



ST. JOHN'S NEWS

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WELCOME TO ST. JOHN'S!

If you are a visitor today, we hope you enjoy your time with us and feel at home here. If you'd like to know more about us, do ask one of our Welcome team for our "What's On" leaflet, and fill in the form on the back of this sheet.

LITTLE BOOKS

What's On This Month

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| Sunday 1st <i>TRINITY 9</i> | 8.00am 10.30am | Holy Communion – Parish Centre Family Service - Newton Hall, with "Guest" Preacher, Marie Raffay <i>(Joel 2:12-17 pg 912)</i> |
| Wednesday 4th | 10.00am 7.30pm | Holy Communion – Parish Centre Element – Parish Centre |
| Sunday 8th <i>TRINITY 10</i> | 8.00am 10.30am | Holy Communion – Parish Centre Family Service - Newton Hall <i>(Amos 3:1-8 pg 918)</i> |
| Wednesday 11th | 7.30pm | Element – Parish Centre |
| Sunday 15th <i>TRINITY 11</i> | 8.00am 10.30am | Holy Communion – Parish Centre Family Communion - Newton Hall <i>(Hosea 11:1-11 pg 907)</i> |
| Wednesday 18th | 7.30pm | Element – Parish Centre |
| Sunday 22nd <i>TRINITY 12</i> | 8.00am 10.30am | Holy Communion – Parish Centre Family Service - Newton Hall <i>(Habakkuk 1:1-11 pg 940)</i> |
| Wednesday 25th | 7.30pm | Element – Parish Centre |
| Sunday 29th <i>TRINITY 13</i> | 8.00am 10.30am | Holy Communion – Parish Centre Family Service - Newton Hall <i>(Nahum 1:1-8)</i> |



FRESH EXPRESSIONS OF CHURCH

Here's a great event coming up for all who are interested in seeing the church engage with a rapidly-changing culture, and exploring new ways of sharing Jesus with the millions who will never darken the doors of a church: it's this year's *Sheffield Diocesan Development Day* on Saturday 2nd October, 9am to 3,30pm at the Philadelphia Campus, Sheffield S6 3BL. The theme is "Growing Fresh Expressions of Church" and the keynote speaker is Bishop Graham Cray, Archbishops' Missioner and Team Leader of the national Fresh Expressions team. The day is open to all church members, and is free (though we do have to book). It promises to be full of inspiration and ideas, with a range of seminars as well as main sessions. If you'd like to go or would just like more information, please see Rick.

JOBS IN SHEFFIELD

Church Army, a Church of England mission organisation, is recruiting in central Sheffield, and need experts in

- Fundraising
- Marketing and communications
- Administration
- Finance

To learn more, and to register your interest, visit their website:

www.churcharmy.org.uk/sheffieldjobs

FOR THE DIARY

On September 18th at the Pentecostal Church, The 'Gentlemen' will be playing a 'gig'! The support act will be our very own 'Set in Stone' Stephen, AJ, & co. For further details see Rob.



THANK YOU

To Mr & Mrs B Salt and Mrs J Hall for their donation to this months flowers.

BUSY FOR YOU!

Your PCC had a busy evening in July as they continued to make important decisions on behalf of us all. The main items discussed were:

- **Finances:** because of changes in personal circumstances, a small number of our regular givers have had to reduce their contributions to St. John's. This means we're heading for a deficit of £2,246 by the end of the year. It's hard to see how we can reduce our outgoings without significantly affecting our regular witness. In view of this, we agreed to encourage all givers - particularly those in employment - to increase their giving to ensure we avoid this. All it would take is about £2.50 per week per employed giver between now and December 31st.
- **Bookstall:** after many years' faithful service, Betty Truman is shortly to hand this over to Janet Linton. It was agreed to transfer the bookstall finances from Yorkshire Bank to HSBC.
- **Parish Centre:** is now seeing a reasonable income, but this is about to suffer a big (though affordable!) dent as we cover the costs of repairing a retaining wall, which is unsafe.
- **Safeguarding children and vulnerable adults:** to keep abreast of the best current practice, we approved two new policies to protect the most vulnerable members of our church family and community - the children and vulnerable adults. We hope to make these available on our website soon.
- **Youth work:** it was agreed to pursue a grant application with the Church Burgesses Trust to see if we can raise sufficient funds to continue with a full-time youth worker after Rob leaves us next summer.

If you'd like to know any more about any of these decisions, please approach any PCC member.

WORD ON THE WEB: *did you know all St. John's sermons are available on the Internet? Simply go to www.stjohnschap.co.uk/sermons and you can either listen again or hear anything you've missed!*

NEW TO ST. JOHN'S?

Will you help us to be a friendly church, and to get to know you? You may even want to know more about us at St John's. Please take a few moments to complete this slip, tear it off and return it via the offertory basket or to one of the Welcome Team, or direct to the Parish Centre, 21, Housley Park.

Name(s) & Address

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Tel. No.

Children's names & ages

Date **Would you like a visit from one of our staff team?**

PRAYER

Prayer needs: If urgent prayer is needed for someone ill, in hospital or any other reason, ring Dorothy Broughton 246 0891.

USEFUL CONTACTS

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| Vicar | Rev Rick Stordy | 257 0966 |
| Curate | Rev Andy Oatridge | 07894 167070 |
| Readers | Ian & Lindsey Watson | 257 0072 |
| | Paul Ruddlesdin | 284 5217 |
| Churchwardens | John Summerfield | 246 1630 |
| | Ron Linton | 245 2535 |
| Pastoral Worker | Sylvia Charles | 246 8028 |
| Youth Worker | Rob Elliott | 07794 069740 |
| Safeguarding Officer | Nancy Marshall | 07799 353233 |
| Parish Office | Fiona Battey | 257 7444 |
| Pit-stop Manager | Pat Booth | 07751 320272 |
| Website | www.stjohnschap.co.uk | |

If you would **like to know more** about anything in St. John's News, please contact the Parish Office or e-mail: office@stjohnschap.co.uk.

Office open Tues, Wed & Thurs 9 - 12.30am

For **weddings and christenings**, contact the Parish Office.