

Notices for week commencing 08 November 2020

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"Bearing in mind our primary vocation as the Church of Jesus Christ to pray and to serve we call upon the Church of England to make this month of lockdown a month of prayer. More than anything else, whatever the nation thinks, we know that we are in the faithful hands of the risen Christ who knows our weaknesses, tiredness and struggles and whose steadfast love endures for ever."

Extract from a joint statement from the Archbishops of Canterbury and York and the Bishop of London

A word from the Vicar

Friends

It is with a heavy heart that we close St James' the building for public worship as part of the national effort to reduce the spread of the coronavirus. Friends in the NHS, including some at St James' assure that such action, part of the second national lockdown, is proportionate to the risk of health services becoming overwhelmed. Our worship will continue online, and I urge you all to join with your sisters and brothers on Facebook Live, YouTube and Zoom as you are able.

The Archbishop's invite all to participate in the month of prayer and have published a prayer for each of the four weeks. The prayer for the first week (09 to 15 November) is set out below and the hope is that everyone will say this prayer each day, with a focus at 6pm. In addition, the Archbishops invite us to fast each Thursday in a way that is appropriate to individual health and circumstances.

Lockdown is difficult and our primary call is to love one another and remain hopeful that this will pass – friends in the NHS also assure that hope of a vaccine strengthens.

May God bless you richly

Jonathan

A prayer to say daily between 09 and 15 November

Loving God,

at this time of crisis when so many are suffering, we pray for our nation and our world.

Give our leaders wisdom, our Health Service strength, our people hope.

Lead us through these parched and difficult days to the fresh springs of joy and comfort that we find in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

This week at St James':

Sunday 08 November, Remembrance Sunday:

09.00 – **Morning Prayer** on Facebook Live.

10.45 – **Service and reflection premieres** on YouTube. This service will include an Act of Remembrance and the premiere will be timed so that the 2 minutes silence will start close to 11.00.

11.30 – **Coffee** on ZOOM.

16.00 – **Messy Church** on ZOOM.

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

Walk of Remembrance

Christine Lazenby has prepared a 'Churchyard Walk of Remembrance', which is available from today. Many thanks to her for all her efforts in this respect. The A-board outside church sets out the route and it can also be accessed from the church website, using the QR code.

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

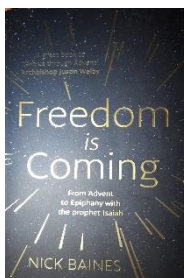
Most of the St James' Zoom worship and meetings listed in these notices and on the website will be accessed via the same link:

<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.

Advent to Epiphany with the prophet Isaiah



During his sabbatical in 2019 Bishop Nick wrote a book of reflections based on Isaiah chapters 40-55. The book is organised over 6 weekly chapters, with a reflection for each day. I'm planning to read the book during Advent and invite others to do the same (you will need to obtain your own copy ISBN 978-0-281-08291-9). I'm also planning to convene a book/ study group on Zoom on Monday evenings at 20.00 starting on 23 November and running for the 6 weeks, 23, 30 November, 07, 14, 21 December and 04 January. If you'd like to join me please get in touch.

Jonathan

Supporting our Community at Christmas



At the PCC meeting on 17 October we talked about how the coronavirus pandemic is impacting people in communities and how that impact might be felt most acutely at Christmas. Glenda, Jonathan and Rebecca met briefly with representatives from Horsforth Children's Centre and Broadgate Primary School this week, who shared moving stories of

families in our Parish facing financial hardship and isolation. We shared some ideas about how our community at St James' might support these families, including the provision and distribution of gifts and hampers.



We will be developing these ideas over the next couple of weeks and invite all to consider supporting our community with donations. More information to follow.

Glenda

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. If you haven't yet let me know what your plans are, please do so as soon as possible. Many thanks.

Cal

Appeal for St George's Crypt: Many thanks to everyone who donated towards the harvest collection for St Georges Crypt. We took a car full of food and provisions which were very gratefully received. We have received a thank you certificate from the Crypt which is on display in the Parish Centre. Added to that, through your very generous donations we raised £1,420, which is just amazing. I also had a birthday donation Facebook campaign which some St James' people contributed to and that raised £200. So the overall total from St James' is £1,620. How awesome. Many thanks again to everyone. What a difference that will make to the work of the Crypt and the people who need them even more just now.

Tracey

Canon Printer Inks available to a good home – see Alison for more details.

Unwanted Records and DVDs: if you are having a clear-out and wish to pass on any unwanted records and DVDs, please speak to Brian or Yvonne Lipscombe, whose son Stephen may have a use for them.

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 or call 0113 297 7920.

Fellowship Prayer Focus

Naomi Hill. Naomi is on the Greek island of Lesbos for five weeks from 25 October with the agency Eurorelief to help prepare the new refugee camp for winter. Please keep Naomi in your prayers as she contributes to this life-saving work and seeks to discern God's call on her life. Please pray particularly for her safety.

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.