

**St James' Treasurer:** We now have no treasurer to pay our bills, as you will appreciate this is not sustainable. If you know anyone who would like to help us in the short to medium term please ask them to contact Kevin asap.

**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.

**St Peter's Church Wardens:** Our current Church Wardens will not be standing (continuing) at the APCM in May. This position is a Bishop's 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.

**Do follow our social media accounts**

Websites: [www.stjameschapelthorpe.org.uk](http://www.stjameschapelthorpe.org.uk); and [www.woolleychurch.org.uk](http://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 2**


**7th April 2024**


**First Reading Acts 4: 32-35**


Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.


**Psalm: 133**


**Refrain: *Mercy and truth are met together, righteousness and peace have kissed each other.***

1 Behold how good and pleasant it is   
to dwell together in unity.

2 It is like the precious oil upon the head,  
running down upon the beard, 

3 Even on Aaron's beard,   
running down upon the collar of his clothing.

4 It is like the dew of Hermon   
running down upon the hills of Zion.

5 For there the Lord has promised his blessing:   
even life for evermore.

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Grant to your people, good Lord, the spirit of unity, that they may dwell together in your love, and so bear to the world the ointment of your healing and the dew of your blessing; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

**Second Reading: 1 John 1: 1-2: 2**

We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us what we have seen and heard we also declare to you so that you also may have fellowship with us, and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete. This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do

not do what is true; but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us. My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous, and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

### **The Gospel John 20: 19-end**

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.' But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.' A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.' Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

## **Services**

### **Week commencing 7th April – Easter 2**

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

### **Week commencing 14th April – Easter 3**

**Sunday St Peter's 9.15am:** Eucharist

**Sunday The Church in West Bretton 9.30am:** Eucharist

**Sunday St James' 11.00am:** Eucharist

**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:** Reg Proberts

### **In Memory, whose anniversaries fall at this time.**

**St James':**

**St Peter's:** Victor Fuller, Alan Gale

## **Notices**

**St James':** Tuesday 9th April at 4.00pm, Wedding Meeting.

**St James':** Thursday 11th April All day, School Visit.

**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 5<sup>th</sup> 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 21<sup>st</sup> 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. St Peter's meeting is on Sunday 12th May directly after the Eucharist. Bishop Tony has been made aware of the vacancies within the benefice. Below are the vacancies within each parish