

Notices for week commencing 05 October 2025

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This week at St James':

Sunday 05 October

09.00 – Holy Communion*

10.30 – Morning Worship*

Monday 06 October

08.45 – Morning Prayer, in church

10.30 – Knit and Natter CANCELLED!^

Tuesday 07 October

13.00 – Broadgate PS Y1 visit to St James'

Wednesday 08 October

09.30 – Broadgate PS Y2 visit to St James'

Thursday 09 October

12.00 – Funeral service of Tristram Rymer

Friday 10 October

10.00 – Pop-up Café in the Parish Centre

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

^ No Knit and Natter this month as a number of people are away.

Harvest at St James'

We celebrate Harvest this week – information about our 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.

Thank you

From the family and friends of Titilola Onos-Ekpo whose funeral service was held at St James' on Friday 26 September. Titi was a lady from Nigeria who lived on Broadgate Lane and worked in the care sector. Her friend Ufouma was greatly encouraged by the warmth of the welcome and Christian hospitality she received at St James' when she

5 October 2025, 16th Sunday after Trinity, Harvest

Readings: Psalm 37:1-9; Luke 17:5-10

Collect:

Lord of creation,
whose glory is around and within us:
open our eyes to your wonders,
that we may serve you with reverence
and know your peace at our lives' end,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

worshipped with us on 21 September and Titi's whole family were grateful that we were able to host the funeral at short notice.

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!

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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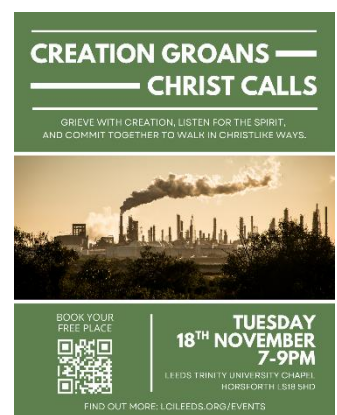
Upcoming Events

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



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.](#)

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 5: Growing young people as Christians

Our aspiration by 2024 ...

Children and young people are part of the welcoming, enriching and safe worshipping community at St James'. They are provided with a supportive context for maturing in their faith and living out that faith in practice. We regularly review the needs of children and young people in our community and adapt provision for them as they grow.

Through Horsforth Churches Together, St James' continues active participation in taking Christian faith into primary schools in the town. St James' has strong links with Broadgate Primary School and the Horsforth Children's Centre.

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.

