

Notices for week commencing 29 March 2026

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Don't forget: the clocks go forward this morning !!



Holy Week and Easter Week at St James':

Sunday 29 March

09.00 – Parish Breakfast

10.30 – Holy Communion with dramatized reading of the Passion narrative

Monday 30 March

08.45 – Morning Prayer, in church

Tuesday 31 March

08.45 – Morning Prayer, in church

Thursday 02 April

19.00 – Community Meal for Maundy Thursday, in the Parish Centre (see below)

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

Tuesday 07 April

08.45 – Morning Prayer, in church

Sunday 12 April

09.00 – Morning Prayer

10.30 – Holy Communion with Kid's Church *

29 March 2026, Palm Sunday

Readings: Matthew 21:1-11; Isaiah 50:4-9a; Matthew 26:14-end of 27

Collect: True and humble king, hailed by the crowd as Messiah: grant us the faith to know you and love you, that we may be found beside you on the way of the cross, which is the path of glory. Amen.

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

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

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

Thank you for all the contributions for the chocolate/sweet tombola. Please keep them coming. If you are able to volunteer to help on the day please let me know, all are welcome! Please can I also ask for offers of cakes - the cake stall is very popular and is a great fundraiser.

Thank you!

Jo B

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: New Dates

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

We would love to encourage some folks to **tryStart**, which could be described as God, Jesus and the journey of life in six sessions and so we will be publishing some more dates very soon. Please do continue to look for opportunities to invite people along.

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

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 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), 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.

