

Notices for week commencing 3 August 2025

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Vicar: Jonathan Cain – currently on Sabbatical, so please contact Church Office in the first instance.

This week at St James':

Saturday 2 August

09.00 – Horsforth Farmers' Market, St Margaret's School Town Street

Sunday 3 August

10.30 – Holy Communion*

* Remember you can get the text of the reflection each week on our website [here](#).

No 09.00 service during August

In accordance with our usual custom, we will not hold 9.00 services during August, as we take the opportunity for the church family to meet as one congregation this month.

Visiting Clergy this week

During Jonathan's sabbatical, we have had a number of visiting clergy coming to share with us in our communion services. This week we are very pleased to welcome Paul Tudge again.

Message from Tracey

Daniel and I would like to say a heartfelt thank you to everyone who supported us during Trevor's illness and in the weeks since he died.

Thank you to everyone who came to his funeral to celebrate his wonderful life.

To those who came and cleaned, arranged flowers, baked cakes, spruced up the church grounds, served the refreshments, the wonderful music group, sound desk, Lynne for reading and Pete for his lovely prayers, Alison for coordinating the service. And, of course, to Jon Swales. What an amazing place St James is. The church was filled to the rafters with love.

I've had so many messages from those who came, to say what a warm and welcoming place it is. We really are so very, very grateful for all of your love and support. We will never forget your kindness.

3 August 2025, 7th Sunday after Trinity

Readings: Colossians 3:1-8; Luke 12:13-21

Collect:

Generous God,
you give us gifts and make them grow:
though our faith is small as mustard seed,
make it grow to your glory
and the flourishing of your kingdom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

First Aid

PCC has discussed the issue of First Aiders for the church. We would like to ensure that we have trained first aiders available for all our events, activities and during times of worship. Please speak to Alison if you have a relevant qualification which you would be prepared to use, or would like to do the appropriate training. Many thanks.

Stewardship Campaign

Big thanks to everyone who has replied. To those yet to respond - please put yours in the box by the church door. Additional copies of the letter and response forms are available at the back of church if needed. *Cal*

Horsforth Community Pantry

The current list of items needed is as follows:

- Pasta (shapes not spaghetti)
- Tinned fruit (cocktail, pineapple, peaches)
- UHT milk
- UHT fruit juice
- Tinned meat products (Fray Bentos pies are very popular)
- Tinned sweetcorn, carrots, peas
- Pasta sauces
- Tinned soup
- Baked beans
- Tinned pasta

Volunteering at Horsforth Community Pantry

The pantry currently opens on a Tuesday morning with the pantry shop open 9.30-11.30am and a cafe for customers 9-11.30am in the parish centre. The shop is well staffed, but we would be glad of a couple more volunteers to help set up tables, serve teas and coffees and chat to the customers whilst they await their turn to shop.

The food for the pantry comes from Fareshare who deliver to us on a Monday morning sometime between 9-12. If anyone can help with this, we would be very grateful. It involves being on site to accept the delivery and putting food away in the fridge/freezer or shelves ready for the next morning's customers.

Please chat to me about any of these roles if you would like to know more.

Ruth Dent ruthddent@gmail.com

St Georges Crypt: new Trustee needed

The Crypt is seeking new members for its Board of Trustees. They are particularly looking for applications from people who have experience in finance, housing and HR and who can provide clear strategic direction as the charity continues to grow its housing portfolio. If you are interested, please email Martin Barry at martin.barry@stgeorgescrypt.org.uk for further information including details of the application process.

Donations for Asylum Seekers

Following Jane Linley's recent talk, a number of people have asked for more information on donations for the asylum seekers housed at the hotel in Adel. They need the following:

New boxer shorts! Nail clippers, Deodorant, Shower gel, Gloves and hats, Trainers, Hoodies, Jogging pants. Sizes small and medium for all clothing (most of the men are not tall and they are slim).

Notebooks and pens, preferably reporters' notebooks or file paper if buying new. Any notebook (especially with nice covers) with used paper removed!

Donations can be taken to Holy Name Church, 52 Otley Old Rd, Leeds LS16 6HW.

Have your say on the appointment of the new Bishop of Leeds

The Diocese is asking for input from church members regarding the appointment of the next Bishop of Leeds. Cards are available at the back of church for you to scan the QR code and give your comments online, or simply complete and post the postcard itself.

Magic Moments Memory Support Drop In Café

This café meets on the 4th Wednesday of each month, from 1.30-3.30pm in the Small Hall at the Grove Centre. We have a different topic each month. In August we are having Briony from the M&S archive come to us with her "Travelling Suitcase". The suitcase will contain items sold in the M&S shops since the 1940s to the 1980s. It will be a brilliantly nostalgic step back in time.

I provide a simple wordsearch for each café. We sing Perry Como's 'Magic Moments' song at every café. We have hot drinks and biscuits. We find time to reminisce as well. There is usually a memory support worker there if carers need support/advice.

The only time we won't run the café is in December because the fourth Wednesday is during Christmas week.

Anyone with memory issues is welcome to join us. You don't have to have an official diagnosis to attend the café, but we can help those wanting to seek that diagnosis via the memory support worker.

Carol S



Vacancy

The Joana Project has a part time vacancy for a Grant Fundraising Manager. Please see the information pack [here](#).

Sharing God's Blessing

Goal 2 – Reimagining ministry

In the context of a shared understanding of what it is to be the Church of England in this diocese, we have explored and tested lay leadership. St James' ministry is faithfully yet imaginatively Anglican, flourishing and financially sustainable. Ordained and lay ministers are working confidently in fruitful partnerships.

We have repaired the internal decoration of the church building and explored ways in which development of the building might better enable our worship, and better serve the local community as a spiritual resource.

The Horsforth Shed is a vibrant part of the ministry of St James', creating opportunities and building relationships to share the love of God.

Fellowship Prayer Focus

Please pray for those people in our fellowship who are ill or struggling: Pamela Adams, Jose Ashbee, Chris Cox (Annella's son), Sue Firth (friend of John Evans), Tracey and Daniel Greig, Adrienne Hoggard, Elaine Savage, Robert Savage (Elaine's son), Carol Shaw and Catriona Sreenan.

Please pray for those who are housebound and those mourning the loss of loved ones. Pray for Jo Glenwright at Menston, and Jon Swales in his work at Lighthouse. Pray also for George Otieno and family and our other sisters and brothers in Tanzania dealing with the impact of climate change with few resources, and for Jonathan and Rebecca Cain during his Sabbatical.

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.

