



## Making Disciples who make Jesus known

# HEADLINE NEWS!



### GREEN TEAM CRAFTERNOON

Sunday 22nd March 2-4pm, St John's Church Hall  
 Join us to support your local foodbank. We will be making reusable strong cotton carrier bags for use by the foodbank when giving emergency food. Each will carry a return label. We will also be collecting good quality LARGE plastic bags for life for the bank to also use. These can be brought to the Crafternoon or left in the box by the recycling station at the back of St John's ONLY between 15th and 22nd March. Everyone Welcome!

## HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SERVICES

Sunday 29th March	10.30am	<b>Joint Palm Sunday Worship (SJ)</b>
Monday 30th March	7.00pm	Reflective Service (SL)
Tuesday 31st March	7.00pm	Reflective Service (SL)
Wednesday 1st April	7.00pm	Reflective Service (SL)
Thursday 2nd April	7.00pm	Maundy Thursday Communion Service (SJ)
Friday 3rd April	10am-12noon	What's the story about Easter? (SL)
	2.00pm	The Last Hour (SJ)
	6.30pm	Good Friday Service (SJ)
Saturday 4th April	7.00pm	Easter Eve Vigil (SJ)
Sunday 5th April	9.00am	Holy Communion (SJ)
	10.30am	All Age Holy Communion with Baptism (SJ)
	10.30am	All Age Holy Communion (SL)

## TODAY'S SERVICES AND EVENTS

### SUNDAY 15TH MARCH (Mothering Sunday) (Fourth Sunday of Lent)

9.00am	Holy Communion (SJ)
10.30am	Morning Worship (SJ)
	<i>Readings: 2 Corinthians 1:3-7; Luke 2:33-35</i>
	<i>Hymns: SB 92; AMNS 422; AMNS 433; SB 142</i>
10.30am	Morning Worship (SL)
	<i>Readings: 2 Corinthians 1:3-7; Luke 2:33-35</i>
	<i>Hymns: SB 82; SB 60; SB 191; SB 100</i>

# CHURCH LIFE

Do you have one spare hour a month? Do you love cleaning? We desperately need some new members on the rota to help clean St John's.

All materials are provided and the team will show you where everything is. If you feel you can help please get in touch with the parish office.

**VOLUNTEER**



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*).

We are delighted to be celebrating many baptisms in our parish at the moment — a real blessing for our community.

To help us warmly welcome these families and support them on this special occasion, we are looking for additional volunteers to join our **BAPTISM TEAM**. Volunteers help greet families, talk with them during the information sessions and assist during the services on a rota basis.

If you would like to be part of this joyful ministry, please get in touch through the parish office or speak to Matthew, Judith or Jan.



## Our next **BAPTISM INFORMATION SESSION**

is on Monday 11th May, 7.30pm at St John's.

If you are thinking about having your child baptised at St John's or St Luke's you are welcome to join our list of attendees for this session.

Please get in touch with the parish office to find out more and to book your place.

**WHO'S WHO**

## **FINAL CALL!**

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.

If you have previously completed a form there is no need to do a new one, your entry will be included again.

## **TEAMWORK, SHARED PRIORITIES, AND TEAM VICAR ROLE**

The APCM will be held on **Sunday 26th April**. Several roles will need to be filled, including **PCC Secretary**, possibly one or two **PCC vacancies**, and **Deanery Synod representatives** (a particular need).

We are also continuing to reflect on our proposed priorities—**Welcome and Community, Children and Young People, and Learning and Discipleship**—as well as the configuration of the **0.5 Team Vicar post**.

If you would like to get involved or share your thoughts, please speak to Matthew, a churchwarden, a current PCC member, or a Deanery Synod representative.

Matthew will be available for informal conversations after the **10:30 services on 15th (St Luke's), 22nd (St John's), and 29th March (St John's, after the joint service)**, as well as after the **9:00am services at St John's on 22nd and 29th**, and following **midweek Communion on Wednesday 18th**.

Matthew has written a full article for the April magazine so waiting until the 29th for a chat on priorities/Team Vicar (after reading that) might be best - gather in the East End Room with a coffee?

Leap into Spring with a fun **Ladies Night at Lilypad Harrogate**  
 Ladies, join us for a fun night at Lily Pad, Kings Road, Harrogate! Catch up  
 with friends, make new ones, or bring someone along for a drink, chat  
 (food optional) - Thursday 19th March from 7:30pm.



## YOUTH AND CHILDREN'S WORK

### CONFIRMATION

We would like to determine the level of interest in those wishing to be confirmed. If you are interested or would like more information, please speak with Judith or email her on [youthwork@stjohnsandstlukes.org.uk](mailto:youthwork@stjohnsandstlukes.org.uk)

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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.



## COMMUNITY EVENTS

CEO Michelle Hayes is stepping down and now **RESURRECTED BITES** is looking for someone ideally with an active Christian faith to take on the role of Chief Exec. Could this be you or someone you know? Please see here for more information <https://resurrectedbites.co.uk/news/8yy55dq56pe0k7qhjc16b7pgjm4mqg> or email Michelle [ceo@resurrectedbites.co.uk](mailto:ceo@resurrectedbites.co.uk) for more information. Please can you also pray for us to discern the right person for the role.

# THIS WEEK'S DIARY

## MONDAY 16 MARCH

9-9.30am Morning Prayer (SJ)

## TUESDAY 17 MARCH

9-9.30am Morning Prayer (SJ)

## WEDNESDAY 18 MARCH

9-9.30am Morning Prayer (SJ)

10.30am Holy Communion (SJ)

10.30am Thirst Coffee Morning at Dene Park Community Centre

12.00pm Thirst Table at Dene Park Community Centre

## THURSDAY 19 MARCH

9-9.30am Morning Prayer (SJ)

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

9.45am Bilton Grange School Rehearsal (SJ)

12.00pm Lent Group (SL)

7.30pm Ladies Night at Lilypad

## FRIDAY 20 MARCH

1-3.00pm Wellbeing Café (SL)

6.30-7.15pm Junior Choir Practice (SJ)

7-7.45pm Adult Choir Practice (SJ)

## SUNDAY 22 MARCH *(Fifth Sunday of Lent) (Passion Sunday)*

9.00am Holy Communion (SJ)

10.30am Holy Communion (SJ)

*Readings: Romans 8:6-11;  
John 11:1-45*

10.30am All Age Worship (SL)

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John 11:1-45*

*Hymns: SB 228; SB 179; SB 74;  
SB 223*

2-4.00pm Crafternoon in Church Hall (SJ)

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

April's **MONDAY FIRST** will be on **Monday 30th March** due to Easter. Join us at Dene Park Community Centre, 2-3.00pm for music, worship, learning and cake and a cuppa. Everyone is welcome.

## CONTACT US

### SAFEGUARDING

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