

# Notices for week commencing 28 September 2025

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## This week at St James':

### Sunday 28 September

09.00 – Morning Prayer\*

10.30 – Holy Communion with the baptism of Maggie Parnell and Kid's Church

### Monday 22 September

08.45 – Morning Prayer, in church

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

## Harvest at St James'

Our harvest celebration this year will be on **Sunday 05 October**. Information about our Harvest Collection is included below.

In recent years we have also welcomed children and families from Ducklings Nursery for a celebration at Harvest. Delighted that this will be repeated this year on **Sunday 12 October @ 16.00**. If you are able to help with hospitality after that service, please do come along. It is a joyful event.

## Heritage Open Day

Many thanks to all those who helped to open St James' and provide hospitality last Saturday. The open day provided an opportunity to introduce people to St James' and bless our local community, and visitors were very appreciative.

### 28 September 2025, 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity

**Readings:** 1 Timothy 6:6-19; Luke 16:19-31

#### Collect:

God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit upon your Church in the burning fire of your love:

grant that your people may be fervent in the fellowship of the gospel that, always abiding in you, they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service;

through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.  
Amen.

## Experience the Bible as ONE BIG STORY on Sunday 26 October

On Sunday 26 October, which is Bible Sunday, we are hosting a special event! Starting at 10.00 and concluding at 16.00, there will be an interactive exploration of the story to help you find **your** place in the story. The exploration will conclude with a service of Holy Communion at 15.30, which is open to all. **It is going to be great, so do put the date in your diary.**

Morning Prayer will be offered at 09.00 as usual.

## Bethlehem Groups: Autumn Term

During October and November, Bethlehem groups will be meeting to read and reflect on the second half of Acts. We will have groups running on Wednesday and Thursday evenings, for six sessions. If you are already in a group check with your group leader about dates. If you haven't tried a group yet and would like to, please speak to Jonathan, Jo Bailey or Becky Woodward, or email Jonathan and we can pass on more details. All are welcome!

## 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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## 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.

## Vacancies

The Diocese of Leeds is seeking to appoint a Lay Training Officer, full details of the role can be found on the Church of England Pathways job site via the following link:

<https://pathways.churchofengland.org/en/jobs/lay-training-officer-28-hours-per-week-possibility-of-full-time-for-the-right-candidate/2863>

The closing date for applications is 26 October.

## Upcoming Events

Bishop Nick's Farewell Service is being held at Ripon Cathedral on **Sunday 23 November at 15.30**. Please note that seating is limited and seats will be unreserved. To book a seat, please click on the link below.

[A Diocesan Farewell to Bishop Nick - Ripon Cathedral.](#)

## 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.

*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.*

