

Notices for week commencing 23 November 2025

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This week at St James':

Sunday 23 November

09.00 – Morning Prayer *

10.30 – Holy Communion* with Kids' Church

Monday 24 November

08.45 – Morning Prayer, in church

17.30 – Lighthouse Trustees' Meeting, in the Parish Centre

Tuesday 25 November

08.45 – Morning Prayer, in church

Thursday 27 November

14.00 – Advent Course, in the Parish Centre

23 November 2025, Christ the King Readings:

Colossians 1:11-20; Luke 23:33-43

Collect:

God the Father,
help us to hear the call of Christ the King
and to follow in his service,
whose kingdom has no end;
for he reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, one glory.
Amen

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

Advent course: Who am I?

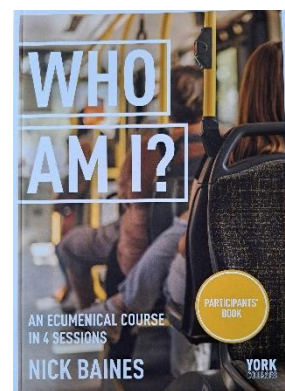
During Advent this year Jonathan will be leading a four-week course written by the Bishop of Leeds, Nick Baines. There are plans for two groups meeting in the Parish Centre to explore this fundamental question alongside four themes: Climate, Migration, Conflict and Technology.

Thursday afternoons @ 14.00. 27/11, 04/12, 11/12, 18/12.

Monday evenings @ 19.30. 01/12, 08/12, 15/12, 22/12.

Please sign up by 16 November so that we can order resources

(participant guide is £5). You can sign up on the sheet at the back of church or by emailing Jonathan.



Horsforth Community Pantry

Contributions currently needed are as follows.

- 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.

Ruth Dent ruthddent@gmail.com

Choir for Christmas Carol Service

This year's Candlelit Carol Service will be held on 21 December at 18.30. If you would like to join in the choir for the service, please let me know. Three rehearsals have been planned:

Sunday 07 December, after the 10.30 service

Saturday 13 December @ 10.00 and

Saturday 20 December @ 10.00

Thanks

Alison

Rewind to Christmas Friday 28 Nov and Tuesday 2 December

All the Year 4 children from Horsforth primary schools attend fun sessions where they learn about the Christmas story through drama, videos, games and crafts. This is a very popular event and relies on helpers from across the churches. If you are able to help at one or more morning or afternoon sessions, please see Lynne Gillions.

Upcoming Events

Leeds Festival Chorus concert: this Saturday, 22 November, 19.30 at St Edmund's Roundhay

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 *Toccata 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.](#)

St James' Christmas Meal. 11th Earl (Toby Carvery) Thursday 4th December 1900

Join us for a relaxed evening in the function room. Choose from the festive menu (£15/ 2 courses) or the carvery (£11). No deposit required, but please let Andrew or Melanie Nightingale know if you'd like to come andrew.nightingale@yahoo.co.uk



Trailblazing: Women have always been firefighters: Friday 16 January 2026, 19.00 in the Parish Centre

This is the story of three firefighters in West Yorkshire. All women, all wanting to make a difference, all ahead of their time...

This Space2 production will be hosted at St James' in the New Year. Tickets are FREE and will be available to reserve here soon.

Note: the previously advertised Beetle Drive will now be hosted on a different night so watch this space.

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.

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.

