

May. The deadline to complete and hand in you forms is **Sunday April 17th**. Forms are at the back of church, your Electoral Roll Officers are Keith Wainwright and Claire Slater.

P.C.C. Members: A reminder that all reports will need to be written and submitted to the PCC Secretary before the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM). **St James' meeting is on Sunday May 4th at 12.30pm** and **St Peter's is on May 18th at 12.00 noon**.

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.

Lent Course and Optional Lenten Meal: The third session of our Lent Course is on Monday at 6.00pm. 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.

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. Three courses for only £8, 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' and are totally free, so please see if there is a painting that you like. Any remaining paintings will be donated to a charity.

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 3

23rd March 2025

First Reading Isaiah 55: 1-9

Hear, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labour for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you. Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 63: 1-9

Refrain: My soul is athirst for God, even for the living God.

**1 O God, you are my God; eagerly I seek you; ♦
my soul is athirst for you.**

**2 My flesh also faints for you, ♦
as in a dry and thirsty land where there is no water.**

**3 So would I gaze upon you in your holy place, ♦
that I might behold your power and your glory.**

**4 Your loving-kindness is better than life itself ♦
and so, my lips shall praise you.**

**5 I will bless you as long as I live ♦
and lift up my hands in your name. [R]**

**6 My soul shall be satisfied, as with marrow and fatness, ♦
and my mouth shall praise you with joyful lips,**

**7 When I remember you upon my bed ♦
and meditate on you in the watches of the night.**

**8 For you have been my helper ♦
and under the shadow of your wings will I rejoice.**

**9 My soul clings to you; ♦
your right hand shall hold me fast.**

Refrain: My soul is athirst for God, even for the living God.

To you we come, radiant Lord, the goal of all our desiring, beyond all earthly beauty; gentle protector, strong deliverer, in the night you are our confidence; from first light be our joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 10.1-13

I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, and all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness. Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, 'The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play.' We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. And do not complain as some of them did and were destroyed by the destroyer. These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. So, if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

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The Gospel: Luke 13.1-9

At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. He asked them, 'Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way, they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did.' Then he told this parable: 'A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So, he said to the gardener, "See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still, I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?" He replied, "Sir, let it

alone for one more year, until I dig round it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.'"

Services

Week Commencing March 23rd – Lent 3

Tuesday St James' 6.00pm: Combined Eucharist of The Annunciation of The Blessed Virgin Mary.

Wednesday St James' 10.30am: Said Eucharist with anointing of healing oil. Followed by optional Bible study.

Week Commencing March 30th – Mothering Sunday (Lent 4)

Sunday St James' at 10.30am: Combined Eucharist for Mothering Sunday.

Monday St James' at 10.15am: Funeral of the late Paul Taylor. All are welcome to attend the service in church however, the committal is for family only.

Tuesday St James' at 9.30am: St James CE Primary Academy Easter Service – cohort 1.
at 1.45pm: St James CE Primary Academy Easter Service – cohort 2.

Wednesday St James' 10.30am: Said Eucharist with anointing of healing oil. Followed by optional Bible study.

For Your Prayers

For the recently sick: Amy Haigh, Diane Metcalf, Clare Maria McCloy, Grace Linda Griffiths, Nicola Davies, Marjorie Crossley.

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

Recently departed: Paul Taylor

In Memory, whose anniversaries fall at this time.

St James':

St Peter's: Vera Thomson, Edwin Webster, Ethel Thornton-Secker and Phyllis Hill.

Notices

Spring Forward, Fall Back: Don't forget to put your clocks forward on Saturday night.

Electoral Roll Forms: Are now at the back of church, every person on the roll is eligible to vote at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) This year the electoral roll is wiped clean, and everyone will need to complete a new form before our APCMs in