



Making Disciples who make Jesus known

HEADLINE NEWS!

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. It runs in cafes, churches, homes, universities—you name it. No two Alphas look the same but generally they have three key things in common: food, a talk and good conversation.

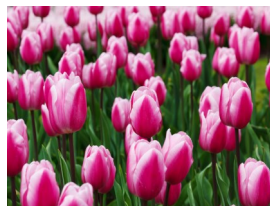
WHO IS ALPHA FOR? For anyone wanting to find out more about Christian faith. We will be running our next Alpha course over 11 weeks starting with a taster session on **Tuesday 23rd April 7pm at St John's**. If you are interested in finding out more information, speak to Laura or Simon.



There is a sign up sheet on the noticeboard at both churches for those that can provide a simple meal for those attending, all costs can be claimed back. Contact Ann on 07729 746276 for more details.

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.



TODAY'S SERVICES AND EVENTS

SUNDAY 21ST APRIL (*Fourth Sunday of Easter*)

- 9.00am Holy Communion (SJ)
- 10.30am Morning Worship (SJ)
Readings: Acts 4:5-12; John 10:11-18
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- 11.30am Bug Hotel Making Session (SL)
- 6-7.00pm Limitless Camp Meeting (SL)
- 7-8.00pm Ignite (Year 7+ Youth Group) (SL)

CHURCH LIFE

REVISION OF ELECTORAL ROLL

The Church Electoral Roll has to be revised each year and done before the APCM which takes place this year on Sunday 19th May. People can join the roll throughout the year but removal of names can only be done at the time of revision. Having your name on the roll entitles you to vote at the APCM, stand for election to the PCC and election to the Deanery/Diocesan Synod. The revision 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.

Every church

a faith-sharing church;

every Christian

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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.

Thank you to everyone that contributed to and attended the **COFFEE MORNING** last Saturday at St John's, a wonderful £620 was raised to support our mission partners **ARTIZAN INTERNATIONAL**.



The next coffee morning is on Saturday 11th May 10am-12noon and all proceeds will go towards **CHRISTIAN AID**.



Christian Aid Week is starting from the coffee morning at St John's on Saturday 11th 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.

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

Sunday 19th May, after the morning services, approx. 11.45pm 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.

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.

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.

HOMEMADE JAMS & PRESERVES

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

YOUTH AND CHILDREN'S WORK

HGT
YOUTH

MEETING:



6-7pm Sunday

ST LUKE'S

Harrogate Chocolate
Factory - upstairs!
4-5pm

4TWELVE

Food, faith, fun
fellowship...



THIS WEEK'S DIARY

MONDAY 22 APRIL

9-9.30am Morning Prayer (SJ)

TUESDAY 23 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 24 APRIL

9-9.30am Morning Prayer (SJ)

10.30am Holy Communion (SJ)

10.30am Thirst—Coffee at Dene
Park Community Centre

7.30pm PCC Meeting (SJ)

THURSDAY 25 APRIL

9-9.30am Morning Prayer (SJ)

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

FRIDAY 26 APRIL

1-3.00pm Wellbeing Café (SL)

6.30-7.15pm Junior Choir Practice
(SJ)

7-7.45pm Adult Choir Practice (SJ)

SUNDAY 28 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)

6-8.00pm Ignite (Year 7+ Youth
Group) (SL)



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!](#)

CONTACT US

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