

Notices for week commencing 01 February 2026

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This week at St James':

Sunday 01 February 2026

09.00 – Holy Communion *

10.30 – Morning Worship *

Monday 02 February

08.45 – Morning Prayer, in church

10.30 – Knit and Natter, in the Parish Centre

Tuesday 03 February

08.45 – Morning Prayer, in church

Saturday 07 February

9.00 – Farmers' Market, St Margaret's School, Town Street

01 February 2026, The Presentation of Christ in the Temple

Readings: Hebrews 2:14-end; Luke 2:22-40

Collect:

Lord Jesus Christ,
light of the nations and glory of Israel:
make your home among us,
and present us pure and holy
to your heavenly Father,
your God, and our God.
Amen.

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

Try Praying

27 MILLION ADULTS IN THE UK PRAY.

10 MILLION 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 called 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.

Last Sunday at St James' we gave 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**'). If you weren't here last week, be sure to get a copy this Sunday.

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.

The Start Course: God, Jesus and the journey of life in six sessions

After **trypraying**, we are also inviting people to **trychurch** and **tryStart**. Inviting someone to find out more about Jesus is the greatest gift we can offer as a church and as disciples.

We will be running the Start Course in person on six Monday evenings **from 23 February 2025**. This is a course aimed at enquirers, but all are welcome.

Each session involves video clips, exercises, group discussion and time for reflection. Sessions last about 90 mins and are free to attend.

Could this be for you? Is there someone on your heart that you would like to invite? Let me know if you would like more information. *Jonathan*

Bethlehem groups: the gospel of Matthew: part 1 in February/ March

Bethlehem Groups provide a meeting space to connect with others, grow, and deepen in faith together. In addition to looking at the Bible, praying, and exploring worship, our groups have fostered a sense of community through activities such as BBQs and cooking church breakfast together!

Flexibility is key. As we restart this February, people are welcome to switch to a new group. And if you have not been along before, you are most welcome to join. We currently have groups running on Wednesday evenings, Thursday afternoon and Thursday evenings (refer table).

Bethlehem Groups at St James'		
Meeting day/ time	Meeting location	Leader
Wednesday evening	Horsforth	Hannah Mason
Wednesday evening	Cookridge	Jo Bailey
Thursday afternoon	Horsforth	David Thrussell
Thursday evening	Horsforth	Becky Woodward

Please do join us in a Bethlehem group as we continue to build connections and grow together. Speak to Becky Woodward, Jonathan Cain or Jo Bailey if you'd like to know more. Or email Alison in the church office, and she'll pass on your contact. Office@stjameswoodside.org.

Craft Group

A craft group meets weekly in the Parish Centre, and from January it will be meeting on Tuesday 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.

Christingle Services

My thanks to all who supported the services during the Christmas/New Year period. The results of your efforts are as follows:

St. James Cribtingle - £226;

Ducklings Christingle - £162;

Bedford Court Christingle - £30.

I have forwarded the total of £418 to the Children's Society to help them provide for children in need. The Christingle celebrations play a huge part in the Society's work, bringing communities together to build a society that works for children. Many thanks for your support.

John Pickford

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

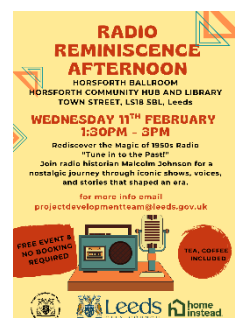
Mary's Meals

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.*

Upcoming Events

Radio Reminiscence Afternoon, Wednesday 11 February

On Wednesday 11 February, in the Ballroom at the Horsforth Community Hub and Library, there will be an opportunity to rediscover the Magic of 1950s radio. Free event, no booking required. Tea and coffee included. For more information, email projectdevelopmentteam@leeds.gov.uk.



Seed Swap & Nature Corridor Launch – Saturday 21 February, 11.00-14.00 in the Parish Centre

Horsforth Climate Action is launching their Seed Swap and Nature Corridor at St James' Parish Centre on Sat 21 Feb, from 11am-2pm. There will be kids' crafts and activities, a meadow preparation demonstration and flower and vegetable seeds available. Come and find out what it's all about. All are welcome.



Sharing God's Blessing

Goal 4: Building leadership pathways

We believe and behave as if everyone has a vocation to serve God in the world and in the Church. People at St James' are motivated to take responsibility for their own vocational development and are provided with diverse opportunities for doing so. Leadership potential and capacity for people of all ages is being identified and developed.

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.

