



Making Disciples who make Jesus known

HEADLINE NEWS!

A SERVICE TO REMEMBER AND GIVE THANKS

Sunday 28th April, 3.30pm at St John's

This is a short service that provides an opportunity to remember a loved one. There will be prayers, readings, hymns and the opportunity to light a candle of remembrance. Members of the clergy and the bereavement team will be available afterwards if you would like to talk to someone or perhaps have them pray with you. Tea, coffee and cakes will be served.

Booking forms for the **PARISH WEEKEND** to Scargill House, 22-24 November are available from both churches and online. £20 per person deposit secures your room with full payment needed by 24th October. See form for full details or contact the office for more information.

WHAT IS ALPHA? Alpha is a series of sessions exploring the Christian faith. Each talk looks at a different question around faith and is designed to create conversation. Alpha is run all around the globe and everyone's welcome. No two Alphas look the same but generally they have three key things in common: food, a talk and good conversation.

There is still time to join this Alpha Course, running on Tuesday evenings, 7.00pm at St John's. If you are interested in finding out more information, speak to Laura or Simon.

7pm Sunday 12th May - 7pm Sunday 19th May. For 24 hrs over seven days, leading up to Pentecost, the **PRAYER ROOM** hosted at Life Destiny Church, 93b High St, HG2 7LH, will be open for you to join the network of local churches covering our community, nation and world in 24/7 prayer.

It will include interactive prayer stations created by various churches should you wish to use them during your time there. [Book now!](#)

TODAY'S SERVICES AND EVENTS

SUNDAY 28TH APRIL (*Fifth Sunday of Easter*)

9.00am Holy Communion (SJ)

10.30am Holy Communion (SJ)

Readings: Acts 8:26-40; John 15:1-8

10.30am All Age Worship (SL)

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3.30pm Service to Remember & Give Thanks (SJ)

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

CHURCH LIFE

Founder of **CHRISTIANS AGAINST POVERTY** and **ISAIAH 61** comes to Harrogate, Thursday 9th May, 7.15 - 9pm at St John's. As we continue to discover more about whole-life discipleship, we are delighted to welcome Dr John Kirkby CBE. John will join us to explore how we can become faith-sharing churches and faith-sharing Christians. Don't miss it, [book now](#).

LAY EUCHARISTIC TRAINING

The clergy are running a session at St John's on Monday 13th May at 2pm for people wishing to help give communion during services and would like to extend the invitation to anyone else that would like to come. Please let Simon or Laura know if you would like to join them.



CHRISTIAN AID WEEK is starting from the coffee morning at St John's Saturday 11th and runs until 18th May. Donation envelopes will be available at both churches. If you feel you could deliver some to your local area please let the office know and we can arrange to have them ready for you.

The **COFFEE MORNING** will be from 10am-12noon in the church hall. £1 entrance includes tea/coffee and biscuits (accompanied children free). There will be all the usual stalls: tombola, raffle, handmade cards, jigsaws, books, cakes, homemade jams/preserves and refreshments. Donations for the tombola and raffle are needed and can be left at the back of either church and donations for the cake stall can be brought on the morning. Following the last few very successful coffee mornings we are in desperate need of more homemade jams and preserves to sell at our coffee mornings coming up, if you have any excess jars, or can make some before the next date please drop off in church or speak to Jean on 569907.

REVISION OF ELECTORAL ROLL

The revision this year will finish on 4th May. Application forms for enrolment can be found in Church or can be obtained from the Churchwardens/Electoral Roll Officers (Jean Burton/Sarah Shepherd). Completed forms for inclusion on the roll should be returned to the above or left in the church office for them.

SUMMER FAIR AT ST JOHN'S Saturday 29th June 11.00am-2.00pm

The annual summer fair is back and we have some fantastic stalls and entertainment planned.

We are looking for donations for the tombola and raffle; perhaps you or your place of work could donate something to be raffled? Cakes for the stalls can be brought on the morning.

We are also looking for gazebos to provide shelter (from the sun!?) If you can contribute any of these, leave donations in the labelled boxes at the back of church or speak to Simon about gazebos.

If you can spare an hour of your day to help on one of the stalls a list will be going up on the notice boards shortly to sign up. Most importantly we want you to come along and enjoy the day, all proceeds will go towards parish funds.

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

Sunday 19th May, after the morning services, approx. 12.00pm at St John's Church, East End Room

Election of Churchwardens, PCC members, Electoral Roll Officers and Deanery Synod Representatives

Nomination forms are available in both churches and should be signed by the individual nominated and proposed and seconded by someone on the Parish Electoral Roll. Forms can be returned to any Churchwarden or the Parish Administrator. We have 1 Deanery Synod and 5 PCC vacancies.

Why should you come to the APCM?

It is a great opportunity to find out what has been happening in the life of the church and to listen to and pray for our plans for the coming year.

NB all church members are welcome to attend but you must be on the electoral roll in order to vote.

Why would you want to be on PCC?

Service on PCC is a really important role within the church, not least because the PCC helps to shape the ongoing direction of St John's & St Luke's. It involves 6 meetings and 1 awayday each year.

We are looking for somebody to take over the completion of **GIFT AID** claims within the parish. It involves approx. 5 hours work every 3 months, and all you need is a laptop/computer. If you would like to find out more please speak to Laura, Simon or the office. Full training and support will be given.

THE GREEN TEAM

The environmental charity, Plantlife, is again running its annual **NO MOW MAY** campaign. Starting at the beginning of May, it calls all garden owners and those who manage green spaces to not mow during May. For further information and to sign up, see: <https://www.plantlife.org.uk/campaigns/nomowmay/>



The recycling box at St John's of **BLISTER PACKS** is overflowing, if you can help by taking some to town when you next go there that would be a great help.

YOUTH AND CHILDREN'S WORK

IGNITE

Fire
s'mores
hoi chocolaie
games

St John's
6-7.15pm

Emma's house,
6-7pm
Meal of 3 thirds!

4TWELVE

Food, faith, fun
fellowship...



THIS WEEK'S DIARY

MONDAY 29 APRIL

9-9.30am Morning Prayer (SJ)
11.00am Wedding Rehearsal (SJ)

TUESDAY 30 APRIL

9-9.30am Morning Prayer (SJ)
4-5.00pm 4twelve at Harrogate
Chocolate Factory (Year
7+ Youth Group)
7.00pm Alpha Course (SJ)

WEDNESDAY 1 MAY

9-9.30am Morning Prayer (SJ)
10.30am Holy Communion (SJ)
10.30am Thirst—Coffee at Dene
Park Community Centre
2.00pm Wedding (SJ)

THURSDAY 2 MAY

9-9.30am Morning Prayer (SJ)

9.30-11.30am Little Fishes (Parent
& Child Group) (SL)
6.30-7.15pm Evening Surgery in
Church (SJ)

FRIDAY 3 MAY

1-3.00pm Wellbeing Café (SL)

SUNDAY 5 MAY (Sixth Sunday of Easter)

9.00am Holy Communion (SJ)

10.30am Parade Service

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John 17:6-19*

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6-7.30pm Youth Worship Night at
Artizan Cafe

CHRISTIAN RETREAT DAY FOR PEOPLE AFFECTED BY CANCER

Saturday 18th May, Hollins Hall, Weetwood Avenue, Headingley, Leeds
10am-4pm. Our Firm Roots retreat is an opportunity for anyone affected
by cancer to get away from the busyness of life and medical
intervention, and to spend some time and space in God's presence. The
retreat day is led by Rev Helen Jones who has worked in NHS cancer
services for ten years, had cancer herself and is a curate at Holy Trinity
Church, Huddersfield. The retreat day is free, though you are welcome
to make a donation. For more information: helen.jones@firmroots.org.uk

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