

# Notices for week commencing 18 October 2020

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## A word from the Vicar

Friends

Following our mixed-mode annual church meetings at the end of September I am delighted that the new PCC are meeting for the day on Saturday to plan for the year ahead. Using our 5-year strategy, *Sharing God's Blessing*, as a framework, members of the PCC will reflect on the journey so far and consider our priorities going forward. Please do pray for the PCC as they undertake this important task. We will include a report from the 'away-day' in the upcoming edition of *St James' Life*.

I am equally delighted that the 10.30 service this Sunday will include a short ceremony to 'admit' Ruth Dent and Glenda Ingham as churchwardens for the Parish. In more normal times this important formality would take place at a Deanery service, presided over by the Archdeacon; but we're living in slightly less normal times! Here is an extract from the ceremony:

*"Churchwardens are called to represent the people of God; to work with the leadership of the parish, ordained and lay; to be an example and encouragement to their fellow Christians and the wider community; and to promote unity and peace. As you come to be admitted to the office of Churchwarden, I ask you to affirm your commitment to this calling, and to seek God's grace and the power of his Holy Spirit to fulfil it."*

Please do pray for Ruth and Glenda as they commit to this leadership role at St James'. (And if you're not able to come along on Sunday you can see Ruth, Glenda and I on YouTube too 😊).

Finally, Bishop Nick wrote this week to thank parishes for continuing to support Christian ministry in our region via the Parish Share. Grateful thanks to all who have already responded to our invitation to reflect on your giving to St James' in the Harvest stewardship campaign ... and a little nudge to all those who've yet to get round to it.

God bless  
Jonathan

## **This week at St James':**

### **Saturday 17 October**

**PCC 'away-day'** starting on Zoom at 09.30.

### **Sunday 18 October**

09.00 – **Morning Prayer** in church and on Facebook Live if mobile signal permits (refer guidance attached).

10.30 – **Holy Communion** in church (**22- spaces remain un-booked as at 15 October** - refer guidance attached). Music: guitar and voice. This service will include the 'Admission of Churchwardens'.

10.30 – **Service and reflection premieres** on YouTube.

16:00 – **Kids' Church** on ZOOM. Please let Hannah Mason know whether you would like to join ([hgillions@hotmail.com](mailto:hgillions@hotmail.com)) and follow the Zoom link below.

19.00 – **The Blessing of the Light** on ZOOM.

### **Sunday 01 November**

16.00 – Advance notice of a service of Evening Prayer for All Souls'. This service will include an act of commemoration for those we've loved and see no longer. We will automatically light a candle for those who have died in the last 12 months. If you would like your loved ones to be remembered by name, please let Alison in the church office know.

## **Worship at home:**

The Archbishop of Canterbury has launched a **free telephone line**, Daily Hope, to give more people access to worship, prayer, and reflections while churches are closed.

Daily Hope runs for 24 hours a day and provides Church of England prayers, hymns, and reflections for those who dial in. The number is **0800 804 8044**.

## **ZOOM**

Most of the St James' Zoom worship and meetings listed in these notices and on the website will be accessed via the same link:

<https://zoom.us/j/9144459989>

Passcode: **007109**

**You can also join the call by telephone** – mobile or landline. We won't be able to see you, but we will be able to hear you and you us. All you need to do is dial the following number at the scheduled time of the meeting: t: **0330 088 5830**. When prompted for the **Meeting ID** you type the following number into your keypad: **914 445 9989 followed by the # key**. Follow the instructions given, remembering that the **Passcode is 007109** and you will join the call. If you need help with this, please ring Jonathan and he will talk you through it.

## Training opportunity

**Online Pastoral Conversations Course:** I've signed up to do this course online in response to our God Given Gifts course earlier in the year and wonder if other people may find it useful too. This level 1, introductory, online course offers an opportunity to receive some training and support from the comfort of your own home around how to best ensure that your conversation nurtures and empowers people to cope with the difficulties they face.

It's open to anyone in the Diocese of Leeds and is particularly relevant for the times we are living in when we are relying on phone calls and zoom to stay in touch with others.

Sign up via link. Course runs for 2 hours on Monday 9th November 7-9pm.

<https://learning.leeds.anglican.org/course/online-pastoral-conversations-course/>

*Ruth*

## St James' Recipe Book: Making Meals for Mara

Thank you to everyone who has bought a cookbook. We have been able to send £450 off to them already. There are still plenty of books left and they make lovely Christmas presents. Contact Alison or Ruth to order one. **Please pay by BACS transfer to the church account: CAF Bank Account no 00022695, Sort code 40-52-40, account name St James Woodside PCC, if possible, or make cheques payable to St James Woodside PCC, and in either case please make a reference to "Safe House" or "Mara", so that Cal can identify what it's for.**

*Ruth*

## Harvest time at St James':

**Stewardship campaign:** Our income has been significantly affected by the pandemic and we have not experienced a corresponding decrease in our outgoings – we're aware that many in our community have experienced a change in their financial circumstances too. All those on the Electoral Roll should have received a written invitation in September to review their giving to St James' up or down according to their circumstances. Our prayer is for an overall increase in giving to help address the shortfall in income. We are currently forecasting a £20,000 deficit for the year.

**Appeal for St George's Crypt:** St George's Crypt is dear to many at St James' and celebrates its 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary in October. Like many charities, St George's has experienced a reduction in income this year and has generously opened its storehouses to meet the needs of those experiencing food poverty in the City of Leeds. Following a proposal from Tracey Greig, the PCC unanimously agreed to give to St George's this harvest time. More detail about the current challenges at St George's was given in a message from the Chief Executive, Chris Fields which appeared in church and on our YouTube channel over the last few Sundays. Although Harvest is now over, you can still support the appeal by making a cash donation directly to St George's [here](#).

**Sewing Machine for sale:** Free to a good home: Toyota Sewing Machine in working order. Please speak to Jose Ashbee if you are interested.

## Community News

**Horsforth Community Aid Project** has been set up locally and been appointed by the Doing Good Leeds to help link volunteers to those who because of the Coronavirus need help.

If you need help, please contact the helpline:

**NEEDING HELP:** New hotline for Leeds – 0113 378 1877.

We know some people are alone and will need help from their local communities to get through. If you find yourself in this situation, where family and friends are no longer in a position to help and you are wondering how to get groceries and other essentials please call the Hotline.

### Can you offer help and support?



First sign up through the Doing Good In Leeds (Voluntary Action Leeds (VAL) Site). Horsforth Community Aid Project is partnering with VAL to co-ordinate local volunteering to help those who get in touch with the hotline. Volunteers can sign up to offer practical support such as shopping deliveries, preparing meals, dog walking, making check-in phone calls. If you are well and able to volunteer, visit: [Sign up to be a volunteer](#). Once you are signed up with Doing Good Leeds (VAL), Horsforth Community Aid Project will be able to request your help in this time of crisis. Email [info@val.org.uk](mailto:info@val.org.uk) or call 0113 297 7920.

## Fellowship Prayer Focus

Please pray for those people in our fellowship who are ill or struggling: Karen Evans (and John), Trevor Greig (and Tracey), Adrienne Hoggard, Roy & Barbara Jolliffe, Marie McCarthy, Robert Savage (Elaine's son), Carol and John Shaw, Mary Skilleter, George Stevenson and any who are self-isolating or fearful in the light of the coronavirus pandemic.

Please pray for those who are housebound. Pray for Jo Glenwright [ordination training]. Pray also for George Otieno and family and our other sisters and brothers in Tanzania dealing with the impact of the global pandemic with few resources.

### A PRAYER FOR CHURCH GROWTH

God of Mission, who alone brings growth to your Church, send your Holy Spirit to give vision to our planning, wisdom to our actions and power to our witness. Help your church to grow in numbers, in spiritual commitment to you, and in service to our local community, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*If you would like the church as a whole to pray for you, please email Alison at the church office and the request will be forwarded on as soon as possible. For confidential prayer matters please continue to contact John Pickford to be put on the Prayer Chain.*