

Notices for week commencing 22 March 2026

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This week at St James':

Sunday 22 March

09.00 – Morning Prayer *

10.30 – Holy Communion *

Monday 23 March

08.45 – Morning Prayer, in church

Tuesday 24 March

08.45 – Morning Prayer, in church

Thursday 26 March

13.00 – Broadgate PS Y1 Easter Visit

19.30 – HCT Lent Talk, St Margaret's Church (refer below)

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

22 March 2026, 5th Sunday of Lent

Readings: Romans 8:6-11; John 11:1-45

Collect: Most merciful God,
who by the death and resurrection of your Son
Jesus Christ
delivered and saved the world:
grant that by faith in him who suffered on the
cross
we may triumph in the power of his victory;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

Holy Week at St James'

Palm Sunday 29 March

09.00 – Parish Breakfast

10.30 – Holy Communion with dramatized reading of the Passion narrative

Monday 30 March & Tuesday 31 March

08.45 – Morning Prayer, in church

Maundy Thursday 02 April

19.00 – Community meal for Maundy Thursday

Good Friday 03 April

11.00 – Horsforth Churches Together Walk of Witness

14.00 – An hour at the cross

Holy Saturday 04 April

10.00 – The Great Easter Egg Hunt

Easter Day, 05 April

09.00 – Holy Communion

10.30 – Holy Communion

Why not invite someone along to one of the services or events during Holy Week?

Maundy Thursday Meal

Please will you sign the sheet at the back of church if you are coming to the Maundy Thursday meal so that we have numbers for catering. If you are able to provide something for the meal Lynne Gillions has the list and will be very grateful for contributions! Please bring your own drinks. We look forward to sharing the evening together as we remember the Passover meal and the Last Supper.

Easter Egg Hunt - Saturday 4th April 10-12 noon

We are drawing nearer to our annual Easter egg hunt which is so popular in the community. Please can you bring in donations for the tombola - as chocolate is so expensive, please feel free to bring chocolate or other confectionery and we'll call it a sweet tombola. There is a box at the back of church. There is a list at the back of church for **volunteers**, and I will be asking people for help over the next couple of weeks! Thank you for your support!

Jo Bailey

Lent Talks in Horsforth

Date and Time	Subject and Speaker	Venue
Thurs 26 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 with <i>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

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.

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

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 Roll Officer

Greenhouse Available

The greenhouse is about 6 ft square, glass and aluminium with an apex roof. There are a 3 or 4 panes of glass missing but otherwise it is whole and, whilst it is quite old, the frame is still fairly sturdy. If anyone wants it, they would have to dismantle and transport it, but I would be happy to help them dismantle it. It would be free for anyone who is interested. Please speak to Ruth Ashbee 07791 418792, for more information.

Upcoming Events

Leeds Festival Chorus Concert: Sat 21 March at St Edmunds' Roundhay

Join Leeds Festival Chorus for their Spring concert: a celebration of brass, organ, and choral music. The full choir will be joined by eight professional brass players for an evening of incredible music spanning the 16th Century to the 20th Century. Click [here](#) to book tickets.

Free Blood Pressure Check and Awareness Afternoon: 26 March in the Parish Centre, 1.30-3.30pm, run by the Primary Care Network (PCN) pharmacy team

A drop-in session for the local community, providing blood pressure checks and tips to stay healthy. Discover local services and learn about the PCN team for support in health and well-being for your family. The team will include a dietitian, Health and Wellbeing Coach, Social Prescriber, Clinical Pharmacist, and someone from the Ageing Well Team.

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), 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 (following the loss of her mother), Catriona Sreenan and Judith Wood, following the recent loss of her husband to cancer.

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.

