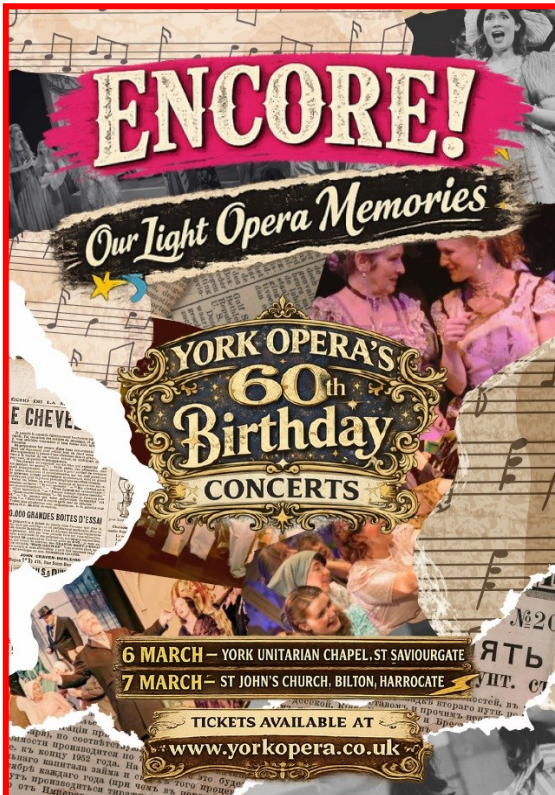


***Making Disciples who make Jesus known***

## HEADLINE NEWS!



Our very own Ian Thomson-Smith will be performing with **YORK OPERA** at 7.30pm, Saturday 7th March at St John's. You're invited to celebrate six decades of song, laughter, and stage magic at their special 60th anniversary concert. Encore! brings together the best-loved moments from the company's rich history in light opera — from sparkling Gilbert & Sullivan favourites to timeless classics that have delighted audiences for generations. Join principals and chorus as we revisit the melodies, characters, and stories that shaped York Opera's journey. Expect glorious harmonies, witty lyrics, and a joyful celebration of community, creativity, and the enduring power of music.

Tickets from [yorkopera.co.uk](http://yorkopera.co.uk)

## TODAY'S SERVICES AND EVENTS

**SUNDAY 15TH 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?*

# 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.



Lifeline  
Harrogate

P R E S E N T S

## ART EXHIBITION

Monday 2 - Sunday 15 March  
 During church opening times  
 St John's Church

[www.lifelineharrogate.co.uk](http://www.lifelineharrogate.co.uk)

**LIFELINE HARROGATE** is a charity that exists to help with a hand-up and not just a hand-out. We are always working to create better opportunities for the people we house to live better lives. We house anyone who is homeless, living in hostel accommodation, or at risk of being homeless and is capable of living independently but still requires support.

Come to view their table top art exhibition that will be on display at St John's from 2nd-15th March.



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.

All St John's **CHURCH HALL** bookings are now being handled through the parish office. If you would like to book the hall for a party/event/regular group please email [church@stjohnsandstlukes.org.uk](mailto:church@stjohnsandstlukes.org.uk) or ring 01423 565129

If you are reading a paper copy of this notice sheet and would like to receive this by email weekly and be added onto our email distribution list please apply via our website by clicking to 'subscribe' or complete a **CONSENT FORM** available in church (*the same form as to be included in the Who's Who*).

Our Wednesday 10.30am Holy Communion service this week will include the **IMPOSITION OF ASHES** as Ash Wednesday signifies the start of Lent. All are welcome to come.



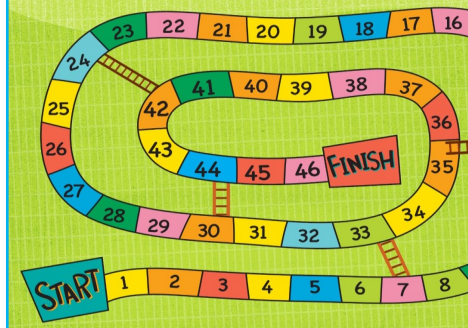
### URGENT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

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.

Men's Group Presents...


## Board Game Night

St Luke's Church  
Friday 20th February  
8pm onwards  
BYO board games & refreshments



## SUPPORTING MINISTRY & MISSION

### Raise funds for us for FREE

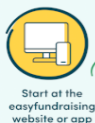
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Bilton St John

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### 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 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 16 FEBRUARY

9-9.30am Morning Prayer (SJ)

## TUESDAY 17 FEBRUARY

9-9.30am Morning Prayer (SJ)

## WEDNESDAY 18 FEBRUARY

9-9.30am Morning Prayer (SJ)

10.30am Holy Communion with  
Imposition of Ashes (SJ)

10.30am Thirst Coffee Morning at  
Dene Park Community  
Centre

12.00pm Thirst Table at Dene Park  
Community Centre

7.00pm Archdeacon's Visit & PCC  
Meeting (SJ)

## THURSDAY 19 FEBRUARY

9-9.30am Morning Prayer (SJ)

12.00pm Lent Group (SL)

1.00pm Funeral: Doreen Tiplady  
(Stonefall)

## FRIDAY 20 FEBRUARY

8.00pm Men's Group Board Game  
Night (SL)

## SUNDAY 22 FEBRUARY *(First Sunday of Lent)*

9.00am Holy Communion (SJ)

10.30am Holy Communion (SJ)

*Readings: Romans 5:12-19*

*Matthew 4:1-11*

*Hymns: AMNS 56; SB 187;*

*SB 106; SB 146*

10.30am All Age Worship (SL)

*Readings: Romans 5:12-19*

*Matthew 4:1-11*

*Hymns: SB 109; SB 132; SB 250;*  
*10,000 reasons*

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

Thank you for your donations to **HARROGATE HOMELESS PROJECT** through our Unexpected Guest appeal, £200 was sent to further their work in the town. One of the most vital parts of their work is ensuring that everyone who comes through our doors has access to nutritious meals. Regular food donations make this possible—and right now, they urgently need volunteers to help keep this lifeline running smoothly. If you have access to your own vehicle even a small amount of your time can make a significant and immediate difference. If this sounds like something you could help with, please [Get in Touch](#).

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