



ST JOHN'S NEWS

20th September 2026

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FAITH'S GROWTH

Genesis 18:16-33

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

Sunday 20th <i>TRINITY 16</i>	9:30am	Morning Worship – St Saviour's
	10.15am	Welcome Team training – Newton Hall
	11:00am	Holy Communion – Newton Hall
	4:30pm	D:Group – Parish Centre
Monday 21st	9:00am	Morning Prayer – Parish Centre
	10:00am	Bumps & Tots – Parish Centre
Tuesday 22nd	9:00am	Morning Prayer – Parish Centre
Wed 23rd	9:00am	Morning Prayer – Parish Centre
	10:00am	Wednesday Friends – Parish Centre
Thursday 24th	9:00am	Morning Prayer – Parish Centre
	10:00am	Ladies Bible Study – Parish Centre
	6:30pm	E68 – Parish Centre
	7:30pm	Ecclesfield Deanery Synod – Christ Church Hillsborough
Friday 25th	2:00pm	Mothers Union – Parish Centre
Saturday 26th	9:30am	Weekend Away – Cliff College
Sunday 27th <i>TRINITY 17</i>	10:30am	Weekend At Home Worship & Baptism – Newton Hall, <i>with Melinda Hendry</i>
	12.15pm	Sunday Lunch & Family Quiz – Newton Hall
	4:30pm	D:Group – Parish Centre

Collect for 16th Sunday after Trinity

Lord of creation,
whose glory is around and within us:
open our eyes to your wonders,
that we may serve you with reverence
and know your peace at our lives' end,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

NEXT WEEKEND IS SPECIAL!



Next Weekend is our special Weekend At Home & Away. On the Saturday over 80 of us will be away at Cliff College for a day of fellowship, worship and enjoying the wonderful Peak District; on the Sunday, we're back home for a special joint morning service with St Saviour's at the earlier time of 10.30am, please note! After the service we're sharing a Sunday

lunch and family quiz together in the Newton Hall (for those who've booked). If you are joining us on the Saturday and would like a reminder of the venue and arrangements, you will receive a letter about that by email, or you can help yourself to a paper copy on the Information Desk today.

CAKES @ WEEKEND AT HOME & AWAY

If you are going on the Saturday or our special weekend at Cliff College, and could help by providing a cake for afternoon tea, please sign the sheet at the back of church!

GOSPEL DELIVERY PROJECT

This Sunday Rick will be sharing some exciting news about a major new project coming our way in 2027: the **Gospel Delivery Project**. The vision is to see every home in Chapeltown offered a Gospel of Mark next summer, and an invitation to find out more about Jesus later in the year. There's an information sheet about it on the Information Desk as you leave today: please help yourself to one!



HARVEST INVITATION FOR YOU



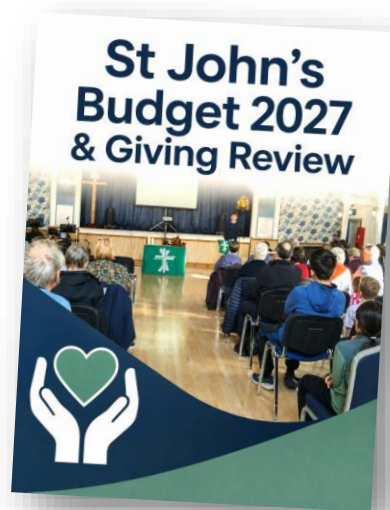
in two Sundays' time – 4 October – we celebrate our **HARVEST THANKSGIVING**. Everyone is invited to be part of this very special Sunday, when we will be:

- **thanking God** for our wonderful world and all the gifts of creation and redemption.
- **sharing gifts** of tinned and packeted food

for the St. Saviour's Foodbank (*they particularly appreciate Long life milk, tea, coffee (small jars please), squash, cold tinned meat, tinned hot dogs, sandwich spread, rice, micro rice/noodles, rice pudding, tinned fruit, custard, jam, shampoo*)

- **reviewing our giving** as a church in 2027: it's the start of our annual 'Giving Review'. We always love to begin by hearing what the Lord has to say in his word, and wondering at all he's given us. You can find out more in a letter from Rick & the PCC at the back of church!

It's always an important and inspiring occasion – please join us.



NEXT T-WALK

Is on Tuesday 22nd Sept, circling Harley and touching Wentworth. We set off 10am from Church Field Lane car-park, Church Field Lane, off Main Street, Wentworth, S62 7TX (parking free – no toilets), about 5.08 miles, taking 2½ hours. Afterwards at 1.15 pm a light lunch at The Bayhorse, Scholes, S61 2RQ – pre-order is required, send to Andy by Friday 18th Sept. All are welcome! Please wear suitable clothing and footwear. For further details contact Andy Woodcock Tel: 07421 140404.

ROOTED WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

Why not join Helen and Krista at this Women's event on Saturday 14th November, 'Made For More'? If you would like to go, please sign up directly with Rooted via the link below. Cost = £15

<https://forms.gle/JZumT5KPUTLgga9Q7>

CHURCH COUNCIL LATEST

Your Church Council (PCC) met last week and these were the highlights of discussions:

- **FINANCES:** Andy reported that we have just over £13,000 in the bank and that giving continues to be healthy, enabling us to meet our outgoings and further Parish Centre improvements.
- **DIOCESAN COMMON FUND:** Paul Sheridan from the Diocese of Sheffield explained what the Common Fund is: our contribution to the Diocesan 'pot', and how it's used. He stressed that St John's has been consistently generous over the years. For 2027, the Diocese asks for an 11% increase for 2027, with very serious financial challenges in the Diocese and to maintain our poorest churches. Andy said this is well within our current giving plans.
- **PARISH CENTRE:** We agreed to press ahead with 2 further improvements, to the lighting in the Lower Function Room and protecting the carpets on the Ground Floor.
- **GOSPEL DELIVERY PROJECT:** is a mission initiative for 2027 – a vision co-operating with the Sheffield-wide ARISE church network, and our local churches in Chapeltown. It was agreed this looks a really exciting prospect. It will ask of us a commitment to raise the funds for the gospels (maybe up to £2,500), but the PCC felt that this is something many would want to support with a special one-off donation.
- **YOUTH & CHILDRENS WORK:** had an inspiring summer, with 27 children at Holiday Club (22 of whom were non-churchgoers), and a successful Connect weekend at the end of August. It was announced that Mikey was now to be called our 'Youth & Children's worker', to more accurately reflect the job he does, and the way he's grown into the role.
- **BUDGET 2027 & GIVING REVIEW:** Andy & Rick presented a proposal that this year we aim at a modest, inflationary increase in our overall giving, aiming at a break-even budget for 2027. The Gospel Delivery Project would be a special one-off and separate from this. This was unanimously agreed.

If you'd like to know more, speak to any PCC member.



PRAYER CHAIN

Any special requests for prayer please contact Fee Battey on 07814 918972. If you would like to join the prayer chain you can do so by scanning the QR code or clicking the link [here](#)