

# Notices for week commencing 30 November 2025

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## This week at St James':

### Sunday 30 November

09.00 – Parish Breakfast, in the Parish Centre

10.30 – Holy Communion\*, in church

### Monday 01 December

08.45 – Morning Prayer, in church

19.30 – Advent Course, in the Parish Centre

### Tuesday 02 December

08.45 – Morning Prayer, in church

### Thursday 04 December

14.00 – Advent Course, in the Parish Centre

## 30 November 2025, 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent

**Readings: Romans 13:11-end; Matthew 24:36-44**

**Collect:** Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility; that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**Amen.**

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

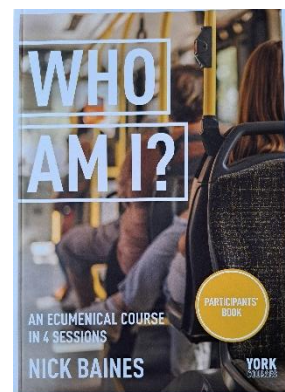
## Advent course: Who am I?

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.

**We have a good number of folks signed up, but there is still space. Do speak to Jonathan if you'd like to come along.**



## Volunteers for Horsforth Churches Together Christmas events:

Christmas Market 6 Dec 12.30-7.00pm:

Volunteers are needed outside The Grove for hourly sessions to give out Christmas cards or help out at the stable where children can dress up for photos. **Also, donations of mince pies would be gratefully received.**

Carols in the Park 13 Dec 3.30-4.45pm

Stewards are needed to hand out song sheets or serve refreshments.

If you can help out, please let Rhoda know at [rhoda@horsforthchaplaincy.org](mailto:rhoda@horsforthchaplaincy.org)

Alternatively, have a word with Lynne Gillions. Your help would be much appreciated.

Thank you.

## Horsforth Community Pantry (Volunteering opportunities)

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

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](mailto:ruthddent@gmail.com))

## Reverse Advent Calendar for Horsforth Community Pantry

If you would like to support the Pantry this Christmas, we are asking people to create a reverse advent calendar. This is where you pick an item a day to donate and put it in a box. Even a partial filled calendar would be greatly appreciated and will be of great help to the families that the pantry supports this Christmas.

Copies of the calendar are at the back of the church and can be emailed out to you if that is easier. Final date for donations Sunday 21 December. Please leave at the back of the church. Ruth Dent [ruthddent@gmail.com](mailto: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 02 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.

## Leeds North and West Food Bank Christmas Appeal

Leeds North and West Foodbank are appealing for people to complete their Reverse Advent Calendar again this Advent. Please see the information at the back of church if you would like to take part.

## St James' Men's Group

St James' Men's Group will meet again at The Queens Arms at 7pm on Wednesday 10 December, all welcome.

## Refreshments for the Carol Service

This year's Candlelit Carol Service will be on 21 December at 6.30pm. As in the last couple of years, we will be serving refreshments beforehand. Please see Lynne if you can offer to make or bring mince pies for this. They can be dropped off at the office during the week if that's easier for you. Many thanks.

## Upcoming Events

### St James' Christmas Meal. 11th Earl (Toby Carvery) Thursday 04 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](mailto: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.*

