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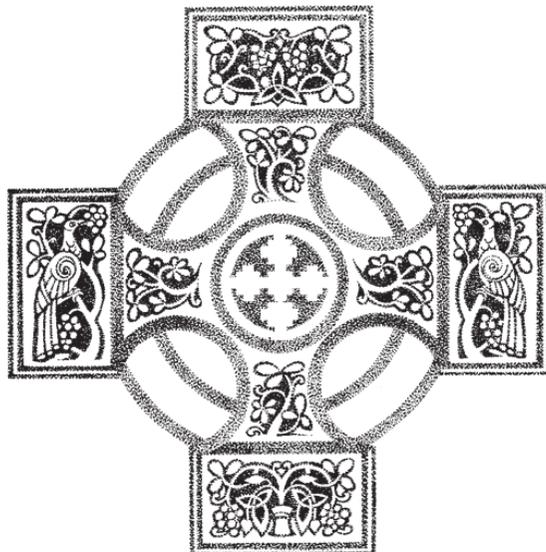
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<b>Sunday 28<sup>th</sup></b>	8.00am	Holy Communion in East End (SJ)
	10.00am	All Age Communion (SJ)
	10.30am	All Age Worship (SL)
	6.00pm	Football at Rossett Sports Centre
<b>Monday 29<sup>th</sup></b>	9-9.30am	Morning Prayer (SJ)
<b>Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup></b>	9-9.30am	Morning Prayer
	7.30pm	Standing Committee Meeting (SJEE)



### **LOOKING AHEAD**

Some significant dates for your diary

<b>Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> May</b>	2pm	Jumble Sale (SJ Hall)
<b>Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> May</b>	10-12noon	Coffee Morning for Time Together (SJ Hall)
<b>Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May</b>	TBA	Rededication of St Luke's Church by Bishop Helen-Ann (SL)
<b>Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> July</b>	TBA	Church Summer Fair (SJ)
<b>Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> July</b>	TBA	Community Day (BWCL Library)
<b>Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> July</b>	3-5.00pm	Songs of Praise (SJ Hall)
<b>4<sup>th</sup> -6<sup>th</sup> October</b>		Parish Weekend at Scargill



### **ST JOHN'S CHURCHYARD**

Weren't the snowdrops, crocuses and daffodils beautiful? We owe a great deal to Terry and his team, including David, Nigel, Sam, Rob and others, who do a wonderful job of maintaining the churchyard - mowing, strimming, pruning, planting and tidying. **THANK YOU ALL!**

But now with the reduction in numbers of street-sweepers, volunteers are needed to clear the rubbish that blows in or is dropped in the church grounds. Can you help? Bags, gloves and pick-up sticks available from church during office hours.



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## **Rector's Letter**

A few days ago I attended a breakfast hosted by a Christian organisation called 'Press Red' <http://pressred.org/> whose stated aim is 'Educating, equipping, and empowering individuals, churches, and wider society to speak out against the violence suffered by women and girls worldwide.' It was an informative and sobering event, revealing just how much abuse of various sorts is pretty much commonplace in our society – for example, in Britain, a woman is assaulted in her own home every 6 seconds, while 72% of girls report that they have been emotionally abused by a boyfriend by the time they are 16 years old. Thus abuse is undeniably a major issue, and one that will, directly or indirectly, affect pretty much all of us.

Meanwhile, as well as individuals within our churches being victims or even, dare we say it, perpetrators of abuse, unfortunately it is also true that institutionally the Church has major and ongoing issues with abuse of varying forms, and this is one of the reasons why effective safeguarding is such a high priority for the Church of England – and in this respect I want to express my thanks to our parish safeguarding officers, Helen Tension and Jane Thompson, for the work they do in helping us make sure our policies and practice are up to speed (see our website for more details, or the noticeboards in both St John's and St Luke's). And I do want to be clear that safeguarding is everyone's responsibility, so if you do have concerns, please do not keep them to yourselves.

So how might we as individuals and churches seek to respond to abuse? To give the beginnings of an answer, I want to return to the Press Red breakfast; for it was emphasised that while the causes of exploitation, abuse and violence are varied and complicated, one of the main reasons they take place is to do with some people's unwillingness to treat their fellow human beings as being of equal value – and this is where the message of Good Friday and Easter Day is able to speak so powerfully. St Paul tells us in Romans 6:10 that Jesus died '**once for all**' upon the cross – no exceptions here, no qualifications – in other words, all people are of equal value before God, and therefore it is a gospel imperative that we as God's people treat all people equally and make it our business to stand up against injustice in all its forms, including abuse.

Therefore as we approach Good Friday, and remember that the cross is all about the righting of wrong, is all about transforming lives and freeing people from the slavery of sin, perhaps we might like to think about how we individually could respond to the urgent need to shift attitudes, to

change behaviour, to protect the many vulnerable people in our society but in particular those who are the victims of abuse. One way to start might be to visit the Press Red website where we find the following aspirational and inspirational statement:

*'We let people know what's going on, and we provide them with the tools and resources they need to make a difference. We are a force for change, leading a movement of people, churches and other organisations who refuse to accept the status quo, and are committed to helping bring hope and healing into deeply painful situations.'*

Two last things to say – Firstly, there are of course many other organisations who are working to challenge abuse and help its victims – the Children's Society comes to mind as one example – what matters is not the organisation, but addressing the issue. Secondly it may be that reading this has brought to the surface experiences, past or present, that you feel you would like help with – please do feel free to contact one of the clergy (contact details are at the back of this magazine), or visit the safeguarding page on our website by clicking on the 'about' tab:

<https://www.stjohnsandstlukes.org.uk/about>

Wishing you a blessed and joyful Easter

Simon



### AN AMAZING MORNING!

Knox WI would like to thank the members of St John's Church for their help and support at the coffee morning on 9<sup>th</sup> March. The weather was extremely wet and cold and we still had 73 people through the door. This is not the first coffee morning we have had at St John's over the years and every time we have been made so welcome. This year we were raising money for the Retcam appeal at Harrogate Hospital, because of the generosity of those attending we raised just over £600. Thank you to all concerned. Sue Butters, Knox WI.



Saturday 13 <sup>th</sup>	10am-12noon	Coffee Morning in Church Hall (SJ)
<b>Sunday 14<sup>th</sup></b>	8.00am	Holy Communion in East End (SJ)
	10.00am	Holy Communion (SJ)
	10.30am	Parade Service (SL)
	12.00pm	Baptisms (SJ)
	6.00pm	Kingdom Come (SJ)
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	SYWC set up (SJ)
	NO MORNING PRAYER	
	7.30pm	Meditation (SL)
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	SYWC set up (SJ)
	NO MORNING PRAYER	
	7.30pm	Meditation (SL)
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup>	NO MORNING PRAYER	
	10am-12noon	Smelly Yellow Welly Club (SJ)
	10.30am	Holy Communion <b>** (SL) ** NB</b>
	10.30am	Thirst - Coffee at Dene Park Community Centre
	12.00noon	Thirst Table at Dene Park Community Centre
Maundy Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup>	NO MORNING PRAYER	
	NO LITTLE FISHES	
	10am-12noon	Smelly Yellow Welly Club (SJ)
	1-3.00pm	Wellbeing Café (SL)
	NO EVENING SURGERY	
	6.00pm	Passover Meal (SL)
	8.15pm	Vigil (SL)
Good Friday 19 <sup>th</sup>	10am-12noon	Smelly Yellow Welly Club (SJ)
	11.30am	Act of Witness at the Cenotaph
	12-3.00pm	Meditations at the Cross (SL)
	5.45-6.40pm	Choir Practice (SJ)
	7.00pm	Music and Words for Good Friday (SJ)
<b>Easter Sunday 21<sup>st</sup></b>	5.00am	Sunrise Service (SJ)
	8.00am	Holy Communion in East End (SJ)
	10.00am	All Age Communion (SJ)
	10.30am	All Age Communion (SL)
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	9-9.30am	Morning Prayer (SJ)
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	9-9.30am	Morning Prayer (SJ)
	7.30pm	Still Waters (SL)
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup>	9-9.30am	Morning Prayer (SJ)
	10.30am	Holy Communion (SJ)
	10.30am	Thirst - Coffee at Dene Park Community Centre
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup>	9-9.30am	Morning Prayer (SJ)
	NO LITTLE FISHES	
	1-3.00pm	Wellbeing Café (SL)
	6.30-7.15pm	Evening Surgery in Church Office (SJ)
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup>	12.30pm	Wedding (SJ)
Saturday 27 <sup>th</sup>	3-5.00pm	Songs of Praise in Church Hall (SJ)

# APRIL'S CALENDAR

Monday 1 <sup>st</sup>	9-9.30am 7-9.00pm	Morning Prayer (SJ) Alpha Course (SJ)
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	9-9.30am 1.45-3.00pm	Morning Prayer (SJ) Lent Course (SJEE)
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	9-9.30am 10.30am 10.30am	Morning Prayer (SJ) Holy Communion (SJ) Thirst - Coffee at Dene Park Community Centre
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup>	9-9.30am 9.30-11.30am  1-3.00pm 6.30-7.15pm	Morning Prayer (SJ) Little Fishes (Parent & Toddler Group) (SL) Wellbeing Café (SL) Evening Surgery (SJ Church Office)
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup>	6.30-7.45pm 8.00am 9.30am 10.30am 11.00am 12.45pm 4.00pm  6.00pm 7.00pm	Choir Practice (SJ) Holy Communion in East End (SJ) Parade Service (SJ) All Age Communion (SL) Holy Communion (SJ) Baptism (SJ) Service to Remember and Give Thanks (SJ) Blast Off (SL) Ignite (SL)
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup>	9-9.30am 2.30pm 7-9.00pm	Morning Prayer (SJ) Healing Prayer Group 18 Hill Top Rise Alpha Course (SJ)
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup>	9-9.30am 10-11.30am  1.45-3.00pm 7.30pm	Morning Prayer (SJ) JAM in Church followed by Coffee in East End (SJ) Lent Course (SJEE) Still Waters (SL)
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup>	9-9.30am 10.30am 10.30am  12.15pm	Morning Prayer (SJ) Holy Communion (SJ) Thirst - Coffee at Dene Park Community Centre Community Lunch at Bilton Community Centre
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm 9-9.30am 9.30-11.30am  1-3.00pm 6.30-7.15pm	Annual Parochial Church Meeting (SJ) Morning Prayer (SJ) Little Fishes (Parent & Toddler Group) (SL) Wellbeing Café (SL) Evening Surgery in Church Office (SJ)

## SONGS OF PRAISE

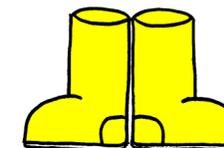
Our next quarterly Songs of Praise will be on 27<sup>th</sup> April, 3pm in St John's church hall. Ruth, our Curate will lead us, David will play the piano as usual and of course, a warm welcome awaits everyone. Donations of cakes can be brought on the day but Hymn or Song requests should reach David or me by 21<sup>st</sup> April please. Small and/or local charities are always pleased to receive our monetary donations and glad to know we care about them and remember them. Call me on 522828 for any further information.



*Linda Williams.*



## SMELLY YELLOW WELLY CLUB 2019 Come and join the fun



Smelly Yellow Welly Club is an Easter Club for primary school aged children. For those who don't know about Welly Club we have approx. 100 children each day attend for 3 mornings over Easter. They hear bible stories, play games and make crafts to take home and decorate the church. It will run each morning from Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> to Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April (Good Friday) from 10am to 12noon.

Registration forms are available at both Churches. Look out for the big yellow welly. Complete one and return it to St John's Church Office before the day to be sure you get a place.

For more information speak to one of the Team who are Jane Thompson, Carol Scarisbrick, Niki Hutchinson, Sam Westwood and Helen Tennison or email us at [smellyyellowwellyclub@gmail.com](mailto:smellyyellowwellyclub@gmail.com)



### HELP NEEDED!

**LITTLE FISHES** (Thursday mornings at St Luke's) is looking for one or two people to help prepare refreshments - tea, coffee, juice, snacks. Offers to the church office please.

## Question Corner.

Q. Is there a difference between Baptism and Christening of a baby?



A. There ought not to be, since both refer to the same thing. The original word in the New Testament is 'Baptism'. In Matthew 28 Jesus tells his disciples 'go and make disciples of all nations and baptise them in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit'. (The word 'Christening', as such, is not in the Bible.)

Baptism is about becoming a member of the church, the Christian family, and the baptism of a baby is the start of a process of growing in faith. Parents and Godparents promise to encourage the child in this process so that, hopefully, he or she will want to make a personal Christian commitment at some stage. This is usually at Confirmation, but is not limited to that.

I don't know when the word 'Christening' was first used. Literally it reminds us of St Paul's phrase 'putting on Christ'. But there's a slight confusion. The dictionary definition is 'to name a baby as a sign of admission to the Christian church' or 'to use for the first time'. So, over the years, baptism has been regarded by many people as actually GIVING the name. It's not. Before baptising the baby, the minister asks what his or her name is (already), and then repeats the name to welcome the child into the Christian family.

For parents who don't want baptism for their children, there is a thanksgiving service to thank God for the life of the baby. This does not require anyone to make promises about Christian faith and commitment. But whether the choice is Baptism or thanksgiving, we want parents to know that God's love is the same for all.

Fortunately these days Baptism is not so much seen as a social custom. Years ago young mothers, with little or no church connection, would say 'Can I have my baby done?' I was tempted to reply 'Would you like him scrambled, fried or lightly boiled?' (But I didn't!) The word 'done' means finished. But Baptism, or Christening, means a new start.

*David*

# PEOPLE

## BAPTISMS / BLESSINGS & THANKSGIVINGS

*James Richard Fowler  
Lucy Jayne Fowler  
Evelyn Josephine Maguire*



## FUNERALS/ MEMORIALS

*We extend our sympathy to the families of those who have recently died:  
Shirley Broadley*

## CONFIRMATION

*We welcome the following into full membership of the church:*

*Tom Shaw      Phoebe Shaw      Adam Brain  
Hayley Day      Dani Paizis*



### Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> April

is Copy Date for the  
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## WORLD THINKING DAY

held annually on 22<sup>nd</sup> February, is a day of friendship, advocacy and fundraising for 10 million Guides, Girl Scouts and Scouts around the world. Why 22<sup>nd</sup> February? Well, this was the birthday of Scouting and Guiding founder Lord Baden-Powell and of his wife, Lady Baden-Powell.

In Bilton we celebrated a bit early on Saturday 16 February when over 60 Rainbows, Brownies, Guides and their leaders all gathered at St John's Church Hall for an afternoon of activities and friendship as we took a quick "tour" of the world. This included making Madagascan Lemurs, Indian peacock feathers, Japanese fans and Canadian Northern Light jars, Jamaican dancing as well as favourite of the girls, food tasting from France and Italy. There was also a treasure hunt which required them to sing the National Anthem, some had more success than others!

The afternoon ended with all of the girls and their leaders renewing their promises. Once again a really enjoyable event for the girls so a big "Thank you" from 4<sup>th</sup> Bilton Brownies to all of those who helped organise as well as to those who helped out on the day.



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**BILTON COMMUNITY LUNCH CLUB**  
**GOOD FOOD AND GOOD COMPANY**

The Community Lunch Club has existed since 2003, and is held at the Community Centre on Bilton Lane. Lunch is provided for around 40 people on the second Wednesday of every month, except August.



The idea behind the lunch was to do something for the older people in the Church but also for the wider community.

We provide a 3 course meal plus tea or coffee, for £4. All the food is bought locally and cooked from scratch on the day. We wanted to provide a meal that maybe people who were on their own would not cook for themselves.

A typical menu might be:

- Parsnip soup
- Pork casserole with mashed potatoes and broccoli
- Fruit crumble and custard
- Tea or coffee

We aim to provide an informal but caring atmosphere where people can relax, chat, and make new friends whilst enjoying good food. Our volunteers take on various duties, from doing the shopping, food preparation, cooking, table setting, serving, washing up (and boy is there some washing up!), selling tickets, to laundry of the tablecloths and tea towels.

Entrance is by ticket only as there is a maximum number of people that can be catered for. At the moment we have a short waiting list. If you would like to join us or would like more information please contact Sheena on 01423 525787 or Ann on 07772169172.

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer, we would be very happy to hear from you, as some of the volunteers are older than our customers and we could do with some new and younger blood!

Our **Coffee Morning on May 11<sup>th</sup>**  
will be supporting

## **Time Together**

providing support and opportunities for individuals with Autism, Asperger's and additional needs

Alongside our support work we also facilitate various social groups, activity groups and support groups for individuals and families affected by autistic spectrum conditions and additional needs, including:

### **Happy Mondays**

A social group for adults with learning or physical difficulties who meet every Monday evening at Time Together premises in Starbeck for a meal and activities.

### **Parents Together**

An online parent support group for families affected by Autism, Asperger's and additional needs.

### **ASpect**

A user-led social group run on behalf of the Harrogate NAS for individuals on the Autism spectrum and/or with social/communication difficulties.

### **Games Zone**

An inclusive gaming club for ages 8-18 (u12s accompanied) which runs on Friday evenings.

## IN THE POWER OF THE SPIRIT

On Sunday 3rd March we welcomed the Bishop of Ripon, Helen-Ann Hartley, to St Luke's to confirm Phoebe Shaw, Adam Brain, Tom Shaw, Dani Paizis and Hayley Day. It was a fantastic occasion, with a tangible sense of fellowship and especially of God's presence. Tom, Dani and Hayley shared their testimonies of why they had chosen to be confirmed, and it was a huge privilege to pray with and for all of the candidates at this significant stage on their journey of faith. We look forward to seeing God's plans for them unfold as the months and years go by.



We asked two of the candidates for their thoughts -

### **Hayley:**

Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2019 was a truly significant day for me on my Christian journey. It was the day that I was confirmed by the lovely Bishop Helen-Ann at St Luke's Church. This was an amazing Holy experience. I once again thank the clergy at St John's and St Luke's for presenting me to the Bishop of Ripon and for putting my name forward for confirmation. I have been on my faith journey now for almost 2 years; the road is long, winding and not without its challenges. However, it is full of light and since my confirmation, day by day, I'm learning to know myself in Christ. The riches of my faith have no bounds and I want to share it with others.

### **Dani:**

Deciding to be Confirmed was a very empowering decision for me. The service led by the Bishop was truly memorable and I really felt a strong sense of God's presence as I took Holy Communion, and a true feeling of belonging to the St Luke's and St John's community. Thank you to everyone who came and supported us on the day.

# COFFEE MORNING

## St John's Church Hall

### Saturday 13th April

### 10 till 12 noon

### £1 inc drink & biscuit

RAFFLE  
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## IDLE THREAT

Did you know that letting your car idle in stationary traffic for just two minutes uses up the same amount of petrol as driving a mile and that an average car emits 700g of carbon dioxide in that time? These were just some of the statistics quoted in the Harrogate Advertiser on 28<sup>th</sup> February in an article on Zero Carbon Harrogate's forthcoming "no idling" campaign to highlight the dangers of letting your car idle.



Why is idling so bad? Letting your engine idle increases the amount of exhaust fumes in the air. These fumes contain harmful gases including carbon dioxide, which is bad for the environment and contributes towards climate change, as well as a range of other harmful gases including nitrogen dioxide, carbon monoxide and hydrocarbons which are linked to asthma and other lung diseases. The young and the elderly are particularly vulnerable and the Royal College of Physicians estimates 40 000 deaths a year in the UK are linked to air pollution, with engine idling contributing to this.

It is not only pedestrians or cyclists who are the worst affected. Drivers and passengers can be subjected to ten times as much pollution, as they are sitting in a confined space drawing in exhaust fumes through the car's ventilation ducts.



In addition to the money and fuel wasted by letting your engine idle, it is actually an offence under the Road Traffic (Vehicle Emissions) Regulations 2002. The law says "You must not leave a vehicle's engine running unnecessarily while that vehicle is stationary on a public road." Doing this can incur a £20 fixed-penalty fine if you refuse to turn your engine off when asked to do so by an authorised person.

If we all remember to turn off our engines when stationary in traffic or at a railway crossing, we will not only save money, but will also improve the environment for us all. Don't be idle and don't idle!

Further information can be found at:

<https://www.zerocarbonharrogate.org.uk/>

<https://www.rac.co.uk/drive/advice/emissions/idling/>

<https://www.bewiser.co.uk/knowledge-base/motoring-knowledge/how-does-idling-your-engine-affect-your-car-environment-and-your-wallet/>

*(The missing word is 'wallet' but if you add it, you don't get direct to the website!)*



## ECOTIPS

*Do you have a tip to share that will help us conserve energy or resources? Send it to the Editor, [SJSFocus@gmail.com](mailto:SJSFocus@gmail.com)*

- If you have to run water until it gets hot, collect the cold water to use later for rinsing the sink or watering the plants.
- Don't forget that you can bring dead batteries and ink cartridges to St John's and St Luke's for recycling—and the church gets paid for them! (Collection boxes near the doors)
- Save paper; print on both sides!
- Remember Tracey's tip from last month: many biscuit wrappers can be recycled. Boxes in the kitchen at both churches.



## CHILDREN'S SOCIETY BOXES—St John's

Thank you to everyone who has a home collecting box. Please bring your boxes to St John's during April for emptying and counting. Sorry this request is a bit late this year! We will deal with them as quickly as we can.



## SPECIAL SERVICES FOR HOLY WEEK



Monday	7.30pm	Meditation (SL)
Tuesday	7.30pm	Meditation (SL)
Wednesday	10.30am	Holy Communion *(SL)*
	7.30pm	Meditation (SL)
Maundy Thursday	6.00pm	Passover Meal (SL)
	8.15pm	Vigil (SL)
Good Friday	11.30am	Act of Witness (Cenotaph)
	12-3.00pm	Meditation at the Cross (SL)
	7.00pm	Music and Words for Good Friday (SJ)
Easter Day	5.00am	Sunrise Service, followed by bacon butties (SJ)