



St. John's, Walton

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Notice Sheet

February 2025

Welcome to St. John's Church!
Especially if you are a visitor or new to our church.

Sunday Services

10am services streamed on [YouTube](#)
and available to watch via the [website](#)

2 nd February	
8.30am Holy Communion	Hebrews 2: 14 – 18 Luke 2:22 – 40
10am Morning Worship	
9 th February	
10am Holy Communion	1 Corinthians 15: 1 – 11 Luke 5: 1 – 11
6.30pm Choral Evensong	<i>With St John's Ensemble</i>
16 th February	
8.30am Holy Communion	1 Corinthians 15: 12 – 20 Luke 6: 17 – 26
10am Morning Worship	
23 rd February	
10am Holy Communion	Revelation 4 Luke 8: 22 – 25

Weekday Services

10am Wednesday (in church)	Holy Communion 1 st week of the month
	Morning Prayer All other weeks of the month

Notices

We extend a warm St John's welcome to Bishop Mark who is joining us for our 10am Holy Communion service on 9th February.



Lent Course 2025

Our **Lent Course** this year, run under the auspices of **Tuesday Group**, is still to be confirmed but will begin on **4th March**. Please check our [website](#), [Facebook](#) page and March notice sheet closer to the time for more information.

When: Tuesdays 7.15 pm — 9.00 pm
Venue: St. John's Church Community Hall

Tuesday Group is a getting together of people who want to learn more about God and the Christian faith outside the formal setting of Church.

If you would like further details, please speak to Noelle or contact her via noelle_briggs@hotmail.co.uk

February Meetings & Events at St John's

Tuesday 4th	1.30pm: Knit and Natter (CCH) 6.30pm: Prayer meeting (church) 7.30pm: Fabric and Finance Committee (CCH)
Thursday 6th	7.30pm: Ensemble Practice (church)
Thursday 13th	7.30pm: Ensemble Practice (church)
Tuesday 18th	1.30pm: Knit and Natter (CCH)
Thursday 20th	7.30pm: Ensemble Practice (church)
Thursday 27th	7.30pm: Ensemble Practice (church)

Prayers

Candlemas – The presentation of Christ at the Temple (2nd February)

Lord Jesus Christ, light of the nations and glory of Israel: make your home among us, and present us pure and holy to your heavenly Father, your God, and our God. Amen.

The Third Sunday before Lent (9th February)

Eternal God, whose Son went among the crowds and brought healing with his touch: help us to show his love, in your Church as we gather together, and by our lives as they are transformed into the image of Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Second Sunday before Lent (16th February)

Almighty God, give us reverence for all creation and respect for every person, that we may mirror your likeness in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Sunday next before Lent (23rd February)

Holy God, you know the disorder of our sinful lives: set straight our crooked hearts, and bend our wills to love your goodness and your glory in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The St John's Prayer Chain

As part of our Pastoral Ministry at St John's various church members form our Prayer Chain. They pray daily for those in need.

If you would like prayers to be offered on behalf of yourself or someone for whom you have a particular concern at this time, then we would be pleased to do so. We normally include a request daily for two weeks. To arrange your request please contact one of the following people:

Gill Povey-Robins (Pastoral Worker)
on 07970 983 308

Ian Jerrard-Dinn (Lay Reader)
on 01925 265557

Keith Fletcher (Lay Reader)
on 07359 445 564



Alternatively, you can fill out a label & pin it to the prayer board in the porch.

A Valentine Prayer

I said a Valentine prayer for you
and asked the Lord above
to fill your heart and bless your soul
With the precious gift of love.

I asked Him for sincere love
The kind that's meant to stay
Just like the generous love
You give to those you touch each day.

I prayed for love from family
And from every cherished friend
Then I asked the Lord to give you
His love that knows no end.
Amen.



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Those we have been asked to pray for

Ester
Linda

Luke

Jim
Richard

Prayer Group

Members of St John's meet on the **1st Tuesday evening** of the month at **6.30pm** in the **lady chapel** at Church for prayer. The Lady Chapel just to the left of the pulpit as you come down the aisle.



A Holocaust Prayer

By Philip Hall

Lord God and Father,

We remember before you all those who bear the inner and outer scars of the Holocaust and of subsequent acts of genocide. Let them not be overwhelmed by the horrors that engulfed them. Be close to them. Help them to see that you suffer with those who suffer, and that no wickedness can ever extinguish your infinite love.

Restrain those who are filled with hatred and use violence to pursue their ends. Change their hearts.

May remembrance make us alert to the reality of evil and its deceptive allure. Help us to recognise our own capacity for evil and allow your Spirit to purge it from our beings.

Help us also to stand up against evil and oppression, even if that means we have to suffer ourselves. Enable us to defend those who are not strong enough to defend themselves, and to be ready to bring the light of your truth into the dark areas of human experience.

Deepen our respect for everything you have made and help us to share in securing the maximum good of every person who is alive in your world.

We ask this in the Name of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for our sins, carries our sorrows, heals our wounds, and is risen for our freedom.
Amen.

2025 marks 80 years since the liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau, the largest Nazi concentration camp complex, and the 30th anniversary of the genocide in Bosnia. Other genocides in Cambodia, Rwanda, Bosnia and Darfur also had specific impacts on some faith communities, meaning Holocaust Memorial Day has a special resonance for many faiths. Further information and resources are available from the Holocaust Memorial Day Trust