

Notices for week commencing 27 July 2025

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The Church Office is the initial enquiry point for baptisms, thanksgivings, weddings and church events.

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

This week at St James':

Sunday 27 July

09.00 – Morning Prayer *

10.30 – Holy Communion*

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

Visiting Clergy this week

During Jonathan's sabbatical, we have a number of visiting clergy coming to share with us in our communion services. This week we welcome back Paul Tudge, once vicar of this parish, now retired. We are very pleased to see him and Nathan.

27 July 2025, 6th Sunday after Trinity

Readings: Colossians 2:6-15[16-19];
Luke 11:1-13

Collect:

Creator God,
you made us all in your image:
may we discern you in all that we see,
and serve you in all that we do;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Church Family Picnic - thanks

A big thank you to Malcolm and Christine for organising a venue for our annual church picnic and drinks, and to Lynne and Jo B for sorting out the rest, including games. Despite the torrential rain, everyone enjoyed the fellowship and time together in a beautiful setting.

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.

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.

Summer Edition of St James' Life

I am hoping to publish the Summer edition of St James' Life church magazine at the end of this month, so please could I have any contributions ASAP, as I hope to put it together next week. Many thanks.

Alison

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



Sharing God's Blessing

Goal 1: Thriving as an Anglican Parish Church with a clear vision and values

With Christ as our model for Loving, Living and Learning, we are excited to be part of a body of maturing Christians in the Diocese of Leeds, with a shared story to tell and a distinctive part to play. We are all committed to the safeguarding, care and nurture of everyone within our community and to God's creation.

St James' is a community of confident Christians, growing in numbers and as disciples, transforming our local community by sharing the love of God.

Together, we are working with others in the diocese and across the town of Horsforth, making a unique contribution to building the Kingdom 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.

