



## ***Making Disciples who make Jesus known***

### **HEADLINE NEWS!**

#### **Rhythm of Life goes live!!!**

Jesus said, 'Walk with me and work with me - watch how I do it. Learn the unforced rhythms of grace. I won't lay anything heavy or ill-fitting on you. Keep company with me and you'll learn to live freely and lightly.'  
(Matthew 11:29-30, Message version)

We spent much of the autumn learning about our new Rhythm of Life initiative, so now we are moving from talk to action.

**Sunday 28th January** is when we are 'going live', so if you haven't signed up yet (there is a sign up sheet on the notice board at both churches) or haven't asked to be paired with a 'Fellow Traveller', please do so in the next couple of weeks.



#### **CONFIRMATION SERVICE AT ST JOHN'S**

We have 5 candidates who are being confirmed by the Bishop of Ripon, Anna Eltringham on **Sunday 21st January at 11.00am** Doreen, Jemma, Elouise, Helen and Belinda. This will be a joint service so there will be no morning service at St Luke's that day—please come along to support these people if you can, all are welcome.

#### **LAURA'S LICENSING AS TEAM VICAR Thursday 25th January, 7pm at St John's.**

Please put this very important date in your diary, all are welcome to attend and if you can help provide refreshments and/or help wash up afterwards, please contact Val Carr via the church office

### **TODAY'S SERVICES AND EVENTS**

#### **SUNDAY 14TH JANUARY** (*Second Sunday of Epiphany*)

9.00am Holy Communion (SJ)

10.30am Holy Communion (SJ)

*Readings: 1 Samuel 3:1-10; John 1:43-end*

10.30am Parade Service (SL)

*Readings: 1 Samuel 3:1-10; John 1:43-end*

6-7.30pm Youth Worship Night at Artizan Cafe

# CHURCH LIFE

Thank you!

## VOLUNTEERS THANK YOU EVENT

Sunday 28th January, 6.30pm at St Luke's.  
Everyone that helps at either church, or in a church related group in any way is warmly invited to this event hosted by the clergy team to say Thank you!

If you are planning to come please let the office know so we can cater for the right numbers.

## CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

This year's Christmas trees that filled St John's were wonderful, thank you to all the groups, schools and individuals that took part and made it such a success, it really brought more joy and light into St John's. The votes have been counted and verified and following a wide ranging placement of votes, the top 3 are:

- 1st: St John's Flower Club
- 2nd: Bilton Grange Primary School
- 3rd: Thirst

Congratulations to the following couple who were married on  
**Thursday 28th December at St John's**

**Matthew Arthur Lars Wilson  
and Isabella Sarah Newbery**

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



**SAVE THE DATE** Next parish weekend to Scargill House in Kettlewell is booked for 22-24 November 2024, more details and booking forms will be available soon.



## UNEXPECTED GUEST

Will you join our tradition of setting a place for an unexpected guest (who might be Jesus). Rather than turkey with 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. Pick up your plate and return by the end of January.

We would looking to buy a new **NATIVITY SET** to have at St John's as the one we have presently is too small and through the generosity of our congregation we have enough money donated for this. Thank you for giving.

The January 2024 issue of our parish **FOCUS MAGAZINE** is available to buy at both churches for 60p. The copy date for the February issue is **Sunday 14th January**, articles to be sent to [sjslfocus@gmail.com](mailto:sjslfocus@gmail.com) or left in the drawer at the back of St John's.

## THE GREEN TEAM



### The Green Team Crafternoon – Sustainable Living

Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2pm—4pm

St John's Church Hall

Learn how to make beeswax wraps and mend clothing using the Sashiko technique – take home your own items  
Please sign up on the sheet at the back of church to give an idea of numbers

## YOUTH AND CHILDREN'S WORK

**YOUTH  
WORSHIP**  
*Night*

**THIS SUNDAY!!**

**6pm - 7.30pm**

WORSHIP | FAITH | FOOD | FRIENDSHIP

**DROP-IN**

Harrogate Chocolate  
Factory - upstairs!  
4-5pm

**4TWELVE**

Can't wait to  
see you! 🥰

We are still collecting your old **PLASTIC BOTTLE TOPS**. Please put clean bottle tops (any size, any colour) in the box at St John's. Blaze will be using them for a recycled art project just after half term in February so there is still plenty of time to drop them off.

## SUPPORTING MINISTRY & MISSION



**PARISH GIVING SCHEME** 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 one-off gift simply and safely online, through the PGS, scan the QR code to find out more.



# THIS WEEK'S DIARY

## MONDAY 15 JANUARY

9-9.30am Morning Prayer (SJ)

## TUESDAY 16 JANUARY

9-9.30am Morning Prayer (SJ)

14-5.00pm 4twelve at Harrogate  
Chocolate Factory (Year  
7+ Youth Group)

## WEDNESDAY 17 JANUARY

9-9.30am Morning Prayer (SJ)

10.30am Holy Communion (SJ)

10.30am Thirst—Coffee at Dene  
Park Community Centre

12.00pm Thirst Table at Dene  
Park Community Centre

## THURSDAY 18 JANUARY

9-9.30am Morning Prayer (SJ)

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

## FRIDAY 19 JANUARY

1-3.00pm Wellbeing Café (SL)

6.30-7.15pm Junior Choir Practice  
(SJ)

7-7.45pm Adult Choir Practice (SJ)

## SATURDAY 20 JANUARY

10.00am Confirmation Service  
Rehearsal (SJ)

## SUNDAY 21 JANUARY *(Third Sunday of Epiphany)*

9.00am Holy Communion (SJ)

**11.00am JOINT** Confirmation  
Service with Holy  
Communion **(SJ)**

*Readings: Revelation 19:6-10  
John 2:1-11*

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

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

**ANDY'S MAN CLUB** is a nationwide network of groups for men over 18 who want to talk about and get peer support with regard to their mental health – see <https://andysmanclub.co.uk/> It is a judgment-free, confidential space. A Harrogate group is starting on 22<sup>nd</sup> Jan at 7pm at Harrogate College, Hornbeam Park Ave, Harrogate HG2 8QT  
What3words:///scared.heat.daring

## CONTACT US

### SAFEGUARDING

For any queries or concerns, contact

**Gill Clarke (Parish Safeguarding Officer)**

[safeguarding.sjsl@outlook.com](mailto:safeguarding.sjsl@outlook.com) Tel: 07837 186435 / 01423 565129

### THE MINISTRY TEAM

**Simon Dowson (Team Rector)**

Tel: 01423 561030

[simon.dowson@leeds.anglican.org](mailto:simon.dowson@leeds.anglican.org)

**Laura Martin (Curate)**

Tel: 07497 865507

[laura.martin@leeds.anglican.org](mailto:laura.martin@leeds.anglican.org)

**Emma James (Young People's Worker)**

Tel: 07803 586556

[youthwork@stjohnsandstlukes.org.uk](mailto:youthwork@stjohnsandstlukes.org.uk)

**Office: Tel:** 01423 565129 **Email:** [church@stjohnsandstlukes.org.uk](mailto:church@stjohnsandstlukes.org.uk)  
**Websites:** [www.stjohnsandstlukes.org.uk](http://www.stjohnsandstlukes.org.uk) [www.stlukesharrogate.org.uk](http://www.stlukesharrogate.org.uk)