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St James' Life

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Regular Events [non-church affiliated in grey]

Sunday	Messy Church <i>[monthly]</i>	16:00
	<i>[please check calendar or website for details]</i>	18:00
	Encounter <i>[occasional]</i>	18:00
Monday	Wheelies [parents and prams] <i>[term time]</i>	09:30
	Lotty Spurrell - 07814 336834	11:30
	Number Train <i>[term time]</i>	10:00, 11:00, 13:30
	Annette Peterson - 07852 989523	11:00, 12:30, 14:30
	Small Group	
	Hannah Mason	
	Prayer Gathering <i>[1st Monday monthly]</i>	20:00
		21:00
	WI <i>[3rd Monday monthly]</i>	19:00
	Pat Spencer - 0113 2587062	21:00
Tuesday	Baby Massage	10:00
	Rebecca Martin - 07875 517627	11:00
	Number Train <i>[term time]</i>	13:30
	Annette Peterson - 07852 989523	14:30
	PCC <i>[bi-monthly]</i> Parish Centre	19:30
		21:30
	Preaching Group <i>[monthly]</i> Parish Centre	19:30
		21:00
	Yoga	19:20
	Jo Lovell - 07773 001791	20:50
	Small Group <i>[weekly]</i>	20:00
	Felicity - 0113 2586076	21:30
Wednesday	Pilates	11:30
	Emma Jakubowski - 07789 960132	12:30
	Number Train <i>[term time]</i>	13:30
	Annette Peterson - 07852 989523	14:30
	Brownies <i>[term time]</i>	18:30
	Anne Culverwell - 0113 2300513	19:45
	Small Group <i>[fortnightly]</i>	20:00
	The Hill's - 0113 3451519	21:30
	Yoga Class	20:10
	Laura Doca 07447 900558	21:10
Thursday	Art Class	10.00
	Howard Carlisle - 07833 444156	12.00
	Small Group <i>[fortnightly]</i>	
	The Davis's	
	Small Group <i>[fortnightly]</i>	
	The Parkinson's	
Friday	Little Jims <i>[term time]</i>	10:00
	Ruth Dent 07986 352613	11:30
Saturday	Dance Class	10.00
	Lynne Malone - 07722 672679	12.00

Welcome to St James' Life from Jonathan the Vicar



Welcome to the winter edition of St James' Life. Once again, the pages give glimpses of the diverse and life-affirming picture of our community, as we seek to live well under God.

I'm writing as the new Parliament continues to wrestle with Brexit, which is a key concern for many people.

At a recent conference however, Robin Gamble, the Bishop's advisor on evangelism, suggested that exit from communities of faith, leaving a union with God, should be an even bigger concern ...

It's not that there's a shortage of gods around. The priest-poet Mark Oakley describes four of the most prevalent in our culture as '*Gloss*', '*Obese*', '*Instantaneous*' and '*Punch*'.

Gloss - "the goddess of beauty and surfaces. A fickle being, incarnated in paper and adverts, a god so big she makes us feel small and ugly".

Obese - "the god of gathering, of acquiring, who is never satisfied: happiness for him is having what you want, not wanting what you have; and he always wants more, even when bloated."

Instantaneous - "the goddess of now. She cannot wait. She must have fast cars, fast food, fast money, fast death. She is blind, never having the time to stop and see anything. She often gets into a mess too, because she never has the patience to listen to anyone else."

Punch - "the god of violence and division. If hate can be escalated, he'll have a go - if they don't agree with you, lash out. If they're different, slap them down. If they're not in the majority, don't invite them. When in doubt, just punch them."

No, it's not that there's a shortage of gods around. These four were all abundantly evident in campaigning for the General Election. These gods are powerful, and their existence is a good litmus test of the state of our politics and common life. At different times they will have a grip on us all.

No, it's definitely not that there's a shortage of gods around. It's just that these gods have little to do with God, who we see revealed in Jesus, the baby of Bethlehem.

The conference that Robin Gamble spoke at was a national conference on church growth. Pete Gillions, Cal Bailey and I were there and were reminded that growing the Church is not so different from growing any other organisation. At the basic level organisations grow when more people are attracted to and 'buy' the core product. In

the Church's case this core product is Jesus Christ, and so one core question that we conference delegates were asked to reflect on is, "So why is life better with Jesus, than without Jesus?"

This is surely a question that we who love God and who love the Church must be able and ready to answer? While we were at the conference, I posted this on the social media platform LinkedIn (the first time I've ever posted anything quite so personal) ...

"During the conference today there has been some sharing about bereavement and the conference organisers have curated some safe space to hold the powerful emotions that surface when we're in this territory. When I ask myself that core question today - why is life better with Jesus, than without Jesus? - I keep thinking about my dad, who died in December 2017.

Dad was someone who came to religious faith later in life and that faith helped to sustain him through years of illness and treatment. I would go further and say that dad's faith in Jesus enabled moments of joy in dark times. During his treatment he found new friendship at his local church - he found new ways to serve others and this gave him purpose. So today I say that life is better with Jesus because I saw the impact on my dad AND because, amid the pain of loss and grief that still takes my breath away, I know that Jesus welcomed dad home. Life is better with Jesus."

Friends, as we seek to live well in uncertain times amid the gloss, obesity, speed and punch of the world, I thank God for Jesus. Jesus who shows us the depth of God's love; Jesus who shows us that we are enough, just as we are; Jesus who is patient; Jesus who brings peace.

May mercy, peace, and love be yours in abundance.

Jonathan

A PRAYER FOR CHURCH GROWTH

God of Mission
Who alone brings growth to your
Church,
Send your Holy Spirit to give
Vision to our planning,
Wisdom to our actions,
And power to our witness.
Help our church to grow in numbers,
In spiritual commitment to you,
And in service to our local community,
Through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

A PRAYER FOR OUR NATION

God of hope,
in these times of change,
unite our nation
and guide our leaders with your wis-
dom.
Give us courage to overcome our fears,
and help us to build a future
in which all may prosper and share;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
Amen.

God Given Gifts (the 3Gs) by Christine Barraclough & Jo Bailey

On a wet Saturday in October five of us from St. James' went along to St. Giles' church in Bramhope for the discipleship to discovery course led by Angela Hannafin, our diocesan lay-training officer. The idea of the course is to help us identify how we are best placed to serve God: our spiritual gifts (what we are good at), our God-given passion (where we are best suited to serve) and our personal style (how we prefer to serve). We had been given a questionnaire to complete in advance to begin the process of identifying our spiritual gifts plus the task of asking two people who know us well to give their views.

We did not know what to expect but we all came away from the day feeling encouraged and inspired!

What had caught our imagination? We started with a very revealing study looking at the range of spiritual gifts – there are twenty-three and they are very wide-ranging! Some of them we did not recognize as 'spiritual' – such as administration, craftsmanship or the gift of helping.

We also explored our 'passion' and 'style' of serving – whether we are task focused or people focused, structured or unstructured in our approach. Along with our already filled-in questionnaire, this enabled us to identify our top five gifts. If you're interested in finding out what ours are, do ask!!

Before the day we felt we had some knowledge of where our gifts might lie, through what God has already done in our lives. But we all found it a very instructive exercise, and also very affirming and encouraging. It was interesting to see how varied our gifts were and therefore how we complemented each other. So it gave us an insight into how each of us 'tick'! It inspires a vision for how successful teamwork might be.

We enjoyed discussing our findings and getting excited as to how we might use our various gifts. We reflected that our increased self-awareness of them is relevant both for our service at St. James' but also has huge implications for the whole of our lives – at work and play!

St James' GGG Course

Jo and Rebecca are planning to bring GGG to St James', running the course over 2 consecutive Sunday mornings in the Parish Centre. During our worship at the beginning of January we introduced the idea to St James' folk to gauge interest and we've been encouraged by the response—never before has a sign-up sheet at the back of church filled so quickly!

So they're going to run the course twice: 26 January / 02 February AND 23 February / 01 March, meeting at 09.15 for a hot drink and a muffin, and starting at 09.30. The session will run through 'til 11.30, when we can join the churchgoers for coffee.

Invitations to the January / February course are being sent as we write and we still have places in February / March. If you would like to attend – please see the signup sheet at the back of church. We will need your email address, as we will have two questionnaires to email out to you before the course, to complete in advance.

Please don't hesitate to contact us if you have any further queries. We look forward to sharing the course with you!

Jo Bailey (jkpbailey@aol.com)

Rebecca Cain (rebeccaacain@outlook.com)

Experiencing Alpha

I'm Debbie, I've been married for 37 years and have three grown up children Becki, Ruth and Jacob (all of whom still live at home!) although, they are saving to buy their own homes. I live in Cookridge and have worked at a local primary school for 18 years plus as a Higher Level Teaching Assistant. Our home life is always busy; we have laughed and cried a lot over the years but have always supported each other. So, what was my reason for attending an Alpha Course? I had been a Christian for 20 years, why did I need to listen to other Christians talking about what I already knew?

I signed up and arrived one evening not knowing what to expect. I was instantly welcomed and included in what I, at first, thought was a group of people who all knew each other well. A lovely meal followed which had been provided by other members of St James' Woodside and this gave us a chance to relax and find out about each other. It was then that I realised there were other newcomers among the group. Each week we followed the same routine: a catch up over a meal and then the meeting, which involved watching a video by Nicky Gumbel and then a chance for discussion and questions.

So why did I decide to attend? I was at a crossroad in my life, I had been dealing with challenging events and I suppose my faith was wavering. Alpha was my opportunity to reaffirm belief in God showing me how to reconnect Jesus into my daily life. Although I had been going to church for the last 20 years, I did not feel equipped to face the situation I had found myself in. Experiencing Alpha helped me to understand that faith is strengthened by hearing the word of God. He accepts us as we are and forgives us when we ask. Alpha has reawakened me, diminished my fears and allowed me to connect again with other Christians.

Debbie T

A new Alpha course has now started and is going well. Please pray for the guests and leaders.

St George's Crypt

Ahead of its 90th year the Crypt continues to support the most marginalised members of our society. They offer a wrap-around 24/7, 365 days a year service and provide a bed, hot food, training, occupational therapy, physiotherapy and other health related services as well as life skills training including cooking, digital skills and pre-employment support so that clients can move into sustainable jobs. Many members of St James' continue to support the work of the Crypt – including donations of tea and coffee - similar to those first ever donations. These vital supplies along with your prayers are welcomed by all the staff and volunteers.

Along with other charities who have Christmas appeals the Crypt once again held their *Cryptmas* campaign for 2019. A lot has changed since the first Christmas during the Rev. Don Robbins time but the need is still there and the need is as great as ever. For further information and for easy ways of donating please check out their website <https://www.stgeorgescrypt.org.uk/cryptmas2019/cryptmas>

As well as providing donations there are always volunteering opportunities at the Crypt – from collecting at supermarkets to volunteering in the office or supporting clients and staff at any of the Crypt's accommodation. Volunteering in any of the 3 “*pre loved*” shops in Armley, Pudsey and Roundhay is particularly welcomed just now. Further information available via this link <https://www.stgeorgescrypt.org.uk/volunteer>

There are a couple of vacancies on the board of trustees. Please consider whether this is something you might like to be involved in or pass on to any friends who you think may be interested. Speak to Pete or Tracey if you would like to know more about the role of a trustee at The Crypt.

Finally please continue to pray for all the staff and volunteers of St Georges Crypt and the other homeless charities in Leeds as they prepare to support and care for people most in need especially during the winter months

'I was a stranger and you let me in.'

A personal note: a massive and heartfelt thank you to everyone at St James who has prayed for us, laughed and cried with us and supported us in any way over the last year. And what a year it's been! We have appreciated and felt every prayer.

Trevor has completed his treatment and with the amazing skills of the NHS and God's grace is making a slow but steady recovery. We have an awesome God and we feel so blessed to be part of this amazing St James community.

With much love Trevor, Tracey and Daniel Greig

Auction of Promises

Our recent theme at St James is AVAGO. I have often thought about providing a piece for the Parish Magazine that Christine Hill edits because she is always asking for people to fill the pages. Through fear of making a mess and embarrassing myself, I have never actually provided her with one. The AVAGO project has inspired me and I hope someone will find it interesting. Please no comments on spelling or grammar!!

When Chris Davis and his team announced there would be an Auction of Promises at St James at the end of September, I was keen to attend as previous Auctions had been a great evening of entertainment with loads of laughter and money raised for our church — I am looking forward to seeing the redecoration in my lifetime.

Regrettably I was unable to attend the September date; hence I entered a couple of silent bids. I liked the idea of someone cleaning my car and was intrigued by the offer of a lesson on sign language.

I was outbid on the car cleaning but managed to secure the lesson on sign language with Martin Smith. My car still needs a good clean....

Little did I know how enjoyable the lesson would be... Martin invited me for a coffee and biscuits one Saturday morning served by Gill his wife and we started to get to know each other.

Martin had taken a lot of trouble finding a way to introduce me to sign language that I could appreciate in an hour! He had decided to show me the Lord's Prayer in simple sign language. He explained how each hand movement had its meaning and although I tried to remember it all, Martin explained it would be far too much to take in with the time we had.

I asked if he would mind me using my phone to video him and have watched it many times. I am trying to learn some of the movements. I can manage my own 'in heaven', 'from evil', 'from temptation', 'for ever and ever amen' so far.

Martin has written his autobiography and was very kind to give me my own signed copy. I am thoroughly enjoying reading all about his life from Exeter to Leeds and am half way through at the time of writing this article. If you get a chance to chat with him you will be enthralled.

*Fiona Hockin
October 2019*

Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

Matthew 28:18-20

Sharing God's Blessing

Thank you to all who responded to the consultation on our 5-year Parish Strategy - *Sharing God's Blessing*. We are delighted to report that the PCC formally adopted the strategy at its meeting on 12 November.

We share the Leeds Diocese Vision for Confident Christians*, Growing Churches, Transforming Communities and have established 5 goals to help us realise this vision. (*And we accept that it's OK for Christians not to be confident. We often meet people authentically as much in vulnerability than in assuredness.)

Some important principles

The approach taken in *Sharing God's Blessing* is to use conversation to deepen relationships and discern together what God is calling us to be and do at this point in the life of St James'. This is a foundational principle for our strategy, and we will continue to welcome and encourage diverse opinions and ideas as we seek God's will for our common life.

We are mindful that Christian discipleship is not about accomplishment, but pilgrimage. We rejoice and are excited to be part of the community of St James', with this strategy document as a guide to how we might move forward. We will remain open to the leading of the Holy Spirit and believe that the Spirit's will is revealed in a community that journeys together.

Strategic Goals

Goal 1: Thriving as an Anglican Parish Church with a clear vision and values

Our aspiration by 2024 ...

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.

Goal 2: Reimagining ministry

Our aspiration by 2024 ...

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.

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.

Goal 4: Building leadership pathways

Our aspiration by 2024 ...

We believe and behave as if everyone has a vocation to serve God in the world and in the Church. People at St James' are motivated to take responsibility for their own vocational development and are provided with diverse opportunities for doing so. Leadership potential and capacity for people of all ages is being identified and developed.

Goal 5: Growing young people as Christians

Our aspiration by 2024 ...

Children and young people are part of the welcoming, enriching and safe worshipping community at St James'. They are provided with a supportive context for maturing in their faith and living out that faith in practice. We regularly review the needs of children and young people in our community and adapt provision for them as they grow.

Through Horsforth Churches Together, St James' continues active participation in taking Christian faith into primary schools in the town. St James' has strong links with Broadgate Primary School and the Horsforth Children's Centre.

We hope you're excited by our vision to share God's blessing with each other and those in our community. There are and will be plenty of ways to get involved. Please do speak to Jonathan, the Wardens or any member of the PCC if you would like to find out more.

Every blessing

The PCC.

The Five Marks of Mission

1. To proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom;
2. To teach, baptise and nurture new believers;
3. To respond to human need by loving service;
4. To seek to transform unjust structures of society, to challenge violence of every kind and to pursue peace and reconciliation;
5. To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of the earth.

Poetry

Joan Skelhorne's poetry is about things of everyday life. When we went to lunch with her one day, she told us about her poetry. She penned these words some time ago on finding that she had breast cancer.

Yvonne & Brian Lipscombe

The Consultation

Those dreaded words "it's cancer"
Comes like a bolt from the blue.
How can this be happening
To someone like you?
You feel like screaming
It must be a mistake.
Why is it my breast
you have to take?
You listen to the surgeon
The breast care nurses too
who say it is for the best
what they have to do.
You pray to God
and try to think of others worse than you.
Decide to fight the worries and fears
Be positive and happy
Even if you shed a few tears.
Go forward and take each day as it comes.
For life is for the living
And there's living for you to be done.

Joan Skelhorne 1995

Prayer Diary

Pull out and keep handy

Please pray for:

- ◆ the various events in the calendar;
- ◆ for our members and contacts named in the church directory;
- ◆ for the prayer items in the notice sheet.

Also for:

Sunday

- ◆ Sunday Services
- ◆ Children's Activities
- ◆ Jonathan Cain, our Vicar; wife Rebecca; children Nic, Arthur, Charlie and Bill
- ◆ PAFRAS and the Manuel Bravo project
- ◆ A Rocha and the environment

Monday

- ◆ Our Church Wardens – Ruth and Jo
- ◆ St George's Crypt
- ◆ The Bible Society and Wycliffe Bible Translators - the Fresards
- ◆ The Church of England
- ◆ Horsforth Churches Together and Duncan Stow

Tuesday

- ◆ Music at St James
- ◆ Uniformed Organisations
- ◆ PCC (2nd Tuesday every other month)
- ◆ The Children's Society
- ◆ Horsforth Children's Centre



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.

If you, a friend or relative wish to be included in next issue's prayer diary please email office@stjameswoodside.org

Church Calendar

(CW = Common Worship, BCP = Book of Common Prayer)

Date	Time	Service
Sunday 19.01.20 Collect: 2nd Sunday of Epiphany	9.00	BCP Holy Communion
	10:30	Morning Service
Sunday 26.01.20 Collect: 3rd Sunday of Epiphany	09:00	Morning Prayer
	10:30	Holy Communion
	16:00	Messy Church
Sunday 02.02.20 Collect: Presentation of Christ in the Temple	9:00	BCP Holy Communion
	10:30	All Age
Sunday 09.02.20 Collect: 3rd Sunday Before Lent	09:00	Morning Prayer
	10:30	Holy Communion
Sunday 16.02.20 Collect: 2nd Sunday before Lent	9:00	BCP Holy Communion
	10:30	Morning Service
Sunday 23.02.20 Collect: Sunday next before Lent	09:00	Morning Prayer
	10:30	Holy Communion
	16:00	Messy Church
Wednesday 26.02.20 Collect: Ash Wednesday	19:30	Holy Communion

Date	Time	Service
Sunday 01.03.20 Collect: 1st Sunday of Lent	9:00	BCP Holy Communion
	10:30	All Age
Sunday 08.03.20 Collect: 2nd Sunday of Lent	09:00	Morning Prayer
	10:30	Holy Communion
	18:00	Encounter (TBC)
Sunday 15.03.20 Collect: 3rd Sunday of Lent	9:00	BCP Holy Communion
	10:30	Morning Service
Sunday 22.03.20 Collect: Mothering Sunday	09:00	Morning Prayer
	10:30	Holy Communion
Sunday 29.03.20 Collect: 5th Sunday of Lent	9:00	Parish Breakfast
	10:30	Holy Communion
Sunday 05.04.20 Collect: Palm Sunday	09.00	BCP Holy Communion
	10.30	All Age

Prayer Diary cont.

Wednesday

- ◆ Our Readers – Cal and Pete
- ◆ Headingley Deanery and the Diocese
- ◆ The Parish Centre, its many users
- ◆ Our St James Administrator, Alison
- ◆ Horsforth Foodbank
- ◆ Christians Against Poverty



Thursday

Please pray for those who are housebound, and those mentioned on the weekly notice sheet.

- ◆ Horsforth Live at Home Scheme
- ◆ Caring for Life
- ◆ Joanna project
- ◆ The persecuted Church
- ◆ Horsforth Shed

Friday

- ◆ Children at St James
- ◆ Little Jims
- ◆ All governments at national and local level
- ◆ TEAR Fund, Christian Aid and Water Aid
- ◆ Jonathan Swales and the Lighthouse Project

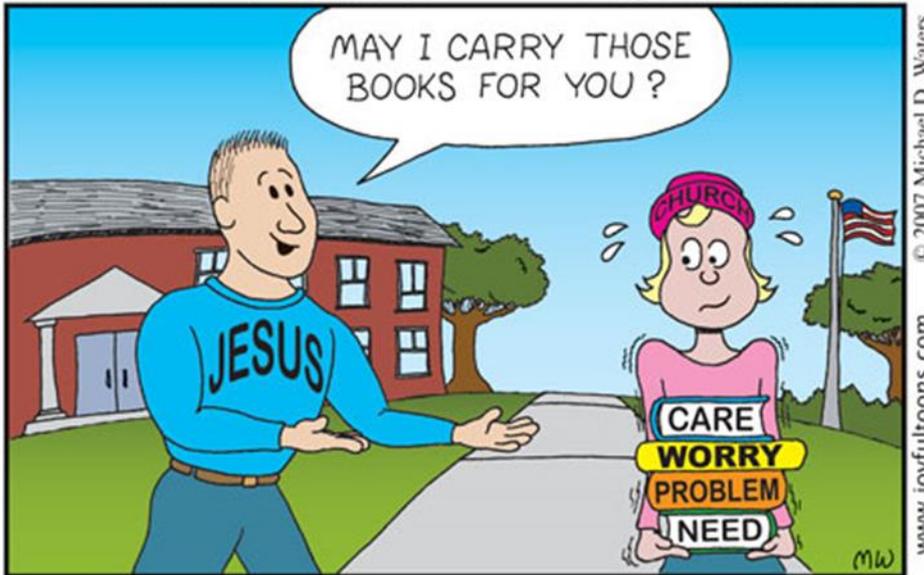
Saturday

- ◆ Preachers and service leaders and others involved in the services tomorrow.
- ◆ Brian Lipscombe and Martin Winbolt-Lewis, our retired clergy
- ◆ Jo Glenwright, in Ordination Training
- ◆ CPAS and Arrow



CARRY YOUR BOOKS?

A Joyful 'toon by Mike Waters



Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you.

-1 PETER 5:7 KJV

Alison's Recipe Corner

Viennese Whirls/Fingers

6oz plain flour

Oven Temp: 350F/180C

6oz butter (softened)

2oz icing sugar

Few drops vanilla essence

glace cherries / walnuts (if making whirls)

Cut up the butter. Sieve the icing sugar into a bowl with the butter. Cream together until very soft. Sieve in the flour, a little at a time, beating constantly. Add the vanilla essence. Put the mixture into a piping bag with a suitable nozzle inside. For "Whirls", pipe into paper cases and decorate with cherries or walnuts. For "Fingers", pipe approx 3" or 4" strips of mixture onto a greased baking sheet. Cook for 15 minutes (less (I do 8 minutes) for Fingers), and leave to cool. For Fingers, sandwich fingers together with butter cream when cold, and dip ends in melted chocolate.

Once a Year

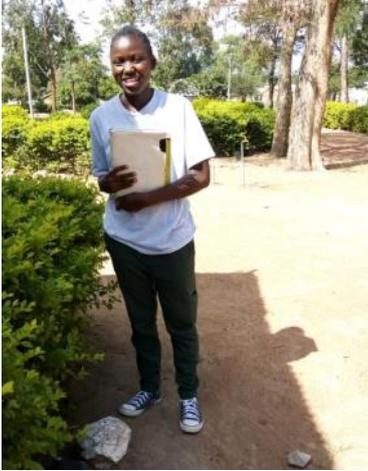
Here is an appeal to all you lovely people of St. James.

If everyone contributed only one item for the magazine each year (of course you can contribute lots more), we would have a magazine brimming with interesting, challenging and newsworthy features.

Please send your items to Christine Hill at hill.c199@outlook.com

ACT MARA SAFE HOUSE – The Story So Far from Rebecca Cain...Keeping girls safe from FGM

Here's a photo of Jackline Mwita – one of the girls helped by this great charity. Jackline went to the Safe House when she was 13, to avoid FGM. She is now 19 and is studying Tourism at the Serengeti Tourist College. The Safe House has given her an education and a profession.



Thanks for taking the time to read this article. I am the Tanzanian Link Officer for the Diocese of Leeds for the Safe House. Here's some background reading and the most important thing is the call to action at the end. £5 or £10 regular giving a month could make such a difference to these girls.

The practice of FGM is still carried out in Tanzania, despite being illegal in that country since 2009. In a few tribal cultures, this act is seen as 'purification' before marriage, and may lead to a larger wedding dowry.

In 2009, the Anglican vicar of Mugumu took a young girl into his care in order to protect her from FGM. From this one act, the idea of a 'Safe House' was born. With funding from the Anglican Diocese of Mara and the UK based Tanzanian Development Trust, a building was constructed that can house 80 girls. It is especially busy in the 'cutting season' of November and December in alternate years.

The Safe House provides the following for the girls in its care:

- Food, shelter and a home;
- Access to education;
- Family reconciliation work;
- Raised awareness of FGM in the communities which it serves.

Currently, all funding for the Safe House comes from the Anglican Church of Mara, with support from the Leeds Diocese Tanzanian link, and some other church funding in the UK. There are plans for income generating projects to help it become more self-sufficient.

The Tanzanian Link Committee – in the Leeds Diocese – has a sub-committee focused on the Safe House. We have a small number of members who look to support the project by:

- Giving talks on the Safe House and FGM practices in Tanzania to groups in order to raise awareness and generate donations/ regular giving.
- Fundraising activities – we are currently aiming to raise £17,000 to build a fence around the perimeter of the grounds to help with security.

How can you be part of the story:

- Pray for the work of the Safe House and the Anglican Church in Tanzania;
- Donate – funding is desperately needed for staff salaries, medicines, clothes, school supplies, bedding, food, transport costs;
- Invite us to give a talk – to raise awareness of FGM practices in Tanzania – and to encourage people to make regular donations to the Safe House.

A standing order commitment of £5 or £10 a month could make a real difference.

BACS payment to Leeds DBF, reference - Safe House. Sort code 09-02-22 Acct No. 10466302.



**Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams,
with ten thousand rivers of olive oil?
Shall I offer my firstborn for my transgression,
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?
He has shown you, O mortal, what is good.
And what does the Lord require of you?
To act justly and to love mercy
and to walk humbly with your God.**

Micah 6:8

9th Horsforth (St.James') Brownies

During the Summer term the Brownies worked hard on the outdoors section of the new Girlguiding Programme, completing Stage 2 & 3 Camp badge. The girls learnt how to build fire for different weather conditions, they successfully lit at least 1 fire and toasted marshmallows, learnt to put up a tent and take it down again, how to get dressed in the dark, and how to strike a match safely.

The summer camp was to one of the National Girlguiding Centres, which was at Clitheroe. There were 9 girls attending the Magic & Mayhem Camp – the wettest we have been to, but just as much fun and plenty of tent-arranged fun. The girls particularly liked the science zone and making slime, and around the world dance in the physical zone. The Bouncy castle fun was just a bit too wet! The girls enjoyed meeting Brownies from lots of different packs, and it gave them the idea that there are Brownies in lots of different towns.

Our final meeting of the summer was a mum's and daughters meeting where the Brownies brought a female relative to enjoy the new Brownie programme and together, they took part in making Bug hotels and Fox, frog flea game. This has since encouraged a parent to come and help regularly at Brownies.

To start the new term, in September, the Brownies decided on a brilliant pack adventure!! We went to Doncaster Dome Leisure Pool and booked for a birthday party to ensure entry and food after the swim. Everyone had a fun time and thoroughly enjoyed themselves.



We are currently working on skills for my future and have used hammers and screw drivers, can identify most things in a tool box, have shopped 'til we dropped, by estimating what things cost to buy checking the prices and then choosing how to spend 30p., we have tasted bread from around the world, cooked fajita's, been on a coin hunt to look at how coins are the same and different from different countries, made snow goggles and remembered why wearing sun glasses in all bright sunny weather is important, designed our dream room in a shoe box and made Christmas crafts for our Christmas Fair which was on Sat 23rd November at St.James' Parish Centre in aid of Martin House Hospice & Cancer Research (the girls choice of charities).

The girls spent the previous 2 weeks at Brownies making cards, face cloth snowmen, wrapping paper, decorating 2020 calendars, magnetic pegs, book marks, and crispy buns. At home they all helped to bake something for the cake stall.

On the day every girl helped to serve on the stalls which included guess how many arrows on the Stand Up to Cancer poster, guess which is Olaf's snowman body, Where was Rudolph's carrot, a tombola, craft stall, cake stall and refreshments and find the candle in the snow.

The Christmas Fair finally raised £194.40 which will be shared equally between the two charities. A big thank you to all who supported this event as it gives the girls skills for the future in learning to handle money, talk to people and learn to ask questions to help people.

We finished off the term with a Christmas treat at Jump Arena Trampoline centre.



Brown Owl- Anne Culverwell

Crafting Corner

Calling all knitters and sewers

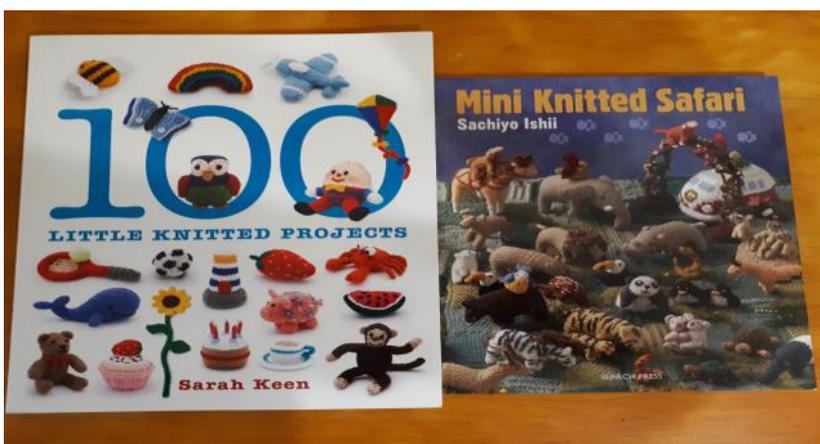
I am working alongside the organisers for **Walk Of Art 2020**, to make small toys. The picture shows the books I am working from. The theme for next year is "Jungle". I am happy to let people take copies of patterns from these books. The safari book patterns are quick to do and take very little wool. Don't worry about making them true animal colours the brighter the better, so they are easy for the children to find whilst the adults watch the artists/crafters at work at the July event.

I can link anyone happy to sew to a lady who has the patterns for jungle animals as well as spare wool and stuffing if you're short on these items too.

The toys need to be ready to pass on to the event organisers by Mid May please.

I can be contacted by email our_rastas@yahoo.co.uk or text me on 07944752679

Carol Shaw



Horsforth Shed

In Spring 2019 St James' Parochial Church Council took the decision to repurpose the redundant Scout Hut to serve the local area as a community workshop – the 'Horsforth Shed'. Years of disuse and decay meant that considerable renovation was needed to make the building serviceable. The intention is to initially complete enough of the renovation to start equipping and operating the workshop by Spring 2020 with the Shed staffed by suitably qualified volunteers. Once operating, we will continue completing the final stages of the renovation and fully equipping the workshop. As the picture below shows this is a blessed project!

There are three stages to the work. Firstly to complete the **Remedial Work**. This is now completed with problems of damp, decay and woodworm now essentially sorted. Which means that we are now at the stage of **Renovating the Building**, replacing the roof, replacing joists and flooring, installing some new windows and entirely new electrical circuitry and lights and by the time this is read the whole place will be re-plastered. We still need to complete the new kitchen and social area and finish the plumbing, heating and electrical works. We are making the building accessible for wheelchair users and will be fitting an accessible toilet.

The final stage will be to **Fully Equip the Workshop**. We have been offered free professional advice on workshop layout and have already begun to take delivery of some donated tools and equipment. Once the workshop is complete all staff have been offered certified training in using the equipment free of charge.

The Money... Our income to date is £40,000 towards an estimated total cost of renovation of £45,000. Equipping the workshop is estimated at a further £11,000.

Our Supporters:

All this would not have been possible without a huge amount of support and encouragement from a wide variety of sources. So a big thankyou to

- Our team of volunteers - skilled or unskilled but always willing! An estimated saving of £20,000 has been made by volunteers' work.
- Our financial donors. Some smaller amounts and some reaching four figures but each donation much appreciated.
- The professionals who have given of their expertise free of charge.



- The companies who have supported us with donations of equipment, expertise or finance. The picture shows SES who have donated wall heaters, water heaters and everything needed for a complete accessible toilet plus an additional toilet and sink.

Pete G



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All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

1 Timothy 3:16-17

Flowers - January to March 2020

If you would like to sponsor flowers for any of the vacant dates, please speak to Lynne. If you are a taxpayer, we can reclaim tax on your donation through Gift Aid.

Jan 5	
Jan 12	
Jan 19	
Jan 26	Elaine Savage
Feb 2	Joan Skelhorne for Peter in friendship
Feb 9	Roy and Barbara Jolliffe
Feb 16	
Feb 23	
Mar 1	
Mar 8	Roy and Barbara Jolliffe – wedding anniversary
Mar 15	
Mar 22	In loving memory of Hannah Southworth Mothering Sunday
Mar 29	Ian Shaw in loving memory of Mrs O Shaw and Mrs E High (Apr 3)



Registers

Thanksgiving for the Gift of a Child

29th September Ethan Minton
1st December Elsa Glenwright

Baptisms

6th October Simone Gyasi
Violet Waite
Freya Conway
3rd November McKenzie & Summer Openshaw
Evan & Jack Fearnley

John Pickford

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Christine Hill is now collating articles for the Church Magazine so please let her have any articles for the Spring Edition by the beginning of March [email preferred hill.c199@outlook].

The Spring edition will be going out early April.

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