

MISSION

CAFÉ CHURCH AT THE HUB@ST JOHN'S - Held on the first Friday of the month, 10.30am - 12noon. All are welcome to this informal gathering for coffee, cake, chit-chat and prayer.

TRINITY TEAS - Held on the first Sunday of the month from 12noon until 4pm - selling delicious homemade lunches and afternoon teas. We look forward welcoming friends old and new.

MESSY VINTAGE CHURCH AT HOLY TRINITY CHURCH HALL - Held on the fourth Tuesday of the month at 11am. A new way of doing church differently. We have discussions on a variety of topics, creative expression, a short act of worship and celebration finished with a simple lunch. All are invited.

For all notices, news and what's going on in the Knaresborough Team Ministry pick up a copy of ACCORD Parish Magazine from the back of church for only £2!

COMMUNITY SUPPORT

This weeks list of needs - **Shampoo, Coffee, Milk, Table Sauce, Instant Mash, Men's Toiletries.** The Knaresborough Foodbank is open every Wednesday for Food Collections (referral only) and donations, 10.30am until 12.30pm at Holy Trinity Church Hall. **Donation can now be left in the collection box by the north door in St John's Church.**

COMMUNITY STARS CAFÉ - Every Wednesday at The HUB@St John's, 10.30am - 2pm, serving breakfasts and light lunches. **Community Stars main aims are to provide a range of events & community-based initiatives that provide volunteering opportunities for adults with Autism and Learning disabilities.**

PRAYER & CARE

PASTORAL CARE PRAYER CHAIN - If you have a prayer request for the pastoral care team to pray through and would like it to be kept confidential and not shared publicly, please email Pam Thomas, the prayer chain co-ordinator, at pam1943@hotmail.co.uk or telephone 01423 864262.

PASTORAL CARE - TELEPHONE CALLS - Our Pastoral Telephone Team are still there to support you. If you, or anyone you know would like to receive a weekly 'phone call from our friendly team, please contact June on 07759 619780 or Anthea on 01423 797560.

PASTORAL VISITS - If you would like a visit from one of the Clergy, or if you are aware of someone that you feel would benefit or appreciate a call or visit from a member of the Pastoral Visiting Team, then please contact us either via the office (01423 869209, knaresboroughparishoffice@gmail.com) or direct Revd Garry (07759 614032, garry.hinchcliffe@leeds.anglican.org), Revd Lisa (07526 769193, lisa.holland@leeds.anglican.org).

HOLY COMMUNION WITHIN OUR CARE HOMES - Did you know that we also take monthly services in the 3 care homes within our parish? Thistle Hill hold a service on the second Tuesday of the month at 11am, all are welcome, please speak to Denise at Holy Trinity. For more information regarding accessing these services please contact the Clergy.

PEW SHEETS - If you would like a family member or friend adding onto the weekly pew prayer sheet please email Faye at knaresboroughparishoffice@gmail.com with their name. The pew sheets are printed on Wednesdays so for prayer requests after Wednesdays please contact a member of the Clergy.

ONLINE COMPLINE (NIGHT PRAYER) 9PM

Online Compline will be said every Sunday at 9pm. Details at <https://www.niddchurch.info/compline/>

OFFICE CONTACT DETAILS -

Mrs Faye Wright (Parish Administrator & Safeguarding Officer)
Parish office telephone: 01423 869209
(Office open Monday - Thursday, 8.30am - 1.30pm)
Parish office email: knaresboroughparishoffice@gmail.com

SAFEGUARDING - For any queries or concerns contact Faye Wright (Parish Safeguarding Officer) at knaresboroughparishoffice@gmail.com
Call 01423 869209/07415 009217

Website - <https://www.knaresboroughanglicans.org>

KNARESBOROUGH ANGLICAN TEAM MINISTRY



Sunday 14th December

A very warm welcome to our service today

If you are visiting with us today, please introduce yourself to the 'welcomers' at the back of the church who will be able to help you with any queries you may have.

If you receive Holy Communion in your own church, you are warmly invited to receive it here. **Gluten-Free wafers** are available – if you require a gluten-free wafer, please make a 'welcomer' aware before the service who will inform the Clergy

Intinction – For hygiene purposes and in line with the guidelines from our Diocesan Bishop, we do not allow intinction (dipping wafer into wine). Receiving the Sacrament in 'bread' alone is sufficient to receive Holy Communion.

If you have any **mobility issues** the clergy are happy to bring communion to you in your pew – please let a 'welcomer' or churchwarden know. In the same way, if you feel you need to, please feel free to **sit down at any point** during the service.



Lord,
come
and
save us.

Third Week of Advent:
Joy, a Pink Candle

Dear Jesus, help us focus on you during this busy season. May we stay aware of the joy you bring into our lives. We want to find you in the everyday moments and come with hearts of gratitude to your manger on Christmas. Amen.

CHRISTINGLE MAKING PARTY@ST JOHN'S



Straight after the St John's service on Sunday 21st December we will be holding a Christingle making working party in preparation for this afternoons Christingle Service in the HUB.

Please come and join in with the fun!



HOME GROUPS



'A great place to make friends, grow in faith and connect to the church'

Interested and want to find out more? Then come to an informal get-together to discuss the way forward...

Monday 19th January, 7.30pm, The HUB@St John's
All are welcome and bring a friend



What's on this week...

WEDNESDAY 17th DECEMBER

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

SUNDAY 21st DECEMBER - 4th Sunday in Advent

8.00am - St John's Church, Knaresborough - BCP Holy Communion
9.00am - St Mary's, Goldsborough - Holy Communion
10.30am - St John's, Church, Knaresborough - Choral Eucharist
10.30am - Holy Trinity Church, Knaresborough - Holy Communion by Extension
10.30am - St Paul & St Margaret's, Nidd - BCP Holy Communion



Christmas Services today

4.00pm - Holy Trinity, Knaresborough - 9 Lessons and Carols
4.30pm - St John's Church, Knaresborough - Christingle
6.30pm - St John's Church, Brearton - Carols in the Church



Isaiah 35. 1-10

The desert and the parched land will be glad; the wilderness will rejoice and blossom. Like the crocus, it will burst into bloom; it will rejoice greatly and shout for joy. The glory of Lebanon will be given to it, the splendour of Carmel and Sharon; they will see the glory of the Lord, the splendour of our God. Strengthen the feeble hands, steady the knees that give way; say to those with fearful hearts, "Be strong, do not fear; your God will come, he will come with vengeance; with divine retribution he will come to save you." Then will the eyes of the blind be opened and the ears of the deaf unstopped. Then will the lame leap like a deer, and the mute tongue shout for joy. Water will gush forth in the wilderness and streams in the desert. The burning sand will become a pool, the thirsty ground bubbling springs. In the haunts where jackals once lay, grass and reeds and papyrus will grow. And a highway will be there; it will be called the Way of Holiness; it will be for those who walk on that Way. The unclean will not journey on it; wicked fools will not go about on it. No lion will be there, nor any ravenous beast; they will not be found there. But only the redeemed will walk there, and those the Lord has rescued will return. They will enter Zion with singing; everlasting joy will crown their heads. Gladness and joy will overtake them, and sorrow and sighing will flee away.

James 5:7-10

Be patient, then, brothers and sisters, until the Lord's coming. See how the farmer waits for the land to yield its valuable crop, patiently waiting for the autumn and spring rains. You too, be patient and stand firm, because the Lord's coming is near. Don't grumble against one another, brothers and sisters, or you will be judged. The Judge is standing at the door! Brothers and sisters, as an example of patience in the face of suffering, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

Matthew 11:2-11

When John, who was in prison, heard about the deeds of the Messiah, he sent his disciples to ask him, "Are you the one who is to come, or should we expect someone else?" Jesus replied, "Go back and report to John what you hear and see: The blind receive sight, the lame walk, those who have leprosy are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the good news is proclaimed to the poor. Blessed is anyone who does not stumble on account of me." As John's disciples were leaving, Jesus began to speak to the crowd about John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed swayed by the wind? If not, what did you go out to see? A man dressed in fine clothes? No, those who wear fine clothes are in kings' palaces. Then what did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written: "'I will send my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you.' Truly I tell you, among those born of women there has not risen anyone greater than John the Baptist; yet whoever is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.

COLLECT

God for whom we watch and wait,
you sent John the Baptist to prepare the way of your Son:
give us courage to speak the truth,
to hunger for justice,
and to suffer for the cause of right,
with Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

POST COMMUNION

We give you thanks, O Lord, for these heavenly gifts;
kindle in us the fire of your Spirit
that when your Christ comes again
we may shine as lights before his face;
who is alive and reigns now and for ever. **Amen.**

We hold in our prayers (as at 9th December):

All conflicts and natural disasters around the world
King Charles and the royal family.

Our Diocese, Bishops, Churches & Clergy.

Our local schools, especially for St John's CofE and Goldsborough CofE primaries,

We pray for the NHS; care homes, businesses and charities;

Our mission partners: New Life Ghana and Azaria & David Pocasangre, CMS workers in Guatemala.

Our loved ones and friends.

Those who have asked for prayer: (we keep names on for 4 weeks until asked to remove or placed on again)

Christopher Brown⁴, Ian Davies³, Patrick White¹, Judy Sturley¹

Those whose anniversary of death we keep (14th December - 20th December)

Eileen Walbank, Peter Hewitson, Alf Turner, John Sutcliffe, Helen Metcalfe, Revd Bill Snelson, Eve Smith, Philip Sanderson

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