

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 the law and within the Church of England.

St Peter's Sunday May 12th directly after the Eucharist: APCM meeting.

St James' Monday April 29th at 1.30pm Class Visit: Henda Lane J&I School, looking at 'Sacred Places in the Community.'

Men Behaving Godly: Tuesday April 30th at 7.00 – 9.00pm: Our men's group meets at The Bay Horse Pub on Stoney Lane. We will be discussing The Triune God – Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Calling All Readers and Would Be Readers within the Benefice: St James' May 2nd at 6.00pm. Firstly thank you to the band of Readers that deliver words from Holy Scripture to our congregations on Sundays. Kevin is holding a support session for Readers (and would be Readers) on techniques that will increase confidence and help you home in on existing skills when delivery of the Word of God. This is a one-off session and there is no need to book a place. All are welcome especially those who are considering this form of ministry.

The Rt Revd Tony Robinson, Episcopal Bishop of Wakefield: Bishop Tony will retire on August 31, 2024 after 42 years of ordained ministry. His final service will be a Eucharist in Wakefield Cathedral on Saturday, July 6 at 11am. Please hold Bishop Tony and his family in your prayers at this time. Everyone is welcome to attend his last service.

Notices Sheets: A gentle reminder that if need anything adding to these sheets please email Kevin no later than the Tuesday so it will appear on the following Sunday.

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 3

14th April 2024

First Reading Acts 3: 12-19

When Peter saw it, he addressed the people, "Fellow Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? The God of Abraham and Isaac and Jacob, the God of our ancestors, has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. But you rejected the holy and righteous one and asked to have a murderer given to you, and you killed the author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know, and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you. "And now, brothers and sisters, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. Repent, therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out.

Psalm: 4

Refrain: In peace I will lie down and sleep.

- 1 Answer me when I call, O God of my righteousness; ♦
you set me at liberty when I was in trouble;
have mercy on me and hear my prayer.
- 2 How long will you nobles dishonour my glory; ♦
how long will you love vain things and seek after falsehood?
- 3 But know that the Lord has shown me his marvellous kindness; ♦
when I call upon the Lord, he will hear me.
- 4 Stand in awe, and sin not; ♦
commune with your own heart upon your bed, and be still. **[R]**
- 5 Offer the sacrifices of righteousness ♦
and put your trust in the Lord.
- 6 There are many that say, 'Who will show us any good?' ♦
Lord, lift up the light of your countenance upon us.
- 7 You have put gladness in my heart, ♦
more than when their corn and wine and oil increase.
- 8 In peace I will lie down and sleep, ♦
for it is you Lord, only, who make me dwell in safety.

Refrain: In peace I will lie down and sleep.

Give us today, O God, a glad heart and a clear conscience, that when we come to this day's end we may rest in peace with Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Second Reading: 1 John 3: 1-7

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God, and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure. Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

The Gospel Luke 24: 36b – 48

Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." They were startled and terrified and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see, for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. Yet for all their joy they were still disbelieving and wondering, and he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence. Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.

Services

Week commencing 14th April – Easter 3

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

Week commencing 21st April – Easter 4

Sunday St Peter's 9.15am: Eucharist

The Church in West Bretton 10.30am: Service of the Word

St James' 11.00am: Eucharist

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

For the recently sick:

For the long-term sick: Richard Ellins, Margaret Fozzard, Leonard Bartle, Douglas Seth-Smith, Annalease Aspden, The Reverend Canon Roger Cressey, Barbara Cressey, Graham Beynon-Fisher, Mary-Rose Lacoux,

Recently departed:**In Memory, whose anniversaries fall at this time.**

St James': The large votive candles burning in church are for Kath Spear and Barry Priest

St Peter's: Robert Nightingale

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. Bishop Tony has been made aware of the vacancies within the benefice. Below are the vacancies within each parish:

St James' Treasurer: As we have no treasurer at this time, **no ad-hoc bills are currently being paid.** Kevin is in the process of attempting to find a financial company that will take on this role, before the red bills start arriving.

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.