



The Beacon

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Welcome

to the new digital newsletter of St John's Church, Worksop. Some of you reading this will have been a member of the church for years: others will not know much about us at all. Most people will know that we are the church on Gateford Road whose scaffolded spire has been looking like a Japanese pagoda. Now the spire is finished the lower roofs, which have been leaking like sieves, are similarly covered. In a few months we would love to invite you in to look round our beautiful church, which is being restored thanks to a generous grant from the National Lottery Heritage Fund.

As we became acutely aware during the pandemic, the church is not the building but the people; and here at St John's we have a multi-generational, multinational community of ordinary flawed people. We all can get it wrong and have struggles but we are finding that God loves us, forgives and gives us the strength to cope with the challenges of life. We try to love, support, help and pray for all those connected with us. In our experience prayer makes a real difference. We also want to share the love we have found - that's the motivation for welcoming all to our different groups. Read on to discover more....

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Join us for Coffee and a Chat.....



During 'The Spire Project' we invited people to join us for coffee on Tuesday at Ten to share some of their memories of St John's Church over the last 154 years. These have been recorded and can be found on our Heritage website

<https://workspire.org/>

This has proved to be so popular it will continue for the foreseeable future as a coffee morning.

Feel free to pop in for a coffee and a chat. You will be very welcome.

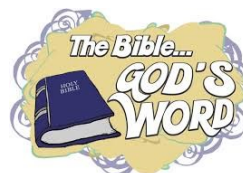
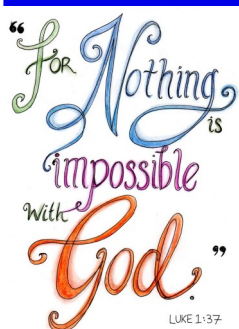


Once a month an invited speaker will share the story behind places of historical interest in our parish.

The next event in this series will be on **Tuesday 14th May** from 10.00 ~ 12 noon.

"The Cuckoo Dyke" is the story behind the Chesterfield Canal and its impact on Worksop. Hear tales of engineering, endeavour and enterprise.

See you there.



Our Bible is unique.

It claims to be inspired by God. Jesus said "People need more than bread for their life; they must feed on every word of God".

It's writers wrote history before the events they wrote about ever happened.

Its stories tell us about real people who struggled as we struggle, and hurt as we hurt.

It introduces us to people who lived and died, who had children and who couldn't have children.

Some doubted God and others displayed great faith in Him.

But the Bible also works in our lives when we put its wise advice into action, claim its promises, or heed its warnings.

JUST FOR FUN—MODERN MYTHS ...True or False?

- 1 Goldfish have a 3 second memory
- 2 Elephants are afraid of mice
- 3 Food dropped on the floor remains germ-free for 5 seconds
- 4 Planet earth is a perfect sphere

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Let Us Pray....



Prayer is often described as talking with God. Something we can do any place, any time, alone, or with others. What we call 'arrow prayers' are usually when we need help quickly! Praying with others, or praying the same prepared prayer as others, like the one below, fulfils God's desire that we should be united together in our praying, like the active parts of a body. Please join with me in praying to the GOD OF HOPE.

"Lord, grant me the patience and trust to wait upon Your perfect timing. I may not understand Your plan, but I know it is filled with hope and a future. Help me to rest in the assurance that Your ways are higher than my ways. In Jesus' name, I pray. Amen."

*Don't worry
about anything;
instead, pray
about everything.*

Philippians 4:6

Regular Weekly Diary

- Sunday** 10.30 Morning Service—with 'Kids' Church'
6.00 Sunday at 6 informal service in the Lounge
- Tuesday** 10.00—12 noon Coffee Morning
- Wednesday** 2.00 pm (1st Wednesday of the month) Mothers' Union
7.00 pm Lifeline Praise and Prayer in the Lounge
- OR** Life/Home Groups—various times in homes
- Friday** 7-00—8.30 (alternate weeks) Games Night for all ages
- Saturday** 10.00—12noon Church open for anyone for prayer and cleaning

As this is our first
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we would very much
value your feedback.
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*Comments
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Who Are We?

St John's is a Bible-based, evangelical Anglican Church, open to the moving of the Holy Spirit. We aim to show the love of Christ to all.

Our main Sunday worship is at 10.30a.m. There is 'Kids' Church' for children aged 3 years and over. Also a creche for under 3s. '**Sunday @ 6**' is an informal evening meeting.

We welcome all who come into our buildings for any reason.

Prayer underpins everything as we support each other in a loving community and reach out to others.



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MODERN MYTHS ...True or False?

- 1 Amazingly goldfish can remember the route to take through a simple maze!
- 2 Elephants are certainly not afraid of mice. Probably due to their poor eyesight.
- 3 Sadly not true. But I guess we've all done it.
- 4 Actually the Earth's circumference round the Equator is greater than if measured round the Poles.



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