

Notices for week commencing 01 March 2026

Contact Details:

The Church Office is the initial enquiry point for baptisms, weddings, funerals and church events.

Phone: 0113 258 4558

Email: office@stjameswoodside.org

Website:

<https://www.stjameswoodside.org>

Vicar: Jonathan Cain

55 Bridgland Avenue, Menston, Ilkley, LS29 6PD

Phone: 07375 557804

Email: jonathan.cain@leeds.anglican.org

This week at St James':

Sunday 01 March

09.00 – Holy Communion *

10.30 – Morning Worship *

Monday 02 March

08.45 – Morning Prayer, in church

10.30 – Knit and Natter, in the small hall

19.00 – Deanery Synod, Otley Parish Church

Tuesday 03 March

08.45 – Morning Prayer, in church

Thursday 05 March

19.30 – HCT Lent Talk, Lister Hill Baptist
(refer below)

1 March 2026, 2nd Sunday of Lent

Readings: Romans 4:1-5, 13-17; John 3:1-17

Collect:

Almighty God,
by the prayer and discipline of Lent
may we enter into the mystery of
Christ's sufferings,
and by following in his Way
come to share in his glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

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

Try Praying

Copies of the booklets remain in church. So, if you haven't **used it** yet, why not give it a go? And if you have used it, I wonder if you've managed to **lose it** yet...



Please continue to pray 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

Some people have taken the invitation to **trypraying** and, in recent weeks others have taken the risk to **trychurch** at St James'. Be encouraged.

We haven't yet seen anyone taking the opportunity to **tryStart** and so we are going to postpone the course until later in the year. Please do continue to make invitations and we'll publish some new dates soon.

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

Bethlehem Groups are up and running on Wednesday evenings, Thursday afternoons and Thursday evenings and we are delighted that some new folks have joined these fellowships.

If you are interested in joining a group, please 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.

Messy Church at St James'

After 15ish faithful years the Messy Church team at St James' are going to take a rest from this ministry. **The final Messy Church for this season will happen in the Parish Centre on Sunday 15 March @ 4pm (Mothering Sunday)**. Please do come along and join the celebration of all that has been. And please do pray as we discern what might emerge.

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 – collection ending!

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 this weekend** 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.* Thank you.

Leeds Lent Prayer Diary

The Leeds Lent Prayer Diary is a **free city-wide prayer resource** produced by Leeds Christian Community Trust. The diary is designed to help Christians pray intentionally through the season of Lent- for our communities, the vulnerable in our city and for those serving to bring God's love to those on the margins. The diary features prayer points from over **40 Leeds-based charities and projects**, (including the Horsforth Shed and Horsforth Chaplaincy Project), plus reflections for **Good Friday** and **Easter Sunday**, and key **statistics about Leeds** to inform prayer.

The prayer diary is now available and can be accessed as a **PDF, or printed copies**. It is a **free resource**, with the option to make a donation if desired.



To order the diary, click here: <https://bit.ly/LeedsLentPrayerDiary26>, or scan the QR code.

Lent Talks in Horsforth

Date and Time	Subject and Speaker	Venue
Thurs 5th March 7.30pm	FROM THE SHEPPARD-WORLOCK STORY TO THE CATHOLIC SOCIAL TRADITION – Christian Witness in an Age of Unravelling <i>with Jenny Sinclair, Founder & Director of Together for the Common Good</i>	Lister Hill Baptist, Brownberrie Ave LS18 5PW
Tues 10th March 7.30pm	JOHN WESLEY'S METHODISM – a movement for the 21 st Century <i>with Rev Leslie Newton, Chair of Yorkshire North and East District of the Methodist Church</i>	St Mary's School Hall, Broadgate Lane, LS18 5AB
Tues 17th March 7.30pm	A TRIO OF VICTORIAN PHILANTHROPISTS: Barnardo, Carpenter and Stephenson. <i>with Andy Lloyd</i>	Central Methodist Church, Town St, LS18 4AH
Thurs 26th March 7.30pm	THE INTERFAITH MOVEMENT – 'A South African Christian and a Bangladeshi Muslim reflect on each other's faiths and values, after a decade of community work and partnership in Inner City Leeds <i>with Rev Heston Groenewald, vicar of All Hallows Church, and Abdul Hannan, Councillor for Headingley & Hyde Park</i>	St Margaret's Church, Church Lane, LS18 5LA

Children's Society - Annual Box Collection

My thanks to all who contributed to the Box Collection. As a result of your efforts I have been able to send the sum of £657.08 to the Society. The Box Collection is a vital source of income for the Society's work with needy children and their families and last year raised £900,000. These donations have enabled the Society to open up new services and more children who feel isolated, neglected or without hope are now receiving the support and care they desperately need. Thank you for your compassion.

John Pickford

Electoral Roll Revision - 2026

In accordance with the Church Representation Rules, I am required to revise the roll before the APCM takes place on the 26th April. I would encourage anyone who is not on the existing roll to consider enrolling by completing a form which I can provide. This must be completed and returned to me by 5th April. Thank you.

Chris Baker (Snr)
Church Electoral Officer

Upcoming Events

Brownie Bake Sale: Wednesday 11th March

Brownies are holding a Bake Sale in aid of Guide Dogs (for the blind) in the Parish Centre from 6:30-8pm on 11th March. Please do support this, if you are able.

Sharing God's Blessing

Goal 3: Nurturing lay discipleship

All members of the St James' community are maturing in their calling as Christians. People understand the part that they play in God's mission to the world ('The Five Marks of Mission'), and our worship and our common life equip people to express their faith confidently in family, work and social settings.

Teaching is a priority. An enquirer's course and a programme of nurture courses run each year; small group participation is the norm.

All is intentionally underpinned by prayer.

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), Chris and Helen Davis (following the loss of his mother), 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 her mother, Mary Groom) 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.

