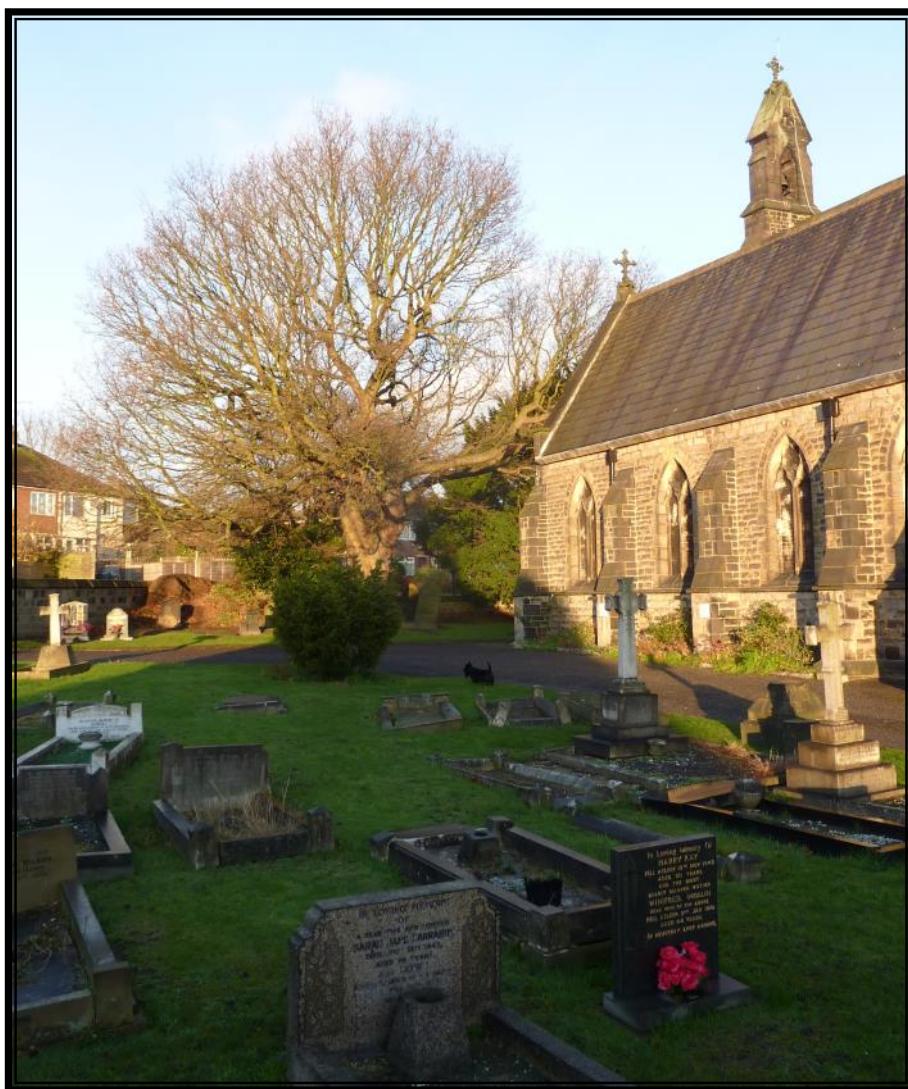


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Regular Events [non-church affiliated in grey]

Sunday	Messy Church [<i>monthly</i>] [please check calendar or website for details]	16:00 18:00
	Encounter [<i>occasional</i>]	18:00
Monday	Number Train [<i>term time</i>] Annette Peterson - 07852 989523	10:00, 11:30 11:00, 12:30
	Dancing Dolphins (term time) Becky Lodge: dancingdolphins16@gmail - 07876 673363	16:00 18:00
Tuesday	Tiny Tots Natalie Kirwin — hello@tinytots.co.uk	09:00 10:30
	Baby Massage Rebecca Martin - 07875 517627	11:00, 12:00 12:00 ,13:00
	Number Train [<i>term time</i>] Annette Peterson - 07852 989523	13:30 14:30
	PCC [<i>bi-monthly</i>]	19:30 21:30
	Preaching Group [<i>monthly</i>]	19:30 21:00
Wednesday	Baby Massage Rebecca Martin - 07875 517627	10:00 11:00
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	Zumba Class Rachael Gascoigne—07912 942833	19:00 20:00
Thursday	Pop Goes the Story Rachel Shipman 07762 518906	10:00 11:00
	Baby Massage Rebecca Martin - 07875 517627	11:30, 12.45 12:00, 13:45
	Yoga Class Harriet King— 07305 971876	18:00 19:00
Friday		
Saturday	Dance Class Lynne Malone - 07722 672679	10.00 12.30

If you are interested in any of the activities, please contact the leader directly.

Welcome to St James Life from Jonathan, the Vicar



"For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope."

JEREMIAH 29:11

Friends

On 27 September it was good finally to hold our annual church meetings, albeit with the strangeness of

both in the parish centre and online via Zoom attendance – this is part of our current reality; one that we embrace with varying levels of enthusiasm!

The words above are taken from the Old Testament book of Jeremiah and they appear as part of a letter written by the prophet to the people of God in exile. The backdrop to Jeremiah's writing is an unholy trinity of violence, pestilence and famine – these were not easy times. The exiles were struggling to sing the Lord's song in a strange land.

To these exiles, Jeremiah offers the following advice:

"Build houses and live in them; plant gardens and eat what they produce. Take wives and have sons and daughters; take wives for your sons, and give your daughters in marriage, that they may bear sons and daughters; multiply there, and do not decrease. But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the Lord on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare."

JEREMIAH 29:6-7

The prophet suggests that the people should not look back, but instead find ways to settle in their new reality. To find ways to live well in the situation in which they find themselves.

Now I don't point to these scriptures as a lazy attempt to deny or distract from the difficulties that many face just now. Many have and will experience financial hardship as a result of the pandemic; many will feel isolated, missing contact with loved ones; many will live in fear of catching the virus' sickness and death; many will just be plain bored. These are not easy times.

I do however point to Jeremiah's overall message – a call not to despair but to look forward with hope, because God is faithful; a call to seek and pray for the welfare of those around us. When I spoke at the annual church meeting it was a delight to reflect on the many ways in which our community has found to sing the Lord's song in a strange land – I rejoice particularly about some of the contributions our younger members have made to the pre-recorded services on YouTube: readings from Bill and Charlie Cain, Ethan Howes and Sophia and Neve Tarry; music from familiar St James' faces including our very own Grace Hill! The Church of God continues to worship at St James' in print, in person and online.

It was also a delight to celebrate the redecoration of the church building – a fruitful use of the time when the building had to close; a sign of our confidence in our place. And I'm delighted to report that the PCC is making good progress with the plans to replace the audio-visual equipment at St James' too. All possible because of the generous response to our fabric appeal early in 2020.

Giving from St James' has also helped to maintain the Christian witness of the Church of England across the Diocese of Leeds in these straightened times. The PCC remains committed to meet our Parish Share obligation in full this year – one of the ways that we seek the welfare of our city – but this will use our reserve funds. As I write we are part way through a stewardship campaign. Through this campaign we pray that we are able to recover our reserves over the next 12-24 months.

During my reflections at the annual church meeting I was able to share three encouragements:

1. During the lockdown period we completed a Confirmation preparation course with three young men via Zoom: John Farley, Ryan Smith-Farthing and Aidan Walker. The confirmation service has been postponed, but it was a delight to baptise Ryan at an intimate service on 20 September and assure him of God's love for him. Sunday morning provision for these young people is starting soon too;
2. Part of our witness during pandemic times has been to hand deliver each week a printed sheet with the Collect, readings and a reflection. These resources have been enthusiastically received by a group of residents at Olive Lodge, led by Pat Bailey, now 96, who leads a weekly Bible study;
3. The pandemic may have delayed the opening of the Shed, but Pete Gillions and others have found ways to progress the refurbishment work, which nears completion. During our open afternoon on 31 August, we welcomed a number of locals into the new space, and the project was enthusiastically received. We remain confident that the Horsforth Shed will be a vital part of St James' efforts to tell the Christian story.

And this brings me back to what is perhaps our key challenge for the next year or so – GROWTH. Growth of course has many dimensions: spiritual, missional and numerical. The restrictions imposed by the pandemic have disrupted our corporate worship and I'm aware that many of the St James' home groups have also been unable to meet. I pray that you are finding ways to nourish yourselves spiritually and urge all to stay connected to our community – we are best nourished in relationships.

It may still seem strange to think about GROWTH in the midst of a pandemic but sharing the good news of Jesus Christ is the primary way that we seek the welfare of our community. Evidence suggests that many are seeking – when I shared Jesus' story of the Prodigal Son with one such seeker a few weeks ago he said: "I've found what I have been looking for". Praise God.

The work to grow our church missionally and numerically starts with prayer. Please do pray for the growth of our community – you may like to use the prayer that we have included below.

The greatest joy of the annual church meeting was to appoint our Churchwardens, Ruth Dent and Glenda Ingham, and other members to the PCC. Please do pray for them all as we seek together to discern God's plan for our community. And have confidence that it will be a plan for welfare and a future with hope.

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 your church at St James' Woodside to grow in numbers,
In spiritual commitment to you,
And in service to our local community,
Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Fabric Report October 2020



What a productive time we have had this year! Having raised the money needed, thanks to your generosity, Jonathan masterminded a smooth redecorating adventure with scaffolding, architects inspection, re-plastering, window stonework repairs, decorating, cherry picker for chimney clearing, bell repairing and roof inspecting all completed by early August. Then many of us helped clear and deep clean the church for a bank holiday celebration. I am sure you all agree the church looks great.



Other work completed has been further repairs to lighting in the church and Parish Centre as well as updating the emergency lighting in the PC. The blinds in the PC have been repaired, the building was redecorated, the alarm repaired and the carpark lighting restored ready for the winter. Thanks to Andy Nightingale for his electrical expertise and help.

The heating has been checked over and is ready for the winter and we must thank John P for the hard work keeping the churchyard looking so good involving a considerable amount of

time and effort over the summer.

Alison P has sorted a new cleaning regime for the PC with outside cleaners every weekday and costs shared by the church and renters and this is going well, allowing us to comply with covid needs with confidence.

We have a set of buildings to be proud of and I am so pleased the community is able to start using the PC again and we can be back in church for the moment.

Dave Thrussell

Memories

A quick response to how plugged in I feel with St James's.

I really look forward to seeing St James's Church popping up in my inbox, like an old friend. One I have had for many years.

My grandparents were married at the church in 1907 and my grandfather's name is on the War Memorial following the First World War (F Dibb). I was christened there in April 1937 and later went to Sunday School with Miss Kemp as my teacher. I joined the Brownies around 1943, the meetings were a bit hit and miss at that time. I made friends, many of which are still friends. Guides followed where we gave concerts to raise funds to build a new scout and guide hut. Confirmation and then the Youth Fellowship which was run by Basil Newby with the help of Harry Naylor. We were given to understand that we were the first English children to take part in exchange holidays with German children, it would have been around 1951/52. We visited the Mohne dam which had been severely damaged by the RAF. Of course the damage had been repaired but it was quite obvious because of the different coloured stones used to carry out the work. Of course we saw lots more of the areas we were living in and still have contact with one family.

I joined the choir at the request of Mr. Marsden, the choir master as boys no longer wished to sing. It was at a time when three members of the Slater family were all singing, Frank, Ken and Geoff, more girls joined and after a while we became permanent members.

To finish, I met my husband to be at the Youth Fellowship and was married at St James's, our three children were christened, confirmed and sang in the choir and unfortunately my husband's ashes are in the rose garden.

Elaine Savage

Lockdown Reflections

Thoughts and Thanks from Ryedale

Before lockdown we had been to worship at St James when visiting Katie and family in Horsforth. So we were really happy to be able to join the Zoom services and 'catch-ups' after the lockdown started. We now look forward to the premieres on Sunday mornings and feel privileged to be welcomed so warmly to the Zoom 'gatherings' where we feel we have got to know some people better, and have met others for the first time. It has helped us to feel linked to Horsforth, particularly during the times when we have not been able to visit. So thank you.

Lockdown and beyond in our village, on the edge of the North York Moors, has had some compensations, in spite of real hardship for some, and the small community has worked well together. We are fortunate to live in a beautiful area and have seen more wildlife than before – or is it just that we have had more time to notice? However, photographs we have seen prove that there are lovely riverside and woodland walks and tree-climbing opportunities close to Horsforth too!

There have been some YouTube and Zoom opportunities to keep us in touch with our local church here. A member of our house group has organised online Bible studies, where we have read an agreed passage or book each week and then e-mailed our impressions to each other. Our vicar, who is meant to be part time, is part of the group, but has had trouble keeping up. She had thirty funerals to conduct in one three week period.! This was not due to Covid, rather the fact that several local vicars were self isolating for health reasons and it wasn't possible to call on retired clergy. She was therefore covering a huge area. We were reading through the letters in the New Testament and then we were challenged to respond creatively to some passages from Revelation. What emerged were collages, painting, poems and even a bracelet made from (replica) jewels mentioned in one of the passages.

I have been painting a series of Mandalas (circular pictures made while reflecting on a text) while reading the letters. This one was a response to a verse from 1 John.

Hopefully we will be able to join you again at St James before too long. A hope summed up in words from a recent hymn written by John Bell of the Iona Community:



We will meet when the danger is over,
We will meet when the sad days are gone,
We will meet sitting closely together,
And be glad our tomorrow has come

Until then may we always discover
faith and love to determine our way.
That's our hope and God's will and our calling
for our lives and for every new day.

Stephen and Daisy Barnes.

Acedia: the lost name for the emotion we're all feeling right now

This article by Jonathan L Zecher, a research fellow at the Australian Catholic University, appeared in an August edition of the online journal, 'The Conversation'. I recognise the emotion and include the text here in case it might help others connect with their experience. If it chimes, why not give me a call and we can continue the conversation.

Jonathan

With some communities in rebooted lockdown conditions and movement restricted everywhere else, no one is posting pictures of their sourdough. Zoom cocktail parties have lost their novelty, Netflix can only release so many new series. The news seems worse every day, yet we compulsively scroll through it.

We get distracted by social media, yet have a pile of books unread. We keep meaning to go outside but somehow never find the time. We're bored, listless, afraid and uncertain.

What is this feeling?

John Cassian, a monk and theologian wrote in the early 5th century about an ancient Greek emotion called *acedia*. A mind "seized" by this emotion is "horrified at where he is, disgusted with his room ... It does not allow him to stay still in his cell or to devote any effort to reading". He feels:

such bodily listlessness and yawning hunger as though he were worn by a long journey or a prolonged fast ... Next he glances about and sighs that no one is coming to see him. Constantly in and out of his cell, he looks at the sun as if it were too slow in setting.

This sounds eerily familiar. Yet, the name that so aptly describes our current state was lost to time and translation.

Etymologically, acedia joins the negative prefix a- to the Greek noun *kēdos*, which means

“care, concern, or grief”. It sounds like apathy, but Cassian’s description shows that acedia is much more daunting and complex than that.

Cassian and other early Christians called acedia “the noonday demon”, and sometimes described it as a “train of thought”. But they did not think it affected city-dwellers or even monks in communities. Rather, acedia arose directly out of the spatial and social constrictions that a solitary monastic life necessitates. These conditions generate a strange combination of listlessness, undirected anxiety, and inability to concentrate. Together these make up the paradoxical emotion of acedia.

Evagrius of Pontus included acedia among the eight trains of thought that needed to be overcome by devout Christians. Among these, acedia was considered the most insidious. It attacked only after monks had conquered the sins of gluttony, fornication, avarice, sadness, anger, vainglory, and pride.

Cassian, a student of Evagrius, translated the list of sins into Latin. A later 6th century Latin edit gave us the Seven Deadly Sins. In this list, acedia was subsumed into “sloth”, a word we now associate with laziness.

Acedia appears throughout monastic and other literature of the Middle Ages. It was a key part of the emotional vocabulary of the Byzantine Empire, and can be found in all sorts of lists of “passions” (or, emotions) in medical literature and lexicons, as well as theological treatises and sermons. It first appeared in English in print in 1607 to describe a state of spiritual listlessness. But it’s barely used today. As clinical psychology has reclassified emotions and mental states, terms like “melancholy” can sound archaic and moralising. Emotional expressions, norms, and scripts change over time and vary between cultures. They mark out constellations of bodily sensations, patterns of thought and perceived social causes or effects.

Since these constellations are culturally or socially specific, as societies change, so do the emotions in their repertoire. With the decline of theological moralising, not to mention monastic influence, acedia has largely disappeared from secular vocabularies. Now, the pandemic and governmental responses to it create social conditions that approximate those of desert monks. No demons, perhaps, but social media offers a barrage of bad (or misleading) news.

Social distancing limits physical contact. Lockdown constricts physical space and movement. Working from home or having lost work entirely both upend routines and habits. In these conditions, perhaps it’s time to bring back the term. Reviving the language of acedia is important to our experience in two ways.

First, it distinguishes the complex of emotions brought on by enforced isolation, constant uncertainty and the barrage of bad news from clinical terms like “depression” or “anxiety”. Saying, “I’m feeling acedia” could legitimise feelings of listlessness and anxiety as valid emotions in our current context without inducing guilt that others have things worse.

Second, and more importantly, the feelings associated with physical isolation are exacerbated by emotional isolation – that terrible sense that this thing I feel is mine alone. When an experience can be named, it can be communicated and even shared.

Learning to express new or previously unrecognised constellations of feelings, sensations, and thoughts, builds an emotional repertoire, which assists in emotional regulation. Naming and expressing experiences allows us to claim some agency in dealing with them.

As we, like Cassian's desert monks, struggle through our own "long, dark teatime of the soul", we can name this experience, which is now part of our emotional repertoire.

Art Exhibitions

I'm really excited to have six of my recent portrait paintings in Bils & Rye art gallery, Harrogate from Oct 3rd-Dec 3rd. It would be great if people could just call in and have a look.

The Gallery is open Weds-Sunday, check Website for opening times.

The address is Unit 4, Regent House, John Street, Harrogate, North Yorkshire. Tel +44 1423 564777.

It's a lovely new gallery in the centre of Harrogate, so not too difficult to find. Nick Bentley, the owner, is very friendly, approachable but not at all pushy!

Christine Barraclough

As many of you will know, St James' held our own Art Exhibition over the last weekend in August. This was primarily to celebrate the re-opening of the church building following



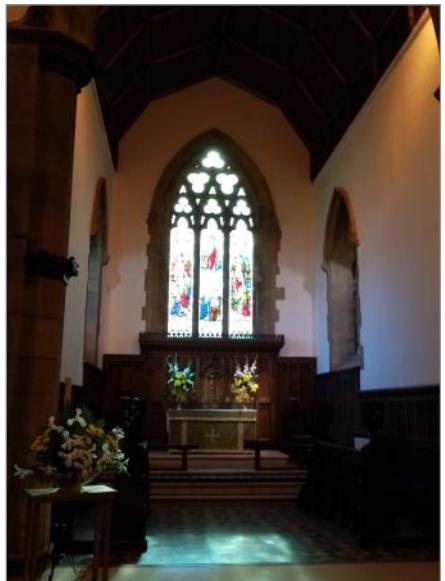
lockdown and the completion of the re-plastering and decoration of the church. We invited local residents to come and take a look around the church, which was beautifully decorated with flower arrangements and many pictures displayed by our resident artists Christine Barraclough and Chris Davis.

The church looked stunning and a team of helpers was on hand on the Bank Holiday Monday to show people round.

A wonderful team of people mucked in to help clean the church prior to the weekend, and we had some socially-distanced fun in doing so. Special thanks go to Jo B and Ruth D for all the additional hours they spent, as well as turning up with the team. I'd also like to thank our flower arrangers for their wonderful efforts.



There was much rejoicing on the Sunday at the re-opening of the church building for services. This had been carefully thought through, with signage and social distancing measures put in place to enable worship to take place for the foreseeable future, in line with Government guidelines, and has provided a wonderful opportunity for some people to see each other face to face for the first time in months.



Many thanks go to Jonathan and the Church Wardens for their careful thought and planning to make this possible.

Alison Pickford

Stewardship Campaign – Interim Report

As I write in early October, everyone is beginning to reply to their letters requesting them to re-consider their giving to St James', and to move to the direct debit system. I'm hoping for replies by Sunday 18th October, either to church or to me directly.

Thank you to those who have responded already. Replies received so far have been very encouraging – we will certainly close the gap on our income. I hope those who can't afford their giving will have as much courage in reducing it, as those who can afford it and are willing to raise their gifts. We want to be a church where we support each other, especially at times of change and struggle.

Please don't worry about the timing of cancelling your standing order. It takes about 1 month to set up the direct debit. If you end up paying twice, I am very happy to refund a payment or two. It would be helpful if you can avoid missing a payment though!

If you need to discuss your reply, please ring me on 0113 259 0160; or email cal.bailey9@gmail.com; or catch me at church.

Thank you everyone. We have a wonderful community – friendly, fun and generous. It's a pleasure being part of God's people at St James'.

Cal Bailey - Treasurer

Prayer Diary

Pull out and keep handy

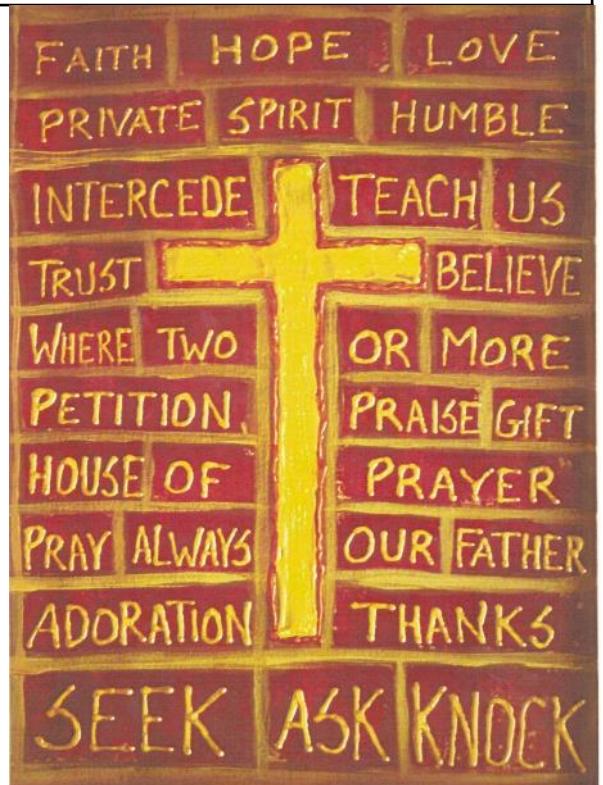
Please pray for:

- ◆ 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 Glenda
- ◆ 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

BCP = Book of Common Prayer

Sunday 01.11.20 Collect: All Saints'	09.00	BCP Holy Communion
	10.30	Holy Communion
	10.30	Pre-recorded YouTube
	16.00	EP - A Service remembering those who have died
	19.00	Blessing of the Light
Sunday 08.11.20 Collect: 3rd Sunday before Ad- vent <i>Remembrance Sunday</i>	09.00	Morning Prayer
	10.30	Holy Communion
	10.30	Pre-recorded YouTube
	16.00	Messy Church
	19.00	Blessing of the Light
Sunday 15.11.20 Collect: 2nd Sunday before Ad- vent	09.00	Morning Prayer
	10.30	Holy Communion
	10.30	Pre-recorded YouTube
	16.00	Kid's Church on ZOOM
	19.00	Blessing of the Light
Sunday 22.11.20 Collect: Christ the King	09.00	Morning Prayer
	10.30	Holy Communion
	10.30	Pre-recorded YouTube
	19.00	Blessing of the Light
Sunday 29.11.20 Collect: 1st Sunday of Advent	09.00	Morning Prayer
	10.30	Holy Communion
	10.30	Pre-recorded YouTube
	19.00	Blessing of the Light

Details of December's Advent and Christmas services will be put on the Website as soon as they have been finalised.



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

Friday

- ◆ Children at St James
- ◆ Little Jims' children and their families, currently not able to meet
- ◆ 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



St George's Crypt

Happy Birthday St Georges Crypt.

On 14 October the Crypt will celebrate 90 years of providing emergency food, accommodation, guidance and love to the most vulnerable people of the city of Leeds. That will be 32,873 days of support!

This year has, as for many charities, been particularly challenging. Fundraising activities and volunteering has been curtailed and many staff have been furloughed, but the charity has continued to deliver practical and emotional support always with care and compassion.

During lockdown there have been 900 extra hours of deep cleaning for increased protection of residents and staff and 1,750 people received food parcels in the city through partner agencies working together and sharing resources. There was also a take away food service accessed by over 50 people every single day.

The Crypt are still offering 15 individual bedrooms at the city centre site and working with the city council to support over 100 people who were homeless to access temporary hotel accommodation during lockdown. They are supporting clients to move on into longer term, suitable housing, key-working those with higher needs, providing logistical support on the ground. Senior staff are also working with the Council to think about and shape provision for homeless accommodation. The Crypt is now building high quality, award-winning, supported living accommodation. They have a very successful alcohol and drug residential rehabilitation project and provide training and development activities to support clients from the street to independence.

The need is as great today as it was 90 years ago when Rev Don Robins opened the doors of the Crypt for the first time.

There are ways in which we can continue to support the work of the Crypt, both practically and through prayer.

Whilst they have been blessed with donations their stocks are running low and they have sent out a plea for non-perishable items including instant coffee, tined meats, baked beans and spaghetti in sauce, tinned vegetables, pasta sauces, gravy granules, tinned fruit, cream, custard, cereal; and long life milk. Food donations can be dropped off at the back door, best time is weekdays between 9am and 3pm. Monetary donations are always welcomed. Further details of how to donate can be found via this link <https://www.stgeorgescrypt.org.uk/donate>



Finally Chris Field, CEO at the Crypt, wrote this in the recent newsletter which I thought you might like to read:

The staff have asked that we continue to pray that whatever befalls St George's Crypt in these uncertain times, that we never forget our humble beginnings and the belief that it will get better with the grace of God and the charity of others. I pray for you that Covid 19 passes you by and with some certainty life will return to some sort of normality as soon as possible. Please remember to smile when wearing your mask, your eyes will naturally smile and others will see that and smile in return. Please keep helping those who need it as we loosen restrictions, please make an extra effort to "connect" with people when distancing threatens that contact. Stay safe, stay well and stay with the knowledge that the love of Jesus will flow from us all to support others. With all blessings, Chris.

To read the newsletter in full or to find out more about the work of the Crypt please visit their website <https://www.stgeorgescrypt.org.uk/> .

Tracey Greig

Horsforth Shed Update

The intention was initially to complete enough of the renovation to start equipping and operating the workshop by late Spring 2020 with the Shed staffed by suitably qualified volunteers. The coronavirus outbreak meant that we had to temporarily suspend work on the renovation for a couple of months.

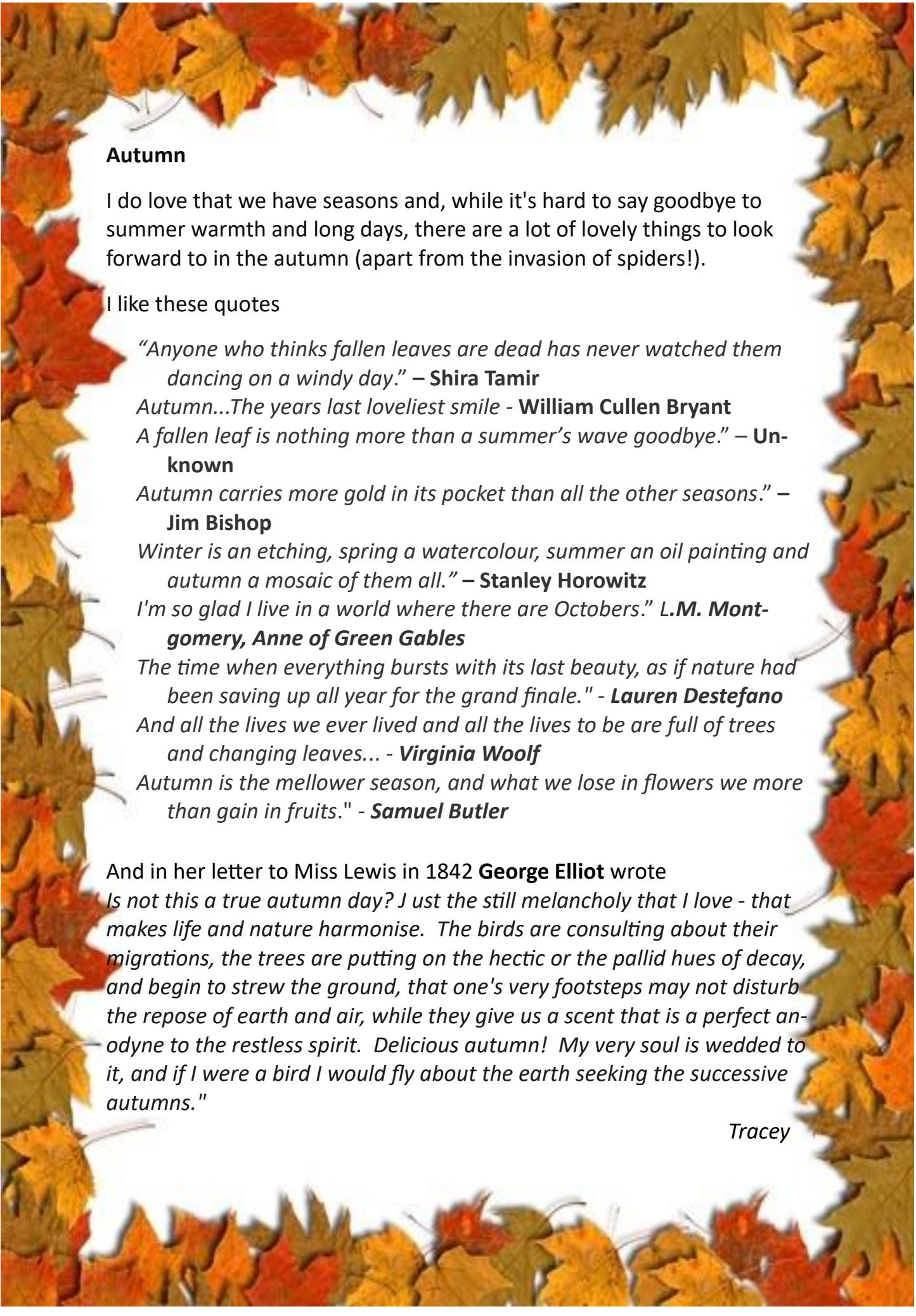
However we restarted working in the Shed using PPE and keeping to the guidelines about social distancing. Pleasing progress has been made and by now almost all the internal renovation is completed.

The remaining work is the external insulation and cladding which will keep the building warm and stop damp penetration through the solid walls. We decided to undertake this ourselves but have had to delay due to a variety of reasons. Our intention is to try to complete it over the next few weeks before the weather gets any worse. We have already bought the waterproof membrane, timbers and insulation which will need to be fitted before the cladding goes on.

We have been delighted to receive a further grant of £4,000 raising our overall income to more than £47,500 and have some very promising further grant applications in the pipeline.

Whilst the coronavirus has slowed our progress we still intend to start equipping the workshop with tools and machinery ready for opening. For more details please see our website, <https://www.horsforthshed.co.uk>. As I said last time, none of this would have been possible without the support from a wide range of sources including all the folk at St James. So, on behalf of my fellow "Shedders" thank you!

Peter Billions



Autumn

I do love that we have seasons and, while it's hard to say goodbye to summer warmth and long days, there are a lot of lovely things to look forward to in the autumn (apart from the invasion of spiders!).

I like these quotes

"Anyone who thinks fallen leaves are dead has never watched them dancing on a windy day." – Shira Tamir

Autumn...The years last loveliest smile - William Cullen Bryant

A fallen leaf is nothing more than a summer's wave goodbye. – Unknown

Autumn carries more gold in its pocket than all the other seasons. – Jim Bishop

Winter is an etching, spring a watercolour, summer an oil painting and autumn a mosaic of them all. – Stanley Horowitz

I'm so glad I live in a world where there are Octobers. L.M. Montgomery, Anne of Green Gables

The time when everything bursts with its last beauty, as if nature had been saving up all year for the grand finale. - Lauren Destefano

And all the lives we ever lived and all the lives to be are full of trees and changing leaves... - Virginia Woolf

Autumn is the mellower season, and what we lose in flowers we more than gain in fruits. - Samuel Butler

And in her letter to Miss Lewis in 1842 George Elliot wrote

Is not this a true autumn day? Just the still melancholy that I love - that makes life and nature harmonise. The birds are consulting about their migrations, the trees are putting on the hectic or the pallid hues of decay, and begin to strew the ground, that one's very footsteps may not disturb the repose of earth and air, while they give us a scent that is a perfect anodyne to the restless spirit. Delicious autumn! My very soul is wedded to it, and if I were a bird I would fly about the earth seeking the successive autumns."

Tracey

Poetry Corner

Out of town episode

Know that the skies, fields and trees
Move gently in autumn's breeze,
Know that the hills when topped with snow
Fade, patterns in the sun's red glow;
And the song, and the song,
Murmuring softly at first in my ears,
And the song,
Splashing, flashing like falling tears,
Cries to a muted world.

Sing to me as the dusk falls grey,
Sigh long at the closing of the day;
I know you as often you would play
When the world was younger and gay;
And the song, and the song,
Strains wildly where the trees bend low,
And the song,
Dancing all day till the shadows grow –
Dies lonely in a distant cave.

Martin Winbolt-Lewis

Heart of Oak

I am a jagged man
Reaching with groping fingers into the sky;
Clutching with wintry bones at the wind's stream,
Which swaying me, soothes.

I am a ragged man,
A creaking sleeper and a sad watcher
Of the season's changes; my racked body trembles
In the hostile Fall, stripped naked by its scavengers,
Who take my willing harvest to clothe and feed
The hungry earth which fed me.

I am a gagged man,
Who sighs long when the breeze caresses,
Trying to scream when the storms rise;
But humble in the day, I can only stare
From behind my green garments at inclement skies.

I am an aged man,
Who sees the world changed; through battered years

Of war; pale years of famine and the gold of plenty.
I gave my shade when the sun scorched bright
But my warmth to the winter soil.

I am a sagged man,
Living only my last,
Leaving my stark silhouette in valediction
To a heartless world, but will remain a watcher
Eternal, a man without needs ?

Martin Winbolt-Lewis

Barcelona Airport (again!)

Oh dear what can the matter be:
Joan's got locked in the disabled lavatory.
She'd have been there from Monday to Saturday
If nobody knew she was there... BUT

She hollered and screamed
And caused quite a scene
And knocked till her knuckles were sore.
"Please open the door, I'm sat on the floor
And can't yell 'help' any more".

At last someone came and said they'd get help
But that was 10 minutes ago.

My friends now were worried;
To the door they hurried
And thought she'd collapsed on the floor.
And though they pushed and shoved a lot
They couldn't budge the flipping lock.

Joan panicked and twisted the screw lock
This way and that, 'til she didn't know where she was at.
Finally the door unlocked, "I'm free"
She came out harassed, embarrassed
And said "it could only happen to me".

Joan Skelhorne

Recipe Corner

Malvern Apple Pudding

Base

<u>Base</u>	<u>Sauce</u>
1 lb cooking apples	1 egg, beaten
1 oz margarine	1 oz margarine
1 oz sugar	1 oz plain flour
Grated rind of 1 lemon	$\frac{1}{2}$ to $\frac{3}{4}$ pint milk
	1 oz sugar

Topping

2 oz demerara sugar
½ tsp cinnamon

Base: Cook apples, margarine and sugar over low heat until soft and thick. Add lemon rind and place in 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ pint dish.

Sauce: Make roux: melt margarine, add flour and cook, stirring for 2 minutes, then slowly add the milk (I warm it in the microwave first), stirring constantly, and simmer for 2 minutes. Remove from heat and stir in sugar. Gradually beat in egg and cook for another minute, stirring. Pour over apple.

Topping: Mix sugar and cinnamon and sprinkle on top of sauce. Dot with butter and place under a moderate grill until caramelised.

Delicious!!

German Apple Cake

This recipe is in the Mara Recipe Book, and is more a pudding than a cake.

Cake Base

4 oz SR flour	3 oz margarine
2 oz light soft brown sugar	1 beaten egg
2 oz ground almonds	1 tsp lemon juice

Filling

1 lb cooking apples	2 oz SR flour
2 oz light soft brown sugar	5 oz light soft brown sugar
1 tsp lemon juice	1 level tsp cinnamon

Topping

2 oz margarine

Butter a deep 8" cake tin, with a loose base.

Base: sift flour, sugar and 1 oz almonds together. Rub in marg until resembles breadcrumbs. Mix to stiff dough with egg and lemon juice (not too moist). Press over base of tin. Sprinkle with remaining almonds and chill in fridge.

Filling: Peel, core and thinly slice apples into a bowl. Mix with sugar and lemon juice, then arrange over cake base. Sprinkle with topping: sifted flour, sugar and spice with margarine rubbed in until crumbly. Bake at 180C/350F for about 1 hour or until golden brown and filling tender. Cool in tin before turning out. Serve warm or cold. Freezes well, but remove from tin while frozen by running hot water over base. Thaw on plate and heat in warm oven if wanted.

Alison

New PCC for 2020/21

At the Meeting of Parishioners held on 27th September, Ruth Dent and Glenda Ingham were elected to serve as Church Wardens for 2020/21. At the Annual Parochial Church Meeting which followed, Rebecca Cain and Tracey Greig were elected to the PCC, and Sophie Baker, Chris Davis and Derek Plummer re-elected. The full list of PCC members for 2020/21 is as follows:

Sophie Baker
Cal Bailey—Treasurer and lay reader
Jo Bailey
Jonathan Cain—Vicar
Rebecca Cain
Chris Davis
Ruth Dent—Church Warden
Christine Hill
Pete Gillions – Lay reader
Tracey Greig
Glenda Ingham—Church Warden
Joe Minton
Beth Parkinson
Alison Pickford—Secretary
Derek Plummer



If anyone would like to discuss any matters with a member of the PCC, please feel free to contact one of them, and they will be pleased to listen and help as appropriate.

Alison Pickford

ONLINE...

NETWORK LEEDS

Network Leeds is an online network seeking to make connections across the Christian Community within Leeds. We do this by advertising events, job vacancies we also publicise articles and stories on our website. Most of what we do, we don't charge for. We then share all this info across the city on a fortnightly basis to over 1100 members via our e-bulletin www.networkleeds.com

The screenshot shows the Network Leeds website homepage. At the top right are four orange circular icons with white symbols: a house, a person, a document, and a plus sign. Below them are the text links "find a church", "find a project", "e-bulletin sign up", and "submit content". To the left of these is the Network Leeds logo, which consists of a purple stylized 'n' followed by the text "network Leeds". Below the logo is a vertical bar with three colored segments: orange, blue, and green, each next to a small icon and the text "news", "events", and "jobs & volunteering". On the right side of the page, there's a banner with a photo of a city skyline at sunset. Below the banner is a section titled "Latest news" featuring a thumbnail of a newspaper and some text. Further down are sections for "Food provision document for migrants who are destitute", "WYDAN Winter Shelter for Destitute Asylum Seekers", "Could your spare room change someone's life?", and "About My Area". At the bottom are buttons for "Latest events", "order by upcoming", "view calendar", and "view all".

PAFRAS:

PAFRAS continues to welcome our contribution of food and toiletries. Please put your contributions in the box at the back of church. www.pafra.org.uk

ST GEORGE'S CRYPT

St George's Crypt is in the frontline of support for homeless, disadvantaged and vulnerable people in Leeds and its surrounding areas. www.stgeorgescrypt.org.uk

PREMIER CHRISTIAN MEDIA

Premier is a Christian radio station and community, based in London. Premier Christian Radio broadcasts on MW 1305, 1332, 1413 in London; and nationally on DAB, Freeview Channel 725 and Sky Digital 0123. www.premier.org.uk

THINKING FAITH NETWORK:

Formerly called WYSOCS (West Yorkshire School of Christian Studies) and based in Outwood Lane, holds various lectures and events. <http://thinkfaith.net>

BIBLE GATEWAY

Bible Gateway is focused on making Scripture freely available on the Web in multiple languages and translations.

As well as many different, searchable translations, there are commentaries, a daily email devotional and a daily audio Bible reading plan. www.biblegateway.com

SCRIPTURE UNION WORD LIVE

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CHRISTIANITY

Christianity.org.uk is the website of the Christian Enquiry Agency Ltd. This is an agency of Churches Together in England. The purpose is to inform people about Jesus Christ and Christianity.

www.christianity.org.uk

DIOCESE OF LEEDS

The screenshot shows the official website of the Diocese of Leeds. At the top left is the Church of England logo and the text 'THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND'. Below it is 'Diocese of Leeds'. A blue navigation bar at the top includes links for Home, News, About Us, Education, Events, Mission & Ministry, Resources, The Christian Faith, and Who's Who. The main content area features a large image of a diverse group of people holding signs that read: 'Your Share', 'Without my church we'd be hungry', 'My church helps me see things differently', 'your share your gift our diocese', 'Without my church I'd be lonely', and 'My church is my family'. Below this image is a call-to-action button 'Learn more here...'. To the right of the main image are three smaller boxes: one showing two people with the text 'Contact your vicar', another showing a baby with the text 'Christenings', and a third showing a couple with the text 'Weddings'.

Created in Easter 2014, it's the newest of the 42 dioceses that make up the Church of England and St James is part of it. In the Diocese we'll be shaping the life and work of the Church of England in this part of Yorkshire so that we can serve the people in our parishes in the best way possible.

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www.stjameswoodside.org

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**Unless the LORD builds the house,
those who build it labour in vain.**

Unless the LORD guards the city, the guard keeps watch in vain.

**It is in vain that you rise up early and go late to rest,
eating the bread of anxious toil;
for he gives sleep to his beloved.**

Psalm 127:1-2

Flowers

I would like to thank two special people who have been part of our flower arrangement team for many years. Firstly, Joan Skelhorne is retiring from her role. There can't be many churches who have someone in their nineties doing flowers but Joan has faithfully been doing so at St James. As she finally hangs up her secateurs I would like to say what an amazing example she has been to us all. Secondly, Fiona Hockin has decided to take a break from flower arranging in the new year after fourteen years of service. Again, she too has been a valued and faithful member of our team and we will miss her contributions. A huge thank you to them both.

Lynne Gillions

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.

Nov 1	Derek Plummer in loving memory of Dorothy and Len Plummer (for 10th Nov)
Nov 8	Remembrance Day Tom and Ciss Jackson from Bev and family
Nov 15	
Nov 22	In loving memory of Pamela Ramsden and Annie Gough
Nov 29	In loving memory of Marion Langton
Dec 6	Mary Stead
Dec 13	Beryl Egan in loving memory of Alf
Dec 20	John and Karen Evans in loving memory of 'Big John'
Dec 27	

Registers

Baptism

20th September Ryan Smith-farthing

Funerals

21st September Mona Lillie (Rawdon Crematorium)

29th September William Thomas James Barr

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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 Alison Pickford at office@stjameswoodside.org

St James Life:

Alison is now collating articles for the Magazine so please let her have any articles for the Winter Edition by **30.11.20** [email preferred **office@stjameswoodside.org**].

*The Winter edition will be going out
in January 2021*

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