

# Welcome to St. John's in Farsley

Sunday 10th January – The First Sunday of Epiphany

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## This Sunday

**8:30am Morning Prayer – Online Worship**

Watch online at [www.stjohnsfarsley.org.uk](http://www.stjohnsfarsley.org.uk)

**9:30am ABC Church – meeting via Zoom**

Our weekly services for adults, babies and children.

Email [abcchurch@stjohnsfarsley.org.uk](mailto:abcchurch@stjohnsfarsley.org.uk) for an invite.

**10:30am Children's Group – meeting via Zoom**

Email [office@stjohnsfarsley.org.uk](mailto:office@stjohnsfarsley.org.uk) for an invite.

## Collect

Heavenly Father, at the Jordan you revealed Jesus as your Son: may we recognize him as our Lord and know ourselves to be your beloved children; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

## Readings

Genesis 1. 1-5 and Mark 1. 4-11

## Diary for the week

**Wednesday 13th January**

**9:30am Holy Communion – Dial-in Service**

Call 0330 088 5830 followed by 9687209926 #

Or join the video call at <https://zoom.us/j/9687209926>

**8pm Wednesday Home Group**

We will be meeting online, if you would like to join us please email [office@stjohnsfarsley.org.uk](mailto:office@stjohnsfarsley.org.uk)

**Friday 15th January**

**9:30am Coffee and Prayers – Dial-in**

Call 0330 088 5830 followed by 9687209926 #

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## Next Sunday

**13th January** – The Second Sunday of Epiphany

**8:30am Online Worship**

**9:30am ABC Church – meeting via Zoom**

**10:30am Children's Group – meeting via Zoom**

## Happy New Year from Gareth and Family

We would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very Happy New Year, a year which we are all hoping and praying will be better than last year. We hope that you have been able to enjoy a rest during the last couple of weeks. We have been fairly busy this week decorating the vicarage and preparing to move to Farsley and we are looking forward to being able to get to know more of your faces behind the face masks!

## Notices

**Public worship suspended until further notice**

We are sorry to announce that St John's is now closed to prevent the spread of coronavirus and all our regular weekly services will now take place online only.

While the latest national restrictions do allow churches to stay open, Leeds City Council has asked the Diocese of Leeds to consider closing churches locally to prevent the spread of coronavirus and the Diocese has agreed.

At this stage we are not opening church for private prayer but we will be looking at whether this might be possible in future weeks and we will also give an update next week on what our closure means for wedding and funeral services.

We know how important being able to attend church services is to everyone, especially when we are all living such restricted lives so this is not a decision which has been taken lightly but it is also important we do everything we can to safeguard the health of everyone who comes to church and those around us in our communities.

Our building may be closed but as a church community we are still here for each other and we will be looking in the coming days at all the things we can do to support everyone in the parish including those who have less access to public worship. Please contact the churchwardens or Gareth if you need more help and support.

## Clergy Letter

Apologies there will be no Clergy Letter due to Gareth and family moving into the vicarage this week.

## Watch any Christmas Services you missed

All our special Christmas Services are still available to watch at [www.stjohnsfarsley.org.uk](http://www.stjohnsfarsley.org.uk) including our carol services, Christingle and our Midnight Communion.

## Contacts

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