

Notices for week commencing 18 January 2026

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This week at St James':

Sunday 18 January 2026

09.00 – Holy Communion*

10.30 – Morning Worship *

16.00 – Messy Church in the Parish Centre

Monday 19 January

08.45 – Morning Prayer, in church

12.00 – Week of Prayer for Christian Unity -
Prayer & Lunch, in church/ the small hall

Tuesday 20 January

08.45 – Morning Prayer, in church

Thursday 22 January

14.00 – Funeral of Adrienne Hoggard, in
church

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

18 January 2026, Beginning of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Readings: Isaiah 58:6-11; Ephesians
4:1-13; John 12:31-36

Collect:

Lord Jesus Christ,
who said to your apostles,
'Peace I leave with you, my peace I
give to you':
look not on our sins but on the faith of
your Church
and grant it the peace and unity of
your kingdom;
where you are alive and reign with the
Father
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

Adrienne Hoggard's funeral

Following the announcement that Adrienne died shortly before Christmas, her funeral will be held on Thursday 22 January at 2pm in church. Sadly, Adrienne had not been able to join us at St James' too much recently, but St James' was her church for nearly 90 years! She prayed regularly for the life of our church community and she will be missed. Our prayers are with her family and friends at this time.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, 18 to 25 January

Sunday marks the start of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. This year Churches Together in Britain and Ireland have worked with the Church in Armenia and the theme for the week is 'One Body, One Spirit'.

"Our Scriptural theme for 2026 (Ephesians 4:4) reminds us that the call to unity is a call to work for peace for all people everywhere. It is a call that goes to the heart of the

mission and ministry of the Armenian Church, throughout its history and today, and it is a vital part of the experience that Armenian Christians bring to the global work of Christian unity. In the major international ecumenical gatherings of recent years, the Armenian Church has brought a heartfelt appeal for a stronger collective voice of the Church as an advocate for just peace in the world, not only for Armenians, but for all those suffering as a result of violence, displacement and persecution.”

The 10.30 service at St James’ this week will use liturgy and readings on this theme.

Horsforth Churches Together are also embracing the theme, ‘One Body, One Spirit’ with six different prayer events to which all are welcome. Why not try something you haven’t been to before?

DATE	TIME	PLACE	SERVICE	What to expect
Monday 19 Jan	12.00	St James’ Woodside	Midday Prayers	Liturgy and prayers for midday, followed by a soup lunch
Tuesday 20 Jan	12.30	The Grove Methodist	Soup and Prayers	Sharing soup, fellowship and prayers
Weds 21 Jan	10.00	St Margaret’s	Communion	Traditional C of E Communion with liturgy and prayers
	19.00	St Mary’s Catholic	‘Come Holy Spirit’ – Prayer Service	A reflective service with Taizé style music
Thursday 22 Jan	19.30	Lister Hill Baptist	Praise and Prayer	Uplifting songs and free style prayers
Friday 23 Jan	12.15	Cragg Hill Baptist	Midday Prayers	Northumbrian Prayer and free style prayers

Try Praying

27 MILLION ADULTS IN THE UK PRAY.

10 MILLIION PRAY REGULARLY.

HALF OF THOSE WHO PRAY BELIEVE GOD HEARS THEIR PRAYERS.

OF PEOPLE WHO SAY THEY ARE NOT RELIGIOUS 1 IN 5 PRAY.



These statistics have been gathered by an organisation call trypraying and they have produced a 7-day prayer guide for those who are not religious. It’s been used by hundreds of thousands of people to date.

Next Sunday at St James’ we will give a copy of the booklet to everyone, with an invitation to use it for a week (‘use it’) and then look for a God-given opportunity to give it to a friend, neighbour, or colleague (‘lose it’).

Our prayer is that this gentle introduction to experience the kindness of God will encourage people to explore Christian faith, encounter Jesus and grow God’s Church.

Horsforth Community Pantry

Donation List for the Pantry

UHT milk

Porridge

Tinned rice pudding

Tinned meat/casserole/pies

Tinned custard

Cooking oil

Mayonnaise/ketchup

Help needed at the Pantry:

Are you able to help out on Monday mornings once a month? We need someone to join the team who receive the Fareshare delivery on a Monday between 9am-12pm. The food needs to be put away in fridge/freezers and on shelving but full training will be provided.

Please speak to Ruth or Jonathan if you are able to help.

ruthddent@gmail.com

Craft Group

A craft group meets weekly in the Parish Centre, and from January it will be meeting on Tuesday or Thursday mornings at 10.30 in the small hall. They are looking for more people to join them from the local community. All are welcome. The cost is £1 for refreshments.

Mary's Meals

Mary's Meals currently works in 16 of the world's poorest countries, feeding over 3 million young children one good meal every day in their place of education. They are asking you to donate any left over foreign currency or obsolete UK currency that you may have lying around. Just bring any foreign or old coins/notes to church by the end of February and we will pass them on. The money raised from this initiative will help Mary's Meals bring hope to more desperately hungry children across the globe. *Every 10p is enough to provide a hungry child with a nutritious meal in school. Mary's Meals would like to thank you for your continuous support & prayers.*

Church Cleaning

We are having a church cleaning session on Tuesday 20 Jan at 7pm followed by a trip to the pub if anyone wants to go for a drink afterwards. Please bring your own cleaning materials. Do come along if you are able, the more the merrier. Thank you.

Churchwardens

Forthcoming Event

Migration and Britain: Where Do We Go From Here?

An evening of conversation exploring thoughts from across the political spectrum: an antidote to the culture wars. **Thursday 29th January 6:30pm for a 7:00pm start**

St Richard's Church,

Kentmere Avenue,

LS14 1BN

Participants: Anne Russell (vicar of Seacroft), Ed Carlisle (Green Party), Jonathan Pryor (Labour Party), Imam Qari Asim (Makkah Mosque Leeds), Andrew Nightingale (Reform UK), Sam Firth (Conservative Party). To attend, please email Anne.Russell@leeds.anglican.org

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, the family of 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.

