

Secretary and the other of Church Treasurer. If you know anyone who might be interested or you want more information please contact in the first instance The Revd. Kevin Greaves who is chair.

The Revd Dr. Kathryn Goldsmith: Her Installation at Wakefield Cathedral will be on Sunday 21st January at the 10.00am, the president and preacher being the Bishop of Leeds. All are welcome to attend, if you cannot attend please hold Kathryn in your prayers.

Messy Church Planning Meeting: St James' 29th Jan at 6.30pm, for those who have already volunteered as we plan for our Easter session (end of March).

Table Top Sale at St James': Sat 27th Jan, 1.00pm – 3.00pm. If you like to pick up a bargain and enjoy a good brew and maybe a slice of cake or a bun, this is for you. All money raised is for much needed church funds.

Haggis Watch at St Peter's: Sat 27th Jan. Unfortunately we didn't realise that the Haggis were still hibernating. Therefore the 'Watch' will be rescheduled to later in the year.

Men Behaving Godly: A new men's group that will meet monthly in an environment that may be more comfortable for some i.e. the pub! We will chew the cud and talk about God, the world and anything else. Our first informal meeting is at The Bay Horse on Stoney Lane - Tuesday 30th January at 7.00pm. Who knows the vicar might even get you a drink – just be ready to catch the moths from his wallet!

Holy Week Mon 25th March – Good Friday: Advanced notice that there are to be no social activities this week in any of our churches. As we journey through The Passion there should be no distractions as we look towards the Cross.

St James' Messy Church Easter: Will now be on Wednesday 27th March at 5pm, cost per child will be £3. Bookings are now being taken, please email kevin.greaves@leeds.anglican.org

Light Lunch: The next luncheon will in March.

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'

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Epiphany 2

14th January 2024

First Reading 1 Samuel 3: 1-10

Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the Lord under Eli. The word of the Lord was rare in those days; visions were not widespread. At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the Lord, where the ark of God was. Then the Lord called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he said, "Here I am!" and ran to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down. The Lord called again, "Samuel!" Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. The Lord called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the Lord was calling the boy. Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down, and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place. Now the Lord came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening."

Psalm: 139: 1-5, 12-18

Refrain: Search me out, O God, and know my heart.

- 1 O Lord, you have searched me out and known me; ♦
you know my sitting down and my rising up;
you discern my thoughts from afar.
- 2 You mark out my journeys and my resting place ♦
and are acquainted with all my ways.
- 3 For there is not a word on my tongue, ♦
but you, O Lord, know it altogether.
- 4 You encompass me behind and before ♦
and lay your hand upon me.
- 5 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, ♦
so high that I cannot attain it. [R]
- 12 For you yourself created my inmost parts; ♦
you knit me together in my mother's womb.
- 13 I thank you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; ♦
marvellous are your works, my soul knows well.
- 14 My frame was not hidden from you, ♦
when I was made in secret and woven in the depths of the earth.

15 Your eyes beheld my form, as yet unfinished; ♦
already in your book were all my members written,
16 As day by day they were fashioned ♦
when as yet there was none of them.
17 How deep are your counsels to me, O God! ♦
How great is the sum of them!
18 If I count them, they are more in number than the sand, ♦
and at the end, I am still in your presence.

Refrain: Search me out, O God, and know my heart.

Creator God, may every breath we take be for your glory, may every footstep show you as our way, that, trusting in your presence in this world, we may, beyond this life, still be with you where you are alive and reign for ever and ever. **Amen**

Second Reading: Revelation 5: 1-10

Then I saw in the right hand of the one seated on the throne a scroll written on the inside and on the back, sealed with seven seals, and I saw a mighty angel proclaiming with a loud voice, "Who is worthy to open the scroll and break its seals?" And no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll or to look into it. And I began to weep bitterly because no one was found worthy to open the scroll or to look into it. Then one of the elders said to me, "Do not weep. See, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has conquered, so that he can open the scroll and its seven seals." Then I saw between the throne and the four living creatures and among the elders a Lamb standing as if it had been slaughtered, with seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth. He went and took the scroll from the right hand of the one who was seated on the throne. When he had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell before the Lamb, each holding a harp and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. They sing a new song: "You are worthy to take the scroll and to break its seals, for you were slaughtered and by your blood you ransomed for God saints from every tribe and language and people and nation; you have made them a kingdom and priests serving our God, and they will reign on earth."

The Gospel: John 1: 43-end

The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, 'Follow me.' Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, 'We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth.' Nathanael said to him, 'Can anything good come out of Nazareth?' Philip said to him, 'Come and see.' When Jesus saw Nathanael coming towards him, he said of him, 'Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!' Nathanael asked him, 'Where did you come to know me?' Jesus answered, 'I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you.' Nathanael replied, 'Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!' Jesus answered, 'Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these.' And he said to him, 'Very truly, I tell you, you will see

heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.'

Services

Week Commencing 14th January – Epiphany 2

St Peter's Eucharist at 9.15am

St James' Eucharist at 11.00am

Wednesday St James': Midweek Said Eucharist and Bible Study cancelled, it will resume on **Wed 31st Jan**

Week Commencing 21st January – Epiphany 3

St Peter's Eucharist at 9.15am **Cancelled** to allow members of the congregation to attend The Reverend Dr. Kathryn Goldsmith's Installation at the cathedral.

St James': Eucharist at 11.00am

For Your Prayers

For the recently sick: Sally Harrison

For the long-term sick: Annalease Aspden, Richard Priest, Linda Davies, Julia Moorhouse, Beryl Wright, Lily Mitchell, The Reverend Canon Roger Cressey, Barbara Cressey, The Very Revd George Nairn-Briggs, Graham Beynon-Fisher, Mary-Rose Lacoux, Janine Ledger, Michael McCormack, Bert Friar, Tricia White,

Recently departed:

In Memory, whose anniversaries fall at this time.

St James': The votive candle burning in church is for John Barry Lowe

St Peter's: John Cockell, Ken Mingle

Notices

In Your Prayers: If you would like the name of someone you have added to our prayer lists to stay in our prayers, please let Kevin know by **Sunday 21st Jan**. Otherwise it will be assumed that permission has been given to delete their names.

St James' Parochial Church Council (PCC) Appeal: Members of this meeting are Trustees of the church and represent you as a congregation to ensure your voice is heard and that feedback is timely given back to yourselves. Some of the trustees hold mandatory roles so the church can function. These are required by The Church of England and The Charities Commission. We have two vacancies one for PCC