



Welcome to Worship



If this is your first time of visiting the Knaresborough Team Ministry we are delighted in wishing you a very warm welcome. Please introduce yourselves to the sides people at the back of Church who will be able to help you with any queries you may have.



St John's Church is open for prayers and to light a candle of hope.

A Prayer for Ukraine

God of peace and justice,
we pray for the people of Ukraine today.
We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons.
We pray for all those who fear for tomorrow,
that your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them.

We pray for those with power over war or peace,
for wisdom, discernment and compassion to guide their decisions.
Above all, we pray for all your precious children, at risk and in fear,
that you would hold and protect them.

We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace. **Amen**
Archbishop Justin Welby, Archbishop Stephen Cottrell



Remembering in our prayers the 134 Ukrainian refugees coming to our area, that they will receive a warm welcome and all the support and care that they need.

THIS WEEK IN CHURCH....

SUNDAY 22nd MAY - PUBLIC WORSHIP

8.00 am	- St John's, Knaresborough	- BCP Holy Communion
9.00 am	- St Mary's, Goldsborough	- Holy Communion
10.30 am	- St John's, Knaresborough	- Holy Communion
10.30 am	- St Paul & St Margaret's, Nidd	- BCP Holy Communion
10.45 am	- Holy Trinity, Knaresborough	- Holy Communion
4.00 pm	- St John's, Knaresborough,	- Choral Evensong

WEDNESDAY 25th MAY - HOLY COMMUNION

10.00am	- Holy Trinity, Knaresborough	- Holy Communion
11.00am	- St John's, Knaresborough	- Holy Communion

THURSDAY 26th MAY - ASCENSION DAY

7.30pm	- St John's, Knaresborough
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Next Sunday - Sunday 29th May

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The Collect

Risen Christ,
by the lakeside you renewed your call to your disciples:
help your Church to obey your command
and draw the nations to the fire of your love,
to the glory of God the Father. **Amen.**

The Word:

 *God speaks to each of us individually. We need to listen, to hear what He is saying. Let us read the following texts a few times; then listen.*

Acts 16. 9-15

During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, 'Come over to Macedonia and help us.' When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.

We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. A certain woman named Lydia, a worshipper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, 'If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home.' And she prevailed upon us.

Revelation 21. 10, 22-22.5

And in the spirit he carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God.

I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. Its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. People will bring into it the glory and the honour of the nations. But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practises abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign for ever and ever.

John 5. 1-9

After this there was a festival of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem.

Now in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate there is a pool, called in Hebrew Beth-zatha, which has five porticoes. In these lay many invalids—blind, lame, and paralysed. One man was there who had been ill for thirty-eight years. When Jesus saw him lying there and knew that he had been there a long time, he said to him, 'Do you want to be made well?' The sick man answered him, 'Sir, I have no one to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up; and while I am making my way, someone else steps down ahead of me.' Jesus said to him, 'Stand up, take your mat and walk.' At once the man was made well, and he took up his mat and began to walk.

Now that day was a sabbath.

Post Communion Prayer

God our Father,
whose Son Jesus Christ gives the water of eternal life:
may we thirst for you,
the spring of life and source of goodness,
through him who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.
Amen.

God of Mission

**Who alone brings growth to your Church,
Send your Holy Spirit to give
Vision and Planning,
Wisdom to our actions,
Help our church grow in numbers,
In spiritual commitment to you,
And in service to our local community,
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**



We hold in our prayers:

Her Majesty the Queen - in this year of her platinum jubilee.



Our Diocese, Bishops, Churches & Clergy; Our NHS, Ambulance, Emergency services and Volunteers helping with the vaccine programme; Our local schools, especially our two church primaries, care homes, businesses and charities; Our mission partners: New Life Ghana and Azaria Spencer, CMS worker in Guatemala; Those supporting and caring for the vulnerable; Our loved ones and friends; Ourselves.

Those who are being married in our parish:

Natalie Moss-Blundell & David Bartlett

Those who have asked for prayer:

Lindsey Catt, Mildred Davy, Abi Foster, Alison Hopkins, Muriel Kagill, Shannon Knight, Simon Lindley, Edna Robshaw, Jan Seager, Isaac Sidaway, Joyce Wright, Sue, Sam, Gill.

Those who have recently died:

Yvonne Bulley, Stanley Dodds.

Those whose anniversary of death we keep:

John Millar, Jean Stevenson, Edith Wright, George Slights, Beatrice Watson.

If you would like a family member to be remembered on the anniversary of their death then please contact Faye by email or phoning the office number and leaving a message.



A Blessing

May the presence of the Creator refresh you, may the comfort of the Son renew you, may the inspiration of the Spirit restore you, to be love in action, even from a distance, in our neighbourhoods, near and far, this day and for evermore. Amen

Please remember to take this pew sheet home with you for your own personal reflections and prayers. You can also have it sent straight to your in-box by emailing Faye at knaresboroughparishoffice@gmail.com, and view it on your mobile device.