

Notices for week commencing 16 November 2025

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This week at St James':

Friday 14 November

10.00 – Pop-up Café, in the Parish Centre

Sunday 16 November: Safeguarding Sunday

09.00 – Holy Communion *

10.30 – Morning Worship*

16.00 – Messy Church

Monday 17 November

08.45 – Morning Prayer, in church

Tuesday 18 November

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12.30 – Funeral of Margaret Sillince

17.30 – Pantry Management Committee, Parish Centre

Wednesday 19 November

19.30 – Leeds Episcopal Area Synod, St George's Leeds

Thursday 20 November

09.30 – Broadgate Primary School Y5 visit

16 November 2025, Safeguarding Sunday

Readings:

Psalm 91; John 8:1-11

Collect:

Heavenly Lord,
you long for the world's salvation:
stir us from apathy,
restrain us from excess
and revive in us new hope
that all creation will one day be
healed
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

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

Safeguarding Sunday, 16 November

The 10.30 am service this week will be focusing on the importance of safeguarding, looking at the theme of action speaks louder. We will be exploring the invitation from Jesus to protect others and seek justice for those who've been harmed.

<https://safeguardingsunday.org/>

Advent course: Who am I?

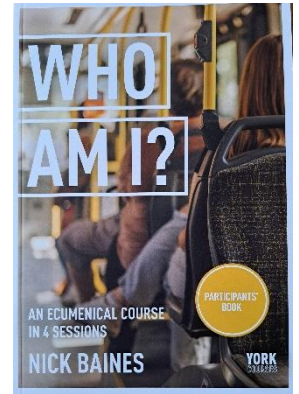
During Advent this year Jonathan will be leading a four-week course written by the Bishop of Leeds, Nick Baines. There are plans for two groups meeting in the Parish Centre to explore this fundamental question alongside four themes: Climate, Migration, Conflict and Technology.

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

First Aid Course

A one-day course has now been booked for **30 January** to support the PCC's aim to have first-aiders available to support events at St James'. If you are interested in being a first-aider and attending the course, please speak to Tracey Greig. Thanks to Tracey for organising this.

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

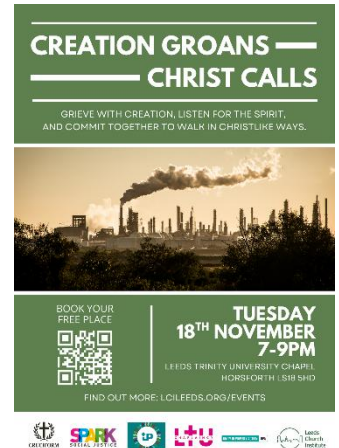
Upcoming Events

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=oddtcreator



Leeds Festival Chorus concert: Sat 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 *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.](#)

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 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.

