

Notices for week commencing 07 September 2025

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This week at St James':

Sunday 07 September

09.00 – Holy Communion*

10.30 – Morning Worship

Monday 08 September

08.45 – Morning Prayer, in church

Tuesday 09 September

19.30 – PCC, in the Parish Centre

Wednesday 10 September

19.30 – Horsforth Churches Together, in the Parish Centre

Friday 12 September

10.00 – Pop-up Café in the Parish Centre

19.00 – Sabbatical Shenanigans, in the Parish Centre (see below)

7 September 2025, 12th Sunday after Trinity

Readings: Philemon 1-21; Luke 14:25-33

Collect:

God of constant mercy,
who sent your Son to save us:
remind us of your goodness,
increase your grace within us,
that our thankfulness may grow,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

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

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!

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!

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.

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.

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Harvest Collection for Horsforth Community Pantry

This year, we and other Horsforth churches are collecting Harvest donations for the Pantry. Please bring your contributions to church or the Parish Centre on Monday-Thursday mornings. Many thanks.

- Pasta (shapes not spaghetti)
- Rice/Noodles
- Tinned fruit (cocktail, pineapple, peaches)
- UHT milk
- UHT fruit juice
- Tinned meat/fish products (Fray Bentos pies are very popular)
- Tinned sweetcorn, carrots, peas
- Pasta/Curry sauces
- Tinned tomatoes/pulses

- Tinned soup
- Baked beans
- Tinned pasta
- Cooking oil

- Coffee/tea/hot chocolate/cordial
- Custard/rice pudding
- Crisps/ Biscuits
- Jam
- Toiletries
- Cleaning Products



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.

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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 Event

- **Come and Sing Choruses from Brahms' Requiem: 20 September – 10.00am**
Come and sing with Leeds Festival Chorus (LFC) as part of 2025's Heritage Open Days. Simon Wright will train the choir and then conduct members of LFC and others in an informal performance from 16.00 at St George's Church, Great George Street LS1 3BR. The event is free to join in, but please book by emailing James Moxon (jamesmox457@gmail.com). More information is available [here](#).
- **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.

Church Cleaning for Heritage Day: Wed 17th Sept at 2.00pm

In preparation for the church being open on Heritage Day, we would like to ensure it is clean and tidy. Please join a team cleaning the church on Wednesday 17th September in the afternoon, and have some fun while making the church as attractive as possible. Please bring your own equipment.

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

