

Notices

The Church in West Bretton: The following notice is given on behalf of The Church Council, trustees of the church.

Following an extended period of consultation, which started prior to August 2023, the Church Council has agreed that the Church in West Bretton will cease to meet at Easter in 2026. The formal process to ratify this decision with our respective denominations will be completed by the autumn of 2025. We expect to hold a special service of thanksgiving on Sunday 5th April, 2026, with friends and special guests invited to be with us to celebrate the life, ministry and witness that has successfully taken place over so many years. It was after lengthy deliberation on 21st March 2024 that the church council made this decision and it is with heavy hearts that we make this announcement.

We expect services to continue at the church right up until Easter 2026. Details will continue to be posted in the Village Voice, on the church notice board and in church during the service.

Vacancies within our Benefice. The following vacancies are now available and needs to be filled at our Annual Parochial Church Meetings (APCM). St James' meeting is on Sunday 28th April after the Eucharist. Bishop Tony will also attending, so please make an effort to attend. St Peter's meeting is on Sunday 12th May directly after the Eucharist. Bishop Tony has been made aware of the vacancies within the benefice. Below are the vacancies within each parish:

St James' Treasurer: We now have no treasurer to pay our bills, as you will appreciate this is not sustainable. If you know anyone who would like to help us in the short to medium term please ask them to contact Kevin asap.

St James' PCC Secretary: Currently we have no secretary to take minutes, create agendas, organise meetings and respond to correspondence on behalf of the parish.

St Peter's Church Wardens: Our current Church Wardens will not be standing (continuing) at the APCM in May. This position is a Bishops appointment and covers a number of areas mainly managing the fabric of the church building, ensuring that as a parish we comply to all relevant regulations and internal procedures within

Do follow our social media accounts

Websites: www.stjameschapelthorpe.org.uk; and www.woolleychurch.org.uk

YouTube channel: 'The Parishes of Chapelthorpe and Woolley'

Facebook: St Peter's Facebook page: 'Woolley church - St Peter's'

St James' Facebook page: 'St James Parish of Chapelthorpe'

The United Benefice of Chapelthorpe and Woolley with West Bretton

Sunday: Easter Sunday

31st March 2024

HE IS RISEN, ALLELUIA!

First Reading Acts 10: 34-43

Then Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

Psalm: 118: 1-2, 14-24

Refrain: I will give thanks to you, for you have become my salvation.

1 O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; ♦
his mercy endures for ever.

2 Let Israel now proclaim, ♦
'His mercy endures for ever.'

14 The Lord is my strength and my song, ♦
and he has become my salvation.

15 Joyful shouts of salvation ♦

sound from the tents of the righteous:

16 'The right hand of the Lord does mighty deeds;
the right hand of the Lord raises up; ♦

the right hand of the Lord does mighty deeds.'

17 I shall not die, but live ♦

and declare the works of the Lord.

18 The Lord has punished me sorely, ♦
but he has not given me over to death. [R]

19 Open to me the gates of righteousness, ♦
that I may enter and give thanks to the Lord.

20 This is the gate of the Lord; ♦

the righteous shall enter through it.

21 I will give thanks to you, for you have answered me ♦
and have become my salvation.

22 The stone which the builders rejected ♦
has become the chief cornerstone.

23 This is the Lord's doing, ♦
and it is marvellous in our eyes.

24 This is the day that the Lord has made; ♦
we will rejoice and be glad in it.

Refrain: I will give thanks to you, for you have become my salvation.

Saving God, open the gates of righteousness, that your pilgrim people may enter and be built into a living temple on the cornerstone of our salvation, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15: 1-11

Now I want you to understand, brothers and sisters, the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you unless you have come to believe in vain. For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures and that he was buried and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I but the grace of God that is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you believed.

The Gospel John 20: 1-18

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned

to their homes. But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

Services

Week Commencing 31st March – Easter Sunday

Wednesday St James': For this week only there is no Said Eucharist or Bible Study

Week commencing 7th April – Easter 2

The Church in West Bretton: No service this week

St Peter's: Eucharist at 9.15am

St James': Eucharist at 11.00am

Wednesday St James': Said Eucharist at 10.30am followed by Bible Study.

Your Prayers

For the recently sick: Richard Ellins, Margaret Fozzard, Leonard Bartle, Douglas Seth-Smith

For the long-term sick: Annalease Aspden, The Reverend Canon Roger Cressey, Barbara Cressey, Graham Beynon-Fisher, Mary-Rose Lacoux,

Recently departed: Reg Proberts, Tracey Fozzard

In Memory, whose anniversaries fall at this time.

St James':

St Peter's: Christian Spencer, Sandra Jones