

Notices for week commencing 11 January 2026

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Coming up at St James':

Friday 09 January

10.00 – Pop-up Café, Parish Centre

Sunday 11 January 2026

09.00 – Morning Prayer*

10.30 – Holy Communion *

Monday 12 January

08.45 – Morning Prayer, in church

Tuesday 13 January

08.45 – Morning Prayer, in church

19.30 – PCC meeting, Parish Centre

Friday 16 January

19.00 – Trailblazing, Parish Centre (refer below)

11 January 2026, the Baptism of Christ

Readings: Isaiah 42:1-9; Matthew 3:13-end

Collect:

Heavenly Father,
at the Jordan you revealed Jesus as
your Son:
may we recognize him as our Lord
and know ourselves to be your
beloved children;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.
Amen.

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

Thank you

A HUGE thank you to all who helped make the Christmas services such a success – the leaders, preachers, PA operators, musicians, readers, caterers, bakers, welcomers, car park attendants and general helpers. The enormous effort was well worth it, with more people attending both the Carol Service and the Cribtingle than last year. I think we put on a good effort for local people, so thanks to you all.

Alison

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.

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

Vacancy

Horsforth Shed is recruiting for the role of Shed Manager. An application pack containing details of how to apply can be found on the Horsforth Shed website [here](#) . Closing date is midday on Friday 16 January 2026.

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.*

Upcoming Events

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 is being hosted at St James'. Tickets are FREE and are available

[here](#) .



Let's Pray Together! Six different Prayer Events for Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (starting Sun 18th Jan)

This year for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, our churches are extending a warm welcome to everyone to come and join in with their own different prayer meetings or services. Each will be different, reflecting our different traditions - **why not try something you haven't been to before!** Everyone is welcome:

DATE	TIME	PLACE	SERVICE	What to expect
Monday 19 th Jan	12 noon	St James' Woodside	Midday Prayers	Liturgy and prayers for midday, followed by a soup lunch
Tuesday 20 th Jan	12.30pm	The Grove Methodist	Soup and Prayers	Sharing soup, fellowship and prayers
Weds 21 st Jan	10 am	St Margaret's	Communion	Traditional C of E Communion with liturgy and prayers
Weds 21 st Jan	7pm	St Mary's Catholic	'Come Holy Spirit' – Prayer Service	A reflective service with Taizé style music
Thursday 22 nd Jan	7.30pm	Lister Hill Baptist	Praise and Prayer	Uplifting songs and free style prayers
Friday 23 rd Jan	12.15pm	Cragg Hill Baptist	Midday Prayers	Northumbrian Prayer and free style 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

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, 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.

