

St James' Reading of the Psalms: From today onwards unless otherwise stated we will say all of the psalms together. They will still be led by the individual giving the readings.

St Peter's APCM Sunday May 12th: directly after the Eucharist (approx. 10.45am)

A Call to All Garden Enthusiasts: If you have any spare bedding plants etc, please donate them to our **'Garden Plants Sale' on Saturday 18th May 10.30am – 11.30am**. All money raised is for church funds.

Bacon Butties: At the same time as The Garden Plant Sale you will have the opportunity to buy a butty for only £3. It is hoped that this becomes a regular event, where people can gather and enjoy each other's company and look around the church.

St James' Messy Church May 22nd at 5.00pm: Bookings are now being taken for Messy Church Pentecost, through craft activities we will look at the gift of the Holy Spirit. To book a place please email kevin.greaves@leeds.anglican.org stating the name and age of your child and if they have any food allergies, as we normally serve pizza at the end.

Liturgical Colours: You will have noticed that throughout the year the colours on the altar frontals and chasubles (what the priest wears) change. The colours denote a change in seasons and/or feast days, purple for Lent, white for Easter etc. On Sunday May the 19th the worldwide Church celebrates Pentecost. The colour for Pentecost is red and I am asking members of our congregations to wear or to accessorise with something red to celebrate the feast.

St James' Summer Fair June 15th: We are now asking for donations of toiletries, books, jigsaws and anything that would make great raffle and tombola prizes. Please no electrical items, donations to Margaret Poucher.

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.

Notice Sheets: If you want anything adding please email Kevin, the cut-off day is Tuesday the item will then 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 6

5th May 2024

First Reading – Acts 10: 44-end

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, "Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

Psalm 98

Refrain: The Lord has made known his salvation.

- 1 Sing to the Lord a new song, ◆
for he has done marvellous things.
- 2 His own right hand and his holy arm ◆
have won for him the victory.
- 3 The Lord has made known his salvation; ◆
his deliverance has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.
- 4 He has remembered his mercy and faithfulness
towards the house of Israel, ◆
and all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God. **[R]**
- 5 Sound praises to the Lord, all the earth; ◆
break into singing and make music.
- 6 Make music to the Lord with the lyre, ◆
with the lyre and the voice of melody.
- 7 With trumpets and the sound of the horn ◆
sound praises before the Lord, the King. **[R]**
- 8 Let the sea thunder and all that fills it, ◆
the world and all that dwell upon it.
- 9 Let the rivers clap their hands ◆
and let the hills ring out together before the Lord,
for he comes to judge the earth.
- 10 In righteousness shall he judge the world ◆
and the peoples with equity.

Refrain: The Lord has made known his salvation.

Lord God, just and true, you make your salvation known in the sight of the nations; tune the song of our hearts to the music of creation as you come among us to judge the earth; through our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen**

Second Reading – 1 John 5: 1-6

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. Who is it who conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

The Gospel – John 15: 9-17

As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. 'This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

Services

Week commencing May 5th – Easter 6

Sunday St Peter's 9.15am: Eucharist

St James' 11.00am: Eucharist

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

Thursday St James' 7.00pm: Ascension Eucharist Combined Service. On this day the Church gives praise and worship as Jesus the Christ ascended into heaven. Within the worldwide Church Ascension Day is a day of obligation, when all Christians are called to attend Church to celebrate the feast.

Week Commencing May 12th Easter 7

Sunday St Peter's 9.15am: Eucharist followed by APCM.

St James' 11.00am: Ante-Communion (Service of the Word), please note there is no Eucharist. If you want to receive the blessed sacraments you are warmly invited to attend St Peter's at 9.15am.

Tuesday St James' 2.00pm: Funeral of the late Malcolm Broadhead followed by a private committal at Wakefield Crematorium.

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

Your Prayers

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: Malcolm Broadhead

In Memory, whose anniversaries fall at this time.

St James':

St Peter's: Roy Bull, Joseph Stennet

Notices

St James' PCC: Last Sunday we had our APCM and members of the PCC were duly elected. As trustees of the church they are responsible to ensure that we comply with all legal regulations and procedures and best practices within The Church of England. The names of the duly elected are: Sandra Coggin, Vicky Stuart, Paul Davis, Cathie Hall, Cynthia Binns, Caroline McLeish, Stuart Canon, Frank Buxton, Keith and Bev Wainwright.

If you want anything raising at a PCC meeting these are the individuals to speak to. The same individuals will also cascade information to yourselves. If you require a copy of any PCC minutes please contact The Reverend Kevin Greaves as Chair.

APCM Treasurer Update: There were no volunteers from the PCC to take on this role. This now means that any ad-hoc orders are **no longer getting paid**. As you will appreciate this isn't good, none of us would run our homes in this way. Therefore until further notice no orders are to be raised without the explicit agreement of Kevin.

The role of treasurer has been advertised for several months with no interested from our church communities and the communities that we serve, which leads us to look at alternatives. We are now exploring paying a company to take this on. However, the initial quotes range from £400 - £1800 a month which we simply cannot afford. Especially when you consider that we are already running at an average loss of £1600 each month. Even with cheapest quote of £400 that would make our average monthly deficit £2000 which isn't sustainable.

Please hold your church and the PCC in your prayers for guidance at this time.