

Notices for week commencing 17 August 2025

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This week at St James':

Sunday 17 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.

17 August 2025, 9th Sunday after Trinity

Readings: Hebrews 11:29-12:2; Luke 12:49-56

Collect:

Gracious Father,
revive your Church in our day,
and make her holy, strong and faithful,
for your glory's sake
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Hearing Aids?

We have a hearing loop – so you should be able to switch your system into it. Do ask if you have difficulty – we want everyone to hear and join in!

Note from Jonathan:

Friends

How wonderful it was to return to the St James' family on Sunday 10 August after 12 weeks on sabbatical. Thank you for the warmth of the welcome and the cake of course!

The most wonderful thing was to see the community flourishing, the surest sign that the church is not about the vicar, or about any individual, it is about people gathered in faith around Jesus. This is not to say that individuals aren't important and I would like to thank the many who continue to faithfully step forward to contribute to that flourishing. Particular thanks go to Lynne Gillions and Christine Lazenby, church wardens, with whom responsibility lay while I was away, and to Pete, Brian, Cal and Jo Bailey who led worship in my absence. I am told that the guest preachers were appreciated and I have written to thank them all. Alison kept on top of the office and myriad other people continued to serve the local community and maintain the site -

doesn't the churchyard look fabulous!

As I begin a new season of ministry, I thank God for the privilege of doing so among my sisters and brothers at St James'.

Rebecca and I would love to share some of our sabbatical experiences and reflections and plan to do so on the evening of 12 September (refer separate notice below). We hope you will be able to join us.

God bless

Jonathan

New Kitchen

This week a new kitchen is being installed in the Parish Centre. Hopefully this will not cause too much disruption. Thanks go to the team who are using their skills and giving up their time to improve the facilities.

Sabbatical shenanigans with a Spanish theme, Friday 12 September @ 7pm

Rebecca and Jonathan would love to share some of their sabbatical experiences and reflections. All are welcome to join us in the Parish Centre on Friday evening, 12 September for a tapas faith supper. Helpful if you could let Rebecca know whether you plan to come and what you might contribute food and drink wise by Sunday 07 September (rebeccaacain@outlook.com; 07377 904057).

Why not send us a question beforehand to help shape what we say? Please send your questions in to Rebecca with your RSVP on the above contact details. There will be opportunity for questions on the night too, and, there may be singing and dancing!

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

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



Invitation:

Dear Friends,

You are invited to join us to say a fond farewell to Rev Nigel Sinclair. Nigel has been the vicar of St Margaret's Church for over 12 years and will be missed by many within our community.



Everyone is welcome to join us for Nigel's last service on **Sunday 31st August** at 10:00am or from around midday to 3:00pm to celebrate his time here in Horsforth. Guests are welcome to bring a picnic lunch to enjoy and we will be serving light refreshments.

Everyone is welcome to one or both of the events to say farewell.

Many thanks,

St Margaret's Church

Sharing God's Blessing

Goal 4: Building leadership pathways

Our *aspiration* by 2024 ...

We believe and behave as if everyone has a vocation to serve God in the world and in the Church. People at St James' are motivated to take responsibility for their own vocational development and are provided with diverse opportunities for doing so. Leadership potential and capacity for people of all ages is being identified and developed.

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 as they return from 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.

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