.

The copy date for November's issue is **Sunday 11th October**, all articles can be emailed through to sjslfocus@gmail.com

The chorus and principal singers of **YORK OPERA** are returning to St John's after their successful concert in March. As they continue to mark their 60th anniversary, the concert will feature famous excerpts from their grand opera triumphs over the years, including Puccini, Verdi, Bizet and Mozart. Highlights include the Hebrew Slaves chorus from Nabucco, the Habanera from Carmen, Dido's Lament from Dido and Aeneas, 'O mio babbino caro' from Gianni Schicchi and the glorious Easter Hymn from Cavalleria Rusticana. Join us for an evening of musical magnificence - a perfect introduction to opera –

on **Saturday 10th October at 7.30pm.**

Tickets are available from:

<https://tickets.yorkopera.co.uk/events/yorkopera/2256203>

or scan the QR code.



TODAY'S SERVICES AND EVENTS

SUNDAY 4TH OCTOBER (*Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity*)

9.00am Holy Communion (SJ)

10.30am All Age Parade (SJ)

Readings: (Philippians 3:4b-14); Matthew 21:33-end

Hymns: SB 163; SB 30; Cornerstone; SB 47

10.30am Holy Communion (SL)

Readings: Philippians 3:4b-14; Matthew 21:33-end

Hymns: SB 163; Cornerstone; SB 63; SB 28

2-3.00pm Monday First Harvest Service at Dene Park Community Centre

6-7.30pm Youth Worship Night at Wesley Chapel

CHURCH LIFE

'MONDAY FIRST' HARVEST FESTIVAL

Sunday 4th of October
2pm – 3pm

 Dene Park
community centre



If able please bring
a non-perishable
donation for the
Harrogate food bank.

ST JOHN'S CHURCH & ST LUKE'S CHURCH



St John's Church Christmas Tree Festival 2026

We are looking for local organisations,
schools and community groups to take part
in our Christmas Tree Festival.

For more information, please contact:

✉ church@stjohnsandstlukes.org.uk

The next **COFFEE MORNING** is on Saturday 10th October, 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 next month will be raising money for the local **Girlguiding Birk Crag Centre**.



Congratulations to the following couple that were recently married at
St John's

Saturday 26th September

David James Vaux
and **Claire Melanie Govender**

May your marriage always bring glory to God, a joy to one another, and
blessings to your family for many generations to come.



The advert for the **TEAM VICAR** post has gone live on the Church of England Pathways website [Team Vicar \(0.5\) St John's and St Luke's, Bilton, Harrogate and Ministerial Development Officer \(0.5\) for the Ripon Episcopal Area in Bilton, Harrogate | Church of England](#) Please pray that the right candidate is called to view and apply for the role

Ripon Cathedral Annual Review 2025-2026

I am delighted to inform you that we have now published this year's Annual Review covering 2025-2026. This is a celebration of all that has been going on in and through the Cathedral, including how we have been serving the communities and churches of the Diocese of Leeds and this region of Yorkshire. You can find the Annual Review on the Cathedral website via the link: <https://riponcathedral.org.uk/annual-review-2025-2026/>

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)*

Those wishing to have their **Supplementary Information Form** signed by the ministry team for September 2027 entry to St Aidan's are to come at 12.00pm after Sunday services at St John's on **Sunday 4th October or Sunday 11th October**

Do not complete the points boxes in advance and be prepared to leave your form whilst we check all groups registers to ensure we are fair and consistent with everyone so you have the correct attendance marked. You can then collect your form the following Sunday.

For all parents of children in **years 3/4/5** we welcome you to an information session on Sunday 15th November at 12.00pm where we will talk about the admission criteria and attendance requirements as laid out by St Aidan's and followed by St John's & St Luke's.

Dates for 2027 admission to **Richard Taylor School SIF** signing will be in December/January and will be communicated at a later date.

WORSHIP | FAITH | FOOD | FRIENDSHIP

1ST SUNDAY
OF THE MONTH

Youth
**WORSHIP
NIGHT**

6 - 7.30pm
WESLEY CHAPEL
28 Oxford St, Harrogate

Register
online

netmakers.org.uk/harrogate-youth

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WHAT'S COMING UP

4TH OCTOBER **NETMAKERS**
YOUTH WORSHIP NIGHT
AT WESLEY CHAPEL
(6:00pm - 7:30pm) **WORSHIP TOGETHER**

11TH OCTOBER **GAMES AND CHILL OUT NIGHT**
AT ST LUKE'S
6pm - 7:15pm **PLAY CHAT RELAX**

18TH OCTOBER **? TBC** **WATCH THIS SPACE...**

25TH OCTOBER **NO IGNITE AS HALF-TERM.** **SEE YOU SOON!**

ALL WELCOME • YEARS 7+

THIS WEEK'S DIARY

MONDAY 5 OCTOBER

9-9.30am Morning Prayer (SJ)

TUESDAY 6 OCTOBER

9-9.30am Morning Prayer (SJ)

9.30am Bilton Grange Harvest Festival (SJ)

WEDNESDAY 7 OCTOBER

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)

2.00pm Funeral: Victor Collier (SJ)

THURSDAY 8 OCTOBER

9-9.30am Morning Prayer (SJ)

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

FRIDAY 9 OCTOBER

6.30-7.15pm Junior Choir Practice (SJ)

7-7.45pm Adult Choir Practice (SJ)

SATURDAY 10 OCTOBER

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

7.30pm York Opera Concert (SJ)

SUNDAY 11 OCTOBER *(Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity) (Harvest)*

9.00am Holy Communion (SJ)

10.30am Holy Communion (SJ)

Readings: 2 Corinthians 9:6-end; Luke 12:16-30

Hymns: AMNS 290; AMNS 457; SB 73; AMNS 289

10.30am Harvest Café Church (SL)

Reading: Luke 12: 13-21

Hymns: Harvest Samba; SB 85 Broken for me; Goodness of God

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

GREEN TEAM NEWS

The **GREEN TEAM** will be holding a stall after the 10.30am service at St John's on Sunday 11th October so please bring cash with you to make any purchases

CONTACTS

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For any queries or concerns, contact

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