

Making Disciples who make Jesus known

HEADLINE NEWS!

Kidz Klub Christmas Hamper Appeal 2025



This year is the 22nd year that our churches have collected for Kidz Klub, which does some fantastic work with families from inner-city Leeds. Last year, our unprecedented 74 hampers amounted to about one in every three that they gave out, and this is all thanks to your generosity and kind hearts and a generous grant from Foresters Financial thanks to Val. There will be boxes at the back of both churches for any donations and the last possible date to drop them off is **Sunday 30th November**.

Include as many of the following as possible: Christmas biscuits or chocolate logs, non-alcoholic mince pies, Christmas pudding, Christmas cake or stollen, savoury snacks (breadsticks, crackers, nuts, crisps), chocolates or sweets, pamper items such as bubble bath for adults, soft drinks, new craft materials, paper and card, stickers, colouring and activity books, crayons and pens, pencil sharpeners, small toys, jigsaws, books and games., Christmas crackers or other Christmas decorations.

Please do not include any of the following: Basic food items (rice, pasta), meat products, alcohol or products containing alcohol [it is surprising how many Christmas goodies do], out of date food or food that will be out-of-date before Jan 2026, homemade foods, cakes or sweets. Please do message me if you have any questions or if you require a collection. Donations of money are absolutely fine and they enable us to even up the hamper contents. Bless you all. Caroline Wise (07989 806314, cxwise1@gmail.com, 127 Skipton Road, HG1 4LJ)

Look out for Laura's article in December's FOCUS magazine for more details about Kidz Klub

TODAY'S SERVICES AND EVENTS

SUNDAY 9TH NOVEMBER (*Remembrance Sunday*)

9.00am Holy Communion (SJ)

10.30am Holy Communion with Act of Remembrance (SJ)

Readings: 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-end; Luke 20:27-38

Hymns: AMNS 99; AMNS 126; SB 73; AMNS 115

10.30am Remembrance Café Church (SL)

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



CHURCH LIFE

Our **FOCUS MAGAZINE** editor has been unwell so we have been unable to produce a November issue but we will be producing a bumper December edition instead, please continue to send through your articles to sjslfocus@gmail.com for inclusion.

On Thursday 27th November we are hosting **CHAPTER** at St Luke's which all local clergy and Bishop Anna will be attending and we need some volunteers to help set up and clear away a small lunch of sandwiches, cakes, crisps and tea/coffee. If you would be able to help on the day please speak to Laura/Matthew.

COMFORT BEREAVEMENT CAFE

will be at St John's on Tuesday
11th November, 2-3.30pm.

Comfort is a place to be alongside others who are experiencing grief and share the pain of loss.

People will be there to listen to you as an individual and respect your story.

Afternoon tea will be served and there will be an opportunity to light a candle for a loved one.

A warm welcome awaits. There is no need to book, all are welcome.



Parents of all children currently in years 3/4/5 are invited to a short meeting after the 10.30am service on **Sunday 23rd November** at

St John's to talk through the process for applying for foundation places at **ST AIDAN'S** school.

If this is something you may be looking to do for your child in the future we invite you to come along to understand the process and requirements expected.



Social Group

invites you to a

**multi-generational
warm space event
and board games**

**Saturday 15 November
from 12 until 2pm**

St John's Church Hall

**Soup and a roll is
available for a donation.**

All are welcome!

As you will be aware, **BISHOP NICK BAINES**, Bishop of Leeds, officially retires on 30th November this year.

As a Diocese, we would also like to present him with a gift and so Bishop Toby is asking if anyone, church or other group (or individual) would like to contribute to a farewell gift for Bishop Nick and Linda: please send monetary gifts in cheque form payable to Bishop of Leeds Special Fund c/o Finance Officer, Hollin House, or bank transfers to Bishop of Leeds Special Fund, SORT code 30-91-12 account 00018083 with a reference "Bp Nick"

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 distribution list please apply via our website by clicking to 'subscribe' or complete a **CONSENT FORM** available in church.

SAVE THE DATE!

Parish Weekend - 8-10 October 2027, at Scargill House, Kettlewell. It would be wonderful to welcome as many of our church family to come with us as we join the community at Scargill again for a weekend of fellowship and fun. More details will be announced later in 2026.



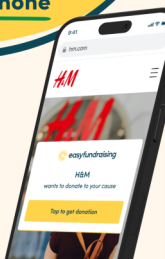
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The Parish Giving Scheme (PGS) Update

The PGS website and sign-up forms have recently been updated. You can collect a new form in church to transfer your regular giving to PGS or to start a new donation. Every contribution supports our parish's ministry, mission, and the upkeep of our church buildings. To set up an account now please scan this QR code with your smartphone's camera



Changes to Weekly Giving Envelopes

From **April 2026**, we'll be saying goodbye to our weekly donation envelopes. The cost of producing them and the time needed to process Gift Aid have both increased, so we're moving to simpler ways of giving. You can still give by placing your donation in the plate — we can now **automatically claim Gift Aid** on all that giving. Everyone currently using envelopes will receive a letter soon with more information. If you'd like, you can alternatively switch to the **Parish Giving Scheme** or set up a **regular gift directly through your bank**. Thank you for your ongoing kindness and support — it really makes a difference!

QR Code Giving Update

If you previously set up your regular gift by scanning the QR code on our service sheets or via our website, please take a moment to **check your donation**. The giving system has recently been updated, and unfortunately, **some regular donations were removed** during the change. Thank you for checking and for your continued generosity!

THIS WEEK'S DIARY

MONDAY 10 NOVEMBER

9-9.30am Morning Prayer (SJ)

TUESDAY 11 NOVEMBER

9-9.30am Morning Prayer (SJ)

10.00am Walking Group (SJ)

2-3.30pm Comfort Café (SJ)

WEDNESDAY 12 NOVEMBER

9-9.30am Morning Prayer (SJ)

10.30am Holy Communion (SJ)

10.30am Thirst at Dene Park

Community Centre

12.15pm Community Lunch at

Bilton Community Centre

THURSDAY 13 NOVEMBER

9-9.30am Morning Prayer (SJ)

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

FRIDAY 14 NOVEMBER

1-3.00pm Wellbeing Café (SL)

6.30-7.15pm Junior Choir Practice
(SJ)

7-7.45pm Adult Choir Practice (SJ)

SATURDAY 15 NOVEMBER

12-2.00pm Warm Space Event in
Church Hall (SJ)

SUNDAY 16 NOVEMBER (Second Sunday before Advent)

9.00am Holy Communion (SJ)

10.30am Morning Worship (SJ)

Readings: *Hebrews 11:32-38,*
12:1-2a

Luke 21:5-19

Hymns: *AMNS 144; AMNS 96;*
SB 226; AMNS 305

10.30am Morning Worship (SL)

Readings: *2 Thessalonians 3:6-13*
Luke 21:5-19

Hymns: *SB76; SB68; SB35; SB28*

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



Thank you to our wonderful **FLOWER TEAM** at St John's for this year's amazing display of poppies in the church, do come along this week to see them.

Thank you to everyone that has knitted and crocheted the poppies over the last year to be used in the display, they couldn't have done it without you.



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