

# Notices for weeks commencing 05 & 12 April 2026

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## Holy Week and Easter Week at St James':

### Thursday 02 April

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

### Friday 03 April

11.30 – 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

### Friday 10 April

10.00 – Pop up café in the Parish Centre

### Sunday 12 April

09.00 – Morning Prayer

10.30 – Holy Communion with Kid's Church\*

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

### 05 April 2026, Easter Day

**Readings:** Acts 10:34-43; Matthew 28:1-10

#### Collect:

God of glory,  
by the raising of your Son  
you have broken the chains of death  
and hell:  
fill your Church with faith and hope;  
for a new day has dawned  
and the way to life stands open  
in our Saviour Jesus Christ.

**Amen.**

### 12 April 2026, 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter

**Readings:** Acts 2:14a,22-32; John 20:19-end

#### Collect:

Risen Christ,  
for whom no door is locked, no  
entrance barred:  
open the doors of our hearts,  
that we may seek the good of others  
and walk the joyful road of sacrifice  
and peace,  
to the praise of God the Father.

**Amen.**

## Maundy Thursday Meal – TONIGHT!

Thank you for signing up for tonight's Maundy Thursday community meal at 7pm. Please bring your own drinks. We look forward to sharing the evening together as we remember that the night before Jesus died, he had supper with his friends.

## Easter Egg Hunt - Saturday 04 April 10-12 noon

Thank you to everyone who has volunteered to help on Saturday. Please can you arrive by 9.30am so I can confirm your job and we can get into position ready for action! Please leave the car parks as free as possible. If you plan to make a cake (which would be great!) please can you either drop off at parish centre on Friday afternoon (before 4pm) or bring on Saturday by 9.30am. It would also be great if you could pray for good weather! Many thanks everyone!

*Jo Bailey*

## The Easter Liturgy at Bradford Cathedral: Saturday 04 April, 19.00

The Easter Liturgy recalls the story of God's saving work from creation to the death and resurrection of Jesus. For the worshipper it provides an experience of new life, passing from the darkness of Good Friday and emptiness of Holy Saturday to the light and joy of Easter morning. This liturgy has not been part of the tradition at St James', and is less common in parish churches these days, but it is celebrated in our cathedrals. Rebecca and I are planning to join the congregation at Bradford Cathedral for the Easter Liturgy this year. Anyone care to join us?

*Jonathan*

## 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

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 15 June 2026**. 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. We also have some yellow invitation cards available.

*Jonathan*

## 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 26<sup>th</sup> 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 Sunday 5th April**. Thank you.

*Chris Baker (Snr), Church Electoral Roll Officer*

## APCM and PCC vacancies

The annual meetings will take place on Sunday 26 April @ 12 noon in the Parish Centre. Please do make every effort to attend this important event in our church calendar.

After four years in the role, Lynne Gillions has indicated her intention to stand down as churchwarden either this year or next. One person has so far indicated their willingness to step into the churchwarden vacancy – if anyone else is interested in exploring the role, then please do have a chat with me.

As 3-year terms expire, there are six vacancies coming up on the PCC this year and three vacancies for Deanery Synod. Again, some existing PCC members have indicated their willingness to stand again, but we do anticipate one or two vacancies. If anyone is interested in serving St James' in this way, do contact me.

*Jonathan*

## Funeral News

Some church members might remember Joan Frisby, who for many years lived on Breary Terrace and was the PCC Secretary. Joan died recent, aged 96, and her funeral will take place at Rawdon Crematorium on April 9<sup>th</sup>, at 11.30am. Please hold her son Martin in your prayers.

## 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](mailto:ruthddent@gmail.com)

## 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.

## 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 (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.*

