

Notices for week commencing 12 October 2025

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This week at St James':

Friday 10 October

10.00 – Pop-up Café in the Parish Centre

Sunday 12 October

09.00 – Morning Prayer*

10.30 – Holy Communion*

16.00 – Ducklings Harvest Service

Monday 06 October

08.45 – Morning Prayer, in church

Friday 17 October

14.00 – Wedding of Josh Hobson and Kelly Richardson, in church

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

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

12 October 2025, 17th Sunday after Trinity

Readings: 2 Timothy 2:8-15; Luke 17:11-19

Collect: Almighty God,
you have made us for yourself,
and our hearts are restless till they find
their rest in you: pour your love into our
hearts and draw us to yourself, and so
bring us at last to your heavenly city
where we shall see you face to face;
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.

Jonathan, Jo Bailey or Becky Woodward, or email Jonathan and we can pass on more details. All are welcome!

All Souls', Sunday 02 November @ 16.00

Our service of evening prayer will include an act of commemoration for those we've loved and see no longer. We will automatically light a candle for those who have died in the last 12 months. If you would like your loved ones to be remembered at the service by name in this way, please let Alison in the church office know.

Tea and cake will be served in the Parish Centre after the service. Please also let Alison know if you intend to come along so that we have numbers for catering. As ever, always grateful for gifts of baking and offers to help serve.

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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Upcoming Events

Creation Groans, Christ Calls, Tuesday 18 November, 19.00 to 21.00, Leeds Trinity University Chapel, Horsforth (LS18 5HD)

This event invites Christians from across traditions to grieve with creation, listen for the Spirit, and commit to walking in Christlike ways in the face of climate breakdown. The evening will include a talk from Jon Swales, alongside creative prayer stations offering space for lament, intercession, and hope.

You can find full details and book your free place here:

👉 eventbrite.co.uk/e/creation-groans-christ-calls-tickets-1691754767049?aff=oddttdtcreator



Leeds Festival Chorus concert: Saturday 22 November

LFC are singing Bernstein's *Chichester Psalms* along with Bach's *Lobet den Herrn* and Kodaly's *Missa Brevis*. The organist will also be playing Bach's spectacular *Tocatta and Fugue in D minor*. Tickets are available [here](#).

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.](#)

Church Fundraisers:

Now that the Autumn nights are drawing in - we have not one but two social events/fundraisers for your diaries!

Friday 31st October - Universally Challenged - an Autumn Quiz Night with Autumn supper in aid of Tearfund

We have our very own Bamber Gascoigne and Anne Robinson to put you through your paces in a fun quiz.

Arrive for 7pm - where we will be serving jacket potatoes and a range of delicious toppings, followed by homemade crumble.

After we've all eaten - our quiz hosts will put you through your paces.

Please bring your own drinks and put some money in the Tearfund collection.

RSVP to Ruth Dent so we have the numbers for catering purposes asap.

Friday 16th January 2026 at 7pm- Beetle Drive and other traditional family party games

A fun social evening in the Parish Room for all the family. Foodwise we are going back to the 70s buffet- think cheese on sticks, vol au vents and a bit of quiche - use your imaginations - as let's be honest - it's a church do - so you will be bringing something! There will be a fundraising collection for St James' and lots of party games.

Please put it in your diary and let Rebecca Cain know you're coming - clipboard will be out after Christmas.

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.

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.

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.

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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