

Easter Messy Church: Wednesday March 26th at 5.00pm. Our Easter session includes a number of craft activities, a story from the Bible and Easter Bunny Hunt in church. At the end of the session, we will have pizza and cordial. Places need to be booked by emailing kevin.greaves@leeds.anglican.org giving the name and age of your child and if they have any food allergies. The cost per child is £3 which is payable on entry.

St James' Light Lunch: It's back after a short break, Thursday March 27th 12.00-2.00pm, last orders at 1.30pm. No need to book all are welcome.

Roger Cressey's Paintings: Sunday March 30th Barbara has given to the benefice a number of paintings by Roger that regrettably she no longer has room for. They will be at the back of St James' for our combined Eucharist for Mothering Sunday. They are a free, so please see if there a painting you like and or to have in memory of Roger. Any paintings left will be donated to a charity shop.

Used ink cartridges can be recycled in aid of the Parkinson's Society. Please pass yours to Nick Clews at St James.

Volunteers are Needed: If you have any experience with I.T., general administration or experience of working with children and youths please have a chat with Kevin.

Next of Kin Forms: Don't forget to complete your NoK forms, so know who to contact in an emergency. Please hand your completed form to Kevin after the service.

Do follow our social media accounts

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

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 Lent 2

16th March 2025

First Reading Genesis 15.1-12, 17-18

After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, 'Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.' But Abram said, 'O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?' And Abram said, 'You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.' But the word of the Lord came to him, 'This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.' He brought him outside and said, 'Look towards heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.' Then he said to him, 'So shall your descendants be.' And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness. Then he said to him, 'I am the Lord who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess.' But he said, 'O Lord God, how am I to know that I shall possess it?' He said to him, 'Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon.' He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away. As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him. When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. On that day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying, 'To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates.'

Psalm 27: This will be said by the reader only; the refrain is ***The Lord is my light and my salvation***. This is said three times, and the reader will prompt you when to say it.

Second Reading: Philippians 3.17-4.1

Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will transform the body of our humiliation so that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

The Gospel: Luke 13.31-end

At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, 'Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.' He said to them, 'Go and tell that fox for me, "Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed away from Jerusalem." Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, "Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord."'

Services

Week Commencing March 16th – Lent 2

Sunday St Peter's 9.15am: Eucharist.

St James' 11.00am: Eucharist.

Wednesday St James' 10.30am: Festival Joseph of Nazareth with anointing of healing oil. Followed by optional Bible study.

Week Commencing March 23rd – Lent 3

Sunday The Church in West Bretton 9.15am: Eucharist.

St James' 11.00am: Eucharist.

St James' 1.30pm: Holy Baptism.

Tuesday St Peter's 6.00pm: The Annunciation of The Blessed Virgin Mary.

Wednesday St James' 10.30am: Festival Joseph of Nazareth with anointing of healing oil. Followed by optional Bible study.

Advanced Notice

Sunday St James March 30th at 10.30am: Combined Service for Mothering Sunday (Lent 4)

For Your Prayers

For the recently sick: Clare Maria McCloy, Grace Linda Griffiths, Nicola Davies, Janice Haigh, Anne Boulton, Marjorie Crossley.

For the long-term sick: Lilly Mitchell, Trevor Greig, John Seacome, Graham Beynon-Fisher, John Garthwaite, Barbara Cressey, Charlotte Docster.

Recently departed: Paul Taylor and Rita Smith.

In Memory, whose anniversaries fall at this time.

St James':

St Peter's: Leonard Bullock, Allen Banks, Edna Wade, Violet Breeze, Donald Archbell and James Grimoldby.

Notices

Electoral Roll Forms: The electoral roll is the list of names and addresses of a church's congregation (irrespective of how often they attend) every person listed on the roll is eligible to attend the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) and can vote on any proposals and ask questions relating to any reports etc. This year the electoral roll is wiped clean, and everyone will need to complete a new form before our APCMs in April. Regrettably they cannot be accepted during the meeting as a report needs to give the number of church members. Forms will be at the back of church. Your Electoral Roll Officers are Keith Wainwright and Claire Slater.

Lent Course and Optional Lenten Meal: The second session of our Lent Course is on Monday March 17th at 6.00pm as we meet to discuss the film 'The Shack.' I would also like to invite you to bring your own food and enjoy each other's company between 5.00pm – 5.45pm in preparation of the course.

Hall Green Community Church Eucharist: Hall Green Community Centre Thursday March 20th at 10.30am. This service is relaxed and informal lasting approx. 30 minutes, which includes listening to some worship songs and words from the Bible. After the service there will be the offer of a free hot drink. This service is ideal for those who are busy, there's no need to sing which can be embarrassing, no complicated Orders of Service and it's local! Please let your family, friends and neighbours know that they are most welcome to come-along. Community Church will be on the fourth Thursday of every month.

School Visit: Monday March 24th at 1.30pm a class from Mackie Hill Junior and Infant School come to St James' to have their very own Easter Egg Hunt.