

Notices for week commencing 31 August 2025

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This week at St James':

Sunday 31 August

10.30 – Holy Communion*

Monday 1 September

08.45 – Morning Prayer, in church

10.30 – Knit and Natter, in the Parish Centre

* 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.

31 August 2025, 11th Sunday after Trinity

Readings: Hebrews 13:1-8,15-16; Luke 14:1,7-14

Collect:

God of glory,
the end of our searching,
help us to lay aside
all that prevents us from seeking your
kingdom,
and to give all that we have
to gain the pearl beyond all price,
through our Saviour Jesus Christ.
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!

New Kitchen

A huge thank you to Pete G and his team of volunteers who have finished the new kitchen in the Parish Centre – it looks fantastic.

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

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

Vacancies

- **Diocesan Safeguarding Officer:** fixed term appointment to cover maternity leave. Please see the details [here](#). Closing date 14 September.

- **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.

Upcoming Events

- **Heritage Open Day: Saturday 20 September** – the church will be open for visitors from 10am to 4pm. Refreshments will be available. If you can help by providing cakes and/or staffing the event, please speak to Christine Lazenby.
- **Horsforth Green Festival: Sunday 21 September** – 11.30am to 3.30pm in Horsforth Hall Park. Plenty of activities to enjoy: produce show, cycle-powered sound system, local bands, choirs and performance artists, stalls Horsforth Repair Café, Bike Fix and more.

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. Also, please pray for the family of Gordon Dick, a local man who died this week.

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.

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.

