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Work on St Anne's Church commenced in April 1873 and the consecration took place a year later. It cost £1,500 and was designed by the architect JT Micklethwaite.

The inscription below the large West window outside reads

"Let no man despise our poverty for we have done what we could but rather let him amend our work and always pray for us"

Wrenthorpe, in those days, was a working-class mining village and in no way prosperous. And yet £750 was raised towards the cost of the church before building had started, and over those early years many appeals for such things as a new organ, heating system and many repairs were generously met. It is a small church built by the local population when they wished to have their own local place of worship.

The inside of the church probably changed very little until the reordering in 1990 and 1993. This changed the chancel area from its traditional setting into a more contemporary style. The 'Children's Corner' was dedicated in 1929 and is now a corner for prayer and contemplation with another area being put to one side for young families to have space for movement during services. The original font was replaced in 1949 though we now use a central font for our baptisms.

There are several stained glass windows representing a number of saints including St George, St Hilda of Whitby as well as St Anne. One of the windows is a memorial to an RAF pilot lost in the war. The East

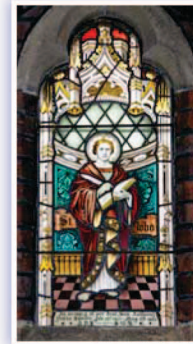


windows contain stained glass by CE Kempe, although this was done when he was just 37 years of age and was still forming his distinctive style of the late 1870s onwards.

We are open for worship and occasional quiet days, and are always open on Wednesday mornings – an oasis of calm not far from the city centre. On occasional Sunday evenings there is an informal praise service either at St Anne's or at the Methodist Church. After the 9.15 service on Wednesday there is tea and coffee and the church is open for anyone to call in until 12noon. Once a quarter the church is open for full days of quiet and reflection, look out for publicity. Once a month we hold a contemporary teenage worship event on a Wednesday evening. We have a Children's Church on a Sunday morning and have holiday workshops on Good Friday, Harvest and an all age Nativity service at Christmas (in addition to the Christmas Eve Christingle and Crib services).

The village war memorial stands on the external west wall and research has been undertaken about many of the men named on the list.

There are strong links with the uniformed organisations that meet in the Hall and regular Parade services are held when the youngsters take an active part in the service.



Date	Event / Activity	Times
Sat 29 May	Open church	10.30am–2pm
Sun 30 May	Morning service & refreshments	10am–12noon
Wed 2 June	Morning service followed by refreshments and open church	9am–12noon
Sat 5 June	Open church and possibly exhibition?	10.30am–2pm
Sun 6 June	Morning family service & baptism followed by refreshments	10am–12noon

