



ST JOHN'S NEWS AND VIEWS

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Worship



Online services and reflections via our Facebook page and on YouTube.

Our preachers and services in church for the next few weeks will be as follows:

5 th November	10.30 am	Revd. Tim Broughton
12 th November	10.00 am	United Service of Remembrance at the Parish Church
19 th November	10.30 am	Jane Mansergh
26 th November	10.30 am	Wendy Holt
		Holy Communion / Toy Service
3 rd December	10.30 am	Revd. Kerry Tankard (Chair of the Yorkshire West District)

Remembrance Sunday - 12th November

A United Service at the Parish Church at 10.00 am will be followed by an act of Remembrance at the War Memorial at 11.00 am.

Toy Service

Our annual Toy Service will be held on Sunday 26th November. All gifts received at this service will be distributed to children in the Craven and Burnley areas. Please bring unwrapped new toys.

Coffee Pot



Do join us at Coffee Pot on Wednesdays from 10.30 am – 12.0 noon – and bring your friends.

Our October Charity Coffee Pot, on Wednesday 4th October, raised £377.09 in aid of Guide Dogs for the Blind - £199.60 from drinks, cakes etc. and £177.49 from the sale of Christmas cards and donations.

Money raised at our November Charity Coffee Pot, on Wednesday 1st November, will be for EcoChurch.

Bible Book Club

Our next meeting will be held after Coffee Pot (at 12.0 noon) on Wednesday 15th November, when

we will be looking at Isaiah 1-39. As usual, this will be led by Revd. Tim Broughton; background notes can be found on the hymn book cupboard.

Bible Study / Fellowship Group

Our next meeting will be held at 2.30 pm on Wednesday 15th November in the lounge at Limestone View. We will be looking at Matthew's gospel, chapter 7. Non-residents are welcome.

Quiz Night

Please invite family, friends and neighbours to join us for our Pointless Quiz at 7.00 pm on Saturday 18th November. Admission is free!



Prayer Meeting

The next monthly gathering of united prayer for all our churches in Settle and

District will be held at 12.00 noon on Tuesday 2nd November, at SS Mary and Michael Catholic Church.

AGM

Everyone is invited to the Churches Together AGM, to be held at 7.00 pm on Tuesday 14th November, at the Friends Meeting House. This will be followed by the Reps meeting.

Walk and Prayers for the Environment

These walks take place on the 1st of each month. For more details of this month's walk, please contact Judith Allinson.

Advent Shepherds

Following the successful distribution of Christmas angels around the town last year, it is hoped to distribute Advent Shepherds this year. A Christmas message will be attached to each one, under the Churches Together logo. If you can knit, please help by knitting some shepherds; you will find the pattern at the end of this newsletter. Completed angels should be taken to the Parish Church by 24th November.



'Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.'

(GALATIANS 6:9)

After our harvest celebrations we can be thankful for all the gifts God has given us, but we are mindful of all those in other parts of the world who have little and where they suffer from extremes of weather. Their harvests may have failed. Let us always remember that our actions here can have reactions elsewhere in the world and our Christian duty is to do all we can, however small, to help our neighbours wherever they may be.

Our bell jar of Ecommit slips is filling up nicely and there seems to have been a surge recently. Let's keep up our efforts to make a difference. This bell jar is a symbol to the rest of the community in Settle that we at St John's are serious about our Eco Pledge which we signed up to two years ago.

In November we will have our site assessment of our EcoChurch Gold Award application, so please pray for a successful outcome.

The Eco group are still active and we have successfully applied to North Yorkshire Council for a Decarbonisation Audit. This will be an in-depth survey of our whole premises to see the best way forward for us to achieve our net-zero target. We will be able to use their recommendations to make an application for a not insignificant grant from NYC to help us achieve this. Again, your prayers will be appreciated in this endeavour.

Dates for your diary

18th November 7.00 pm Quiz Night
26th November 10.30 am Toy Service
11th December 7.00 pm Soupacarol
24th December 6.30 pm Carol Service

Topics for Prayer



Please pray for peace in the Middle East, Ukraine and other trouble spots around the world.

A Prayer by the President and Vice-President of the Methodist Conference:

God of peace and compassion,

We pray for all impacted by the escalation in conflict in Israel-Palestine,

For all who are mourning,

For all who are fearful, today, and for what may lie ahead,

For all traumatised and re-traumatised by what they have experienced.

Enable us to stand in solidarity with people of peace

May your Spirit bring peace and healing to your troubled world.

Amen.

Newsletter

Thank you to all those who have contributed to this newsletter. Please send any material for inclusion in our next edition to Philip or Wendy by the **24th November**.



Pattern for Advent Shepherds

What you will need:

Some wool (in any yarn or colour)

Knitting needles (between size 10-8 (that's 3.25mm and 4mm)

Darning needle (like a big sewing needle)

Small amount of stuffing

Shepherd - Body

Cast on 48 sts

1. Knit row
2. Purl row
3. K2TOG, K10*, repeat until end
4. Purl row
5. Knit row
6. P2TOG, P9*, repeat until end
7. Knit row
8. Purl row
9. K2TOG, K8*, repeat until end
10. Purl row
11. Knit row
12. P2TOG, P7*, repeat until end
13. Knit Row
14. Purl Row
15. K2TOG, K6*, repeat until end
16. Purl row
17. Knit row
18. P2TOG, P5*, repeat until end
19. Knit row
20. Purl row
21. K2TOG, K4*, repeat until end - 20 sts
22. Purl row
23. Knit row
24. Purl row
25. Knit row
26. Purl row
27. Knit row

At this point, you can change your colour to create the face if you want.

28. Purl row
29. knit row
30. Purl row
31. Knit row
32. Purl row
33. Knit row
34. Purl row
35. K2TOG - repeat until end
36. Purl row
37. Knit row
38. P2TOG - repeat until end

Using a darning needle, thread the end of the yarn through the stitches and tighten to create the top of the head. Turn the angel inside out and sew up the head and the body. Around the neck, take a small amount of stuffing and place at the top of the head, then thread some yarn between stitches and pull loosely together.

Head scarf

Begin at back lower edge and using cream or white, cast on 2 sts. Work in garter st throughout (every row knit).

Inc 1 st at beginning of first and every following row until there are 20 sts.

Next row: Inc in first st, K5, (inc in next st, K1) 4 times, K6 – 25 sts.

Inc 1 st at beginning of next and every following row until there are 34 sts.

Next row: Inc in first st, K5, (K2tog, K5) 4 times – 31 sts *

Inc 1 st at beginning of next and every following row until there are 35 sts.

Cast off, for face edge.

Place cloth on head . Catch ends of cast off edge to front. Catch cast on edge to the back.

Make a double twisted cord, knotting both ends. Sew in a circle on the top of the scarf. Alternatively, you may prefer to sew a circle in chain-stitch.