

Lent Course and Optional Lenten Meal: The first session of our Lent Course starts on Monday March 10th at 6.00pm as we meet to watch 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, listening to words from the Bible and receiving Holy Communion (if confirmed). 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.

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, everyone will receive some chocolate. At the end of the session, we will have pizza and pop. Places need to be booked by emailing kevin.greaves@leeds.anglican.org giving the name and age of your child and if they are allergic to any food items. 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). You are welcome to catch up with friends old and new as you sit down to eat proper homecooked meal. The meal has three courses, and you have a choice for each course. The meal itself is £8.00, all profits raised are for church funds.

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. If you have an idea for a new activity that you would like to try with the support of the congregation, again please see 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 1

9th March 2025

First Reading: Deuteronomy 26.1-11

When you have come into the land that the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the Lord your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the Lord your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, 'Today I declare to the Lord your God that I have come into the land that the Lord swore to our ancestors to give us.' When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the Lord your God, you shall make this response before the Lord your God: 'A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labour on us, we cried to the Lord, the God of our ancestors; the Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. The Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O Lord, have given me.' You shall set it down before the Lord your God and bow down before the Lord your God. Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the Lord your God has given to you and to your house.

Psalms 91. 1-11

Refrain: *Keep me as the apple of your eye.*

- 1** **Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High** ◆
and abides under the shadow of the Almighty,
- 2** **Shall say to the Lord, 'My refuge and my stronghold,** ◆
my God, in whom I put my trust.'
- 3** **For he shall deliver you from the snare of the fowler** ◆
and from the deadly pestilence.
- 4** **He shall cover you with his wings** ◆
and you shall be safe under his feathers; ◆
his faithfulness shall be your shield and buckler. [R]
- 5** **You shall not be afraid of any terror by night,** ◆
nor of the arrow that flies by day;
- 6** **Of the pestilence that stalks in darkness,** ◆

nor of the sickness that destroys at noonday.

7 Though a thousand fall at your side
and ten thousand at your right hand, ♦
yet it shall not come near you.

8 Your eyes have only to behold ♦
to see the reward of the wicked. [R]

9 Because you have made the Lord your refuge ♦
and the Most High your stronghold,

10 There shall no evil happen to you, ♦
neither shall any plague come near your tent.

11 For he shall give his angels charge over you, ♦
to keep you in all your ways.

Refrain: Keep me as the apple of your eye.

Keep us, good Lord, under the shadow of your mercy and, as you have bound us
to yourself in love, leave us not who call upon your name, but grant us your
salvation, made known in the cross of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Second Reading: Romans 10.8b-13

But what does it say? 'The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart' (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, 'No one who believes in him will be put to shame.' For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, 'Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

The Gospel: Luke 4.1-13

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. The devil said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread.' Jesus answered him, 'It is written, "One does not live by bread alone."' Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And the devil said to him, 'To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me and I give it to anyone I please. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.' Jesus answered him, 'It is written, "Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him."' Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, 'If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written, "He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you", and "On their hands they will bear you up, so that you

will not dash your foot against a stone.'" Jesus answered him, 'It is said, "Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

Services

Week Commencing March 9th – Lent 1

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

Week Commencing March 16th – Lent 2

Sunday St Peter's 9.15am: Eucharist

St James' 11.00am: Eucharist

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

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: Rita Smith

In Memory, whose anniversaries fall at this time.

St James':

St Peter's: Florence Gale, Edmund Fuller, Geoff Gill, Frances Hill, Laura Mitchell, Derek Wilson and Cyril Priestly.

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.