

Last year a number of you were very generous and contributed financially. This was used to buy a sewing machine, which has been an enormous blessing. It is used to teach the older girls a skill that they can use to reduce their poverty, for clothes for the children in the associated orphanage and to make re-useable sanitary pads. Girls are particularly disadvantaged in Kenya in terms of education, so this has been a great advantage for them. This year the need is for a photocopier for lesson worksheets, so if anyone would like to contribute towards that the benefits for the children in school will be enormous. Many thanks for what you contributed last year in terms of clothes and money. It is so valuable to the children and local community. *Sue Stubbs*

World Day of Prayer Choir

The World Day of Prayer will be held on March 6th at 2.00pm in Yeadon Methodist Church. If you would like to be a part of the choir, rehearsals will be held on 19th and 26th February at 2.00pm in Guiseley Methodist Church.

Gillian Clark

Yeadon Theatre Company

We are staging "Oklahoma" as our 90th Anniversary production (we were originally the Yeadon Amateur Operatic and Dramatic Society, founded in 1930) from the 10th to the 14th March at 7.30pm from Tuesday to Friday and at 1.30pm and 6.30pm on the Saturday. As this is a show suitable for all ages, we would greatly appreciate support from our local community. For group bookings of 10 or more, there is a 10% discount on the ticket price. Also the Tuesday evening and Saturday afternoon tickets are cheaper, at £16.

Cornerstone Bookshop, Skipton

In keeping with the traditional New Year Clearout we are having a Big Book Sale! This is not just a sale of big books, but in order to make space for all the lovely new titles coming into stock we have a lot of small and average sized books on offer too. All sale books are currently half price – and some seasonal items have already been discounted so there are some real bargains to be had. To make it even more fun, we're offering a large selection of second hand books at 5 for a £1 too.

Church website;
www.stjohnsyeadon.org

Facebook;
[St John's Church, Yeadon](https://www.facebook.com/StJohnsChurchYeadon)

Sermon recordings;
www.soundclick.com/stjohnschurchsermons

Twitter;
[@stjohnsyeadon](https://twitter.com/stjohnsyeadon)

Notice Sheet: Deadline for copy will be **Wednesday** at 10.00pm.
Contact Liz on 0113 2501764 or email church.office@stjohnsyeadon.org

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Diary for 2nd February 2020

Sunday	02.02.20 - Presentation of Christ
9.30am	Holy Communion - Preacher Sam Sagar
11.00am	Get it Together - Preacher Carolyn Warnes
Monday	03.02.20
7.30pm	Friendship Group—Fish & Chip Supper
Tuesday	04.02.20
9.15am	Caterpillars
12.00noon	Midweek Midday Prayer in the Chancel
2.00pm	Discipleship Group at 6 Henley Crescent
2.00pm	Discipleship Group at 19 Church Crescent
7.45pm	Discipleship Group at 3 Netherfield Rise
Wednesday	05.02.20
1.00pm	Knit & Natter
Thursday	06.02.20
7.00pm	Discipleship Group at 8 Grosvenor Mews
7.30pm	Discipleship Group at Honeysuckle Cottage
7.45pm	Discipleship Group at 6 Henley Crescent
7.45pm	Knowing God Group at the Vicarage
Friday	07.02.20
Saturday	08.02.20
5.30pm	Family Cinema
Sunday	09.02.20 - 3 before Lent
9.30am	Holy Communion - Preacher Rev Richard Walker
11.00am	Contemporary Praise - Preacher Rev Richard Walker

WELCOME TO ST JOHN'S! - WE HOPE YOU ENJOY THE SERVICE

- ♦ If you would like us to get to know you, please fill out a **"Making Connections"** card.
- ♦ **Gluten-free wafers** for Holy Communion are available - just ask a sidesperson.
- ♦ A **hearing loop** is in operation. Please use the T switch on your hearing aid.
- ♦ If you find our pews uncomfortable then we can provide a **cushion** - please ask.
- ♦ The yellow **gift envelopes** on the pews are for one-off gifts to the church. Please complete the details on the envelope so we can reclaim the tax on your gift.
- ♦ **Emergency exits** are via the main doors and the door by the memorial plaques.
- ♦ Please join us for **refreshments** in the hall after the service.

Prayer:

Please Pray:

In February please pray for Springwell Terrace, Springwell Close, North Terrace and Cavendish Street. Pray that people will feel they can contact us about their troubles & that the Lord will move in many lives.

Prayer Requests:

Pray for Julia & Chris Chantrell [moving home]; Eileen Eillis [recovering from operation]; Helen P [gall bladder removed]; Andrea [gastric issues]; Nadia & Jamie [finances and health]; Rachael A [cancer].

In Week 1, please pray for Gerald Aves, Margaret Balmforth, Andrew Dixon, Mandy Dixon - all with ongoing problems.

Prayer Email:

prayermail@stjohnsyeadon.org

Your prayers and prayer requests are much appreciated. It is wonderful that we can support one another in this way. However, would you please make sure that you obtain the permission of those you are requesting prayer for, before posting your request by email or Facebook or in any other way. Sometimes people prefer to keep their situation known only to close family or friends, and we want to respect their wishes. Thank you. Richard (Vicar)

Forthcoming Events:

04.02.20 - Midweek Midday Prayer in the Chancel

Our weekly midweek prayer service this week is on Tuesday 4th February at 12noon. We meet in the chancel for just 30 minutes and there can be anything between 5 and 15 people in attendance. We use the CofE service "Prayer during the Day" to provide a structure for our time, but we also sing together and read the Bible, and have a time of free prayer for the church, the world and those in need. If you are available, please do come along.

05.02.20 - Knit & Natter

Please join us from 1.00pm - 3.00pm on Weds 5th February. Bring your craft with you (it doesn't have to be knitting) and enjoy being creative whilst chatting with friends. It'll be in the church hall, with tea and coffee provided, and all for FREE! Unfortunately this is not suitable for young children.

Andrea & Carolyn

08.02.20 - Family Cinema

Free Entry, with free popcorn for children and tea/coffee for adults. We will be showing The Secret Life of Pets 2. It's a great event to invite your neighbours to. Doors open at 5pm, film starts at 5.30pm.

16.02.20 - Open Mic Night

Our February Open Mic Night will be at 7.30pm in the church hall. This is a chance for local musicians to perform, some from church, some just from the local area. Come along to sing, come along to listen, bring your friends, bring a bottle, if you wish. Come and enjoy an evening of local talent. For more details see *Daniel Read*.

23.02.20 - The Start of 40 Days of Prayer

This year's Lent theme is "Prayer - Learning to Pray the Jesus Way." Starting on Sun 23rd Feb our services will focus each week on a different kind of prayer and how we can get better at praying by ourselves and as a church. During

the week our Discipleship Groups will use material called "The Prayer Course", following the same theme. If you are not currently in a group but would like to be take part in one during Lent, then you are welcome to attend the group meeting in the church hall on Thursday evenings. Please add you name to the list on the noticeboard. There is also a recommended Lent book "How to Pray - a simple guide for normal people" by Pete Greig. You are encouraged to read this during Lent at the same time as coming on Sundays and attending a midweek group. If you would like us to buy a copy for you (£10), then add your name to that list, which is also on the noticeboard. There are leaflets at the back of church and in the hall to tell you more about 40 Days Of Prayer, so please come and get involved in this exciting time in the life of our church.

26.02.20 - Ash Wednesday Prayer Day & Ashing Services

As part of 40 Days, church will be open between 11am and 9pm for people to come and pray. There will be 'stations' based on the various 40 Day themes to guide you in your prayers or you may simply come and be quiet and pray in your own way. At 2.00pm and 7.30pm there will be services of Holy Communion with Ashing, both including a sermon on the theme of "Prayers of Confession and Surrender." Please join us at some point on this special day for a powerful time of spiritual cleansing and renewal.

01.03.20 - Extraordinary PCC Meeting

There will be a short extra meeting for PCC members at 12.30pm on Sun 1st Mar. This will be to ratify the church accounts in preparation for the APCM. The meeting will take place in the church lounge.

Information:

Vision Sunday Summary

If you missed the sermon on Vision Sunday, there is a summary sheet available at the back of church. Please take one and catch up with all the exciting programmes and events that are planned for 2020.

Giving Campaign

Last week we launched our giving campaign at St John's. If you have been coming a while, then there should be a letter for you in the pigeonholes in the narthex. If there isn't, then please pick up a spare one from the back of church. The letter is an encouragement for everyone to join our planned giving scheme and to consider increasing the amount you give to St John's. There is a response card to fill in, which can be placed in the collection plate (in an envelope, if you wish). If we all work together on this, then we can get our church finances into a much better situation by the end of the year. Thanks.

Richard

Return trip to Kenya.

I am going again to Kenya in February as a volunteer at Jolaurabi school near Mombasa for 9 days, which is where I went last year. We will be taking things for the school with us as usual, and I am asking if any of you have any classroom resources we can take with us this time? So, pencils (plain and coloured), erasers, rulers, pencil sharpeners etc. They need to be new, or nearly new, and not just stumps. Whilst education is theoretically free in Kenya children have to provide their own uniforms, meals, books etc so the poorest children don't attend school except in places like Jolaurabi where this is all provided free for the children and the poorest are selected for entry to the school.