

# Notices

## Christmas Donations

It was lovely to see so many at the Christingle service on Christmas Eve and at the and Laugh'N'Learn nativity. A huge thank you for the donations given during these services. From the Christingle £344.27 was received and an additional £110.35 came from the Laugh'N'Learn nativity. These funds will be sent to the Children's Society and Francis House on your behalf to support their excellent work.

## New Curate

On the 28th December Rev Kirsten announced that Bishop David has been pleased to appoint Paul Dent as curate in our parish and the parish of Leesfield. Welome Paul.

## Volunteers Required Please

We are looking to set up a rota of people to open and set up the church for the 8am Sunday service. As there are 52 weeks in the year a team of 5 or more would mean doing this less than once a month. If you can commit to a short time before the service it would be greatly appreciated.

If you have never done it before have a chat with Steve Reed, no obligation, to find out more and if it is a good for for you. Or get in touch with him by phone or email.

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## Tea and Coffee

After every Sunday 9.15am service there are coffee/tea and biscuits served in the Church Hall.

Everyone is warmly welcome.

If you have not come through before try it as a New Year's resolution!

Come through to our warm space and have a brew.

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## St John the Baptist Hey



**Receiving & Sharing the Love of God Everyday**

## Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2026

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Epiphany

8.00 am - Holy Communion  
9.15 am - Holy Communion

## Readings & Hymns

<b>Processional</b>	<b>273</b>	Great is thy faithfulness
<b>First Reading</b>		Isaiah 49.1-7
<b>Second Reading</b>		1 Corinthians 1.1-9
<b>Gradual</b>	<b>57</b>	Awake, my soul, and with the sun Part I vs 1,2,3,4 & 8
<b>Gospel Reading</b>		John 1.29-42
<b>Intercession</b>		<i>Stay with me</i>
<b>Offertory</b>	<b>841</b>	Ye servants of God
<b>Communion</b>	<b>328</b>	I Come with Joy
<b>Communion</b>	<b>743</b>	There is a Redeemer
<b>Final</b>	<b>337</b>	I, the Lord of sea and sky

## Collect

Eternal Lord, our beginning and our end: bring us with the whole creation to your glory, hidden through past ages and made known in Jesus Christ our Lord.

## Post Communion

God of glory, you nourish us with your Word who is the bread of life: fill us with your Holy Spirit that through us the light of your glory may shine in all the world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

## What do I do at Communion?

If you receive Holy Communion at any Christian Church, you are welcome to receive it here. Otherwise please come forward with everyone else to receive God's blessing, keeping your head bowed. If you are unable to come forward, please speak to a warden to arrange for Communion to be brought to you.

## This Week

**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> January**

10.00 am Holy Communion



Our Prayers are asked for:

### **The World**

For the leaders of the nations, that you will guide them in the ways of freedom, justice & truth. We pray for peace & the laying down of weapons in Ukraine. We pray for restraint on all sides in the violence in Israel, Gaza, Iran, Sudan, Yemen & the Middle East.

### **The Church**

Our Bishops David, Mark & Matthew. Archdeacon Karen, Area Dean Daniel and visiting clergy. All those who work in the background to provide a welcoming Church here at St John's.

### **The Community of the Parish**

Staff & Pupils at Hey with Zion Primary School, Springhead Primary & Junior School. The staff and pupils at Laugh'n'Learn Nursery here at St John's. The staff & residents of Oakdene Care Home, Millfield Care Home.

The street of our Parish – the residents of Hillspring Road and Helsby Close.

### **Anniversary of Death**

Michael Gaynon, Eileen Kinder and Eric Norton

### **The Sick**

Gwen Molyneaux, Hilary, Grace Stansfield, Terence Davies, Geoff & Hazel Gee and anyone close to our own hearts.

*Please forward any items to be included in the pew sheets by the end of Wednesday each week to  
Barbara Ballantyne  
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## **Psalm 40**

- 1 I waited patiently for the Lord; he inclined to me and heard my cry.
- 2 He brought me out of the roaring pit, out of the mire and clay; he set my feet upon a rock and made my footing sure.
- 3 He has put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God; many shall see and fear and put their trust in the Lord.
- 4 Blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord, who does not turn to the proud that follow a lie.
- 5 Great are the wonders you have done, O Lord my God. How great your designs for us! There is none that can be compared with you.
- 6 If I were to proclaim them and tell of them they would be more than I am able to express.
- 7 Sacrifice and offering you do not desire but my ears you have opened;
- 8 Burnt offering and sacrifice for sin you have not required; then said I: 'Lo, I come.'
- 9 'In the scroll of the book it is written of me that I should do your will, O my God; I delight to do it: your law is within my heart.'
- 10 I have declared your righteousness in the great congregation; behold, I did not restrain my lips, and that, O Lord, you know.
- 11 Your righteousness I have not hidden in my heart; I have spoken of your faithfulness and your salvation; I have not concealed your loving-kindness and truth from the great congregation.
- 12 Do not withhold your compassion from me, O Lord; let your love and your faithfulness always preserve me,



*"Pray without ceasing."  
1 Thessalonians 5:17*

*Please take this pew sheet home to guide you in your bible study, aid your prayers and remind you of forthcoming events.*