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Regular Events [non-church affiliated in grey] when not in lockdown

Sunday	Messy Church [<i>monthly, please check calendar or website for de-</i>	16:00
		18:00
	Kids' Church [<i>monthly—please check calendar /website for details</i>]	10:00
Monday	Number Train [<i>term time</i>]	10:00, 11:30
		11:00, 12:30
	Dancing Dolphins (term time)	16:00
		18:00
Tuesday	Tiny Tots	09:00
		10:30
	Baby Massage Rebecca Martin - 07875 517627	11:00, 12:00
		12:00, 13:00
	Number Train [<i>term time</i>]	13:30
		14:30
	PCC [<i>bi-monthly, second Tuesday</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
	Number Train [<i>term time</i>]	13:30
		14:30
	Dancing Dolphins (term time)	16:00
		18:00
	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	18:00
		19:00
Friday		
Saturday	Dance Class	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



“Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer.”

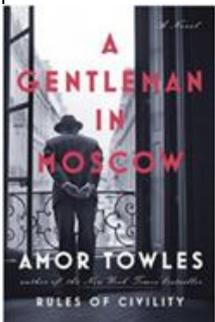
ROMANS 12:12

Friends

Well, here we are again in national lockdown. It's turning into a bit of a slog, isn't it? I hope and pray that you are managing to find ways to

stay safe and sane in these disorientating times.

Psychologists tell us that one of the strategies to negotiate disorientating times is something they call *benefit finding*, which simply means looking for positives. I know that in the first period of lockdown, some found benefit in the reduction of traffic and noise and in the general slowing down. One of the positives that I can point to is that I have found some more time for reading novels. I have just finished this one ...



On 21 June 1922, Count Alexander Rostov – recipient of the Order of St Andrew, member of the Jockey Club, Master of the Hunt – is escorted out of the Kremlin, across Red Square and through the elegant revolving doors of the Hotel Metropol.

Deemed an unrepentant aristocrat by a Bolshevik tribunal, the Count has been sentenced to house arrest indefinitely. But instead of his usual suite, he must now live in an attic room while Russia undergoes decades of upheaval.

Can a life without luxury be the richest of all?

A Gentleman in Moscow is a delightful read that I am happy to recommend. An escapist fantasy that also spoke to me in these times. We are not exactly under house arrest, but we are experiencing some limitations on our liberty. If we dare step outside of our houses we are not going to be shot – which is the reality that the fictional Count Rostov faces – but we may be fearful of catching the virus, becoming ill, passing it on. We inhabit some of the same psychological landscape as this book's protagonist.

So, I noticed what the Count did to make his life not just bearable, but perhaps *the richest of all*. The first thing I noticed was his unrelenting focus on what he could do. The gentleman prisoner wasted no time being frustrated by what he was prevented from doing, and this enabled him to savour his time and notice, really notice, what was going on around him. Perhaps the key survival mechanism for the former member of the Jockey Club is building genuine friendships and relationships with staff and guests of the hotel. The pivotal moment in the Count's life comes when he adopts a child, Sophia. The moment he assumes responsibility for another life he discovers his capacity for love and its power to sustain life.

Wisdom to focus on what can be done (which includes accepting our own limitations

and vulnerabilities), the importance of relationships, the power of love ... all of these found in this piece of literature as in life.

Benefit finding can be helpful, and it has limits. Psychologists (and psalmists too for that matter) also counsel not to deny your own experience. Lament, praise, complaint, worship, dread, longing, hope, despair – all of these need to find expression. A friend recently told me of the tears that came when she had her first dose of the coronavirus vaccine. Tears that reveal how much emotion we all carry through this experience. Emotion that may surprise us. Emotion that we will need to process.

I rejoice in the hope that the vaccines bring and pray for patience and perseverance. I also pray that those in our community would show kindness to self and kindness to others as we seek together to make St James' the place of liberation and healing that the Gospel anticipates.

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

Jonathan

A Prayer of St Benedict

O gracious and holy Father,
give us wisdom to perceive you,
diligence to seek you,
patience to wait for you,
eyes to behold you,
a heart to meditate upon you,
and a life to proclaim you,
through the power of the spirit
of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

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.

PCC Update

On 12th January 21, the PCC reviewed the Christmas events and thanked everyone involved in them for all their efforts to engage with the local community, especially regarding the hamper and toy provision for those identified as in need of help at this time. We also reviewed the arrangements for worship during Lockdown 3 and agreed to maintain the pattern of a 9am in person service but everything else on-line. This was felt to be the best option to maintain social distancing.

PCC also agreed to set up a small group to consider what should be discussed with Bishop Paul on 9 February regarding the Interim Vicar review. It is proposed that the vicar should continue in post for another period.

In addition PCC agreed to establish another small group to consider what action was now needed to continue to take forward the Sharing God's Blessing strategy during 2021.

The current financial situation was also discussed, as the Treasurer has set a new budget for 2021. There is currently a deficit due to the Covid-19 pandemic, and this will need to be reduced urgently this year. A FUNdraising committee will be established to organise some fun events for church members which might also have the benefit of raising a small amount of money to help offset the deficit. More details to follow in due course.

Alison Pickford, Secretary

Finance

This is my busiest time of the year as Treasurer, as it's time to prepare the Accounts for the year ended 31st December.

What's clear already are two things: firstly, many people have been remarkably generous in supporting the church in 2020 – especially as we had the additional requests for the Fabric Appeal and Stewardship Campaign. Secondly, the loss of most of our Parish Centre income due to Covid will result in a deficit for the year on central funds.

So if there is anyone who still wants to become a regular giver – however small your monthly gift is – or who wants to make a 1-off gift, I will be delighted. Please email me at cal.bailey9@gmail.com or call on 07504 658602; or just put a gift in the collection (when you can get to church!) and write on the envelope 'Happy to become a regular giver'. You will be supporting God's work in our church and our community, which is surely amongst the best ways we can ever spend our money.

Cal Bailey, Treasurer

PCC Calendar for early 2021

- 9 February: to include meeting with the Bishop regarding Interim Vicar Review
- 9 March: to include Sharing God's Blessing strategy for 2021 discussion and review of Annual Report for APCM
- 25 April: Annual Parochial Church Meeting

New AV System Update

Those who follow St James' news will be aware that during 2020 we raised funds and developed proposals to replace the AV equipment in church. The PCC Fabric Committee is delighted to confirm that the proposals have now received the necessary permission from the Consistory Court of the Diocese of Leeds, and that we hope to complete the new installation during February/ March this year. Thank you once again to all who contributed so generously to the Fabric Appeal. We will see and hear the fruits of that generosity soon.



Sharing God's Blessing—A Reminder

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

Our aspiration by 2024 ...

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.

Please pray for the PCC as they consider these goals and how to make further progress towards them during 2021.

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

Horsforth Shed

Despite recurring lockdowns meaning we are not at the stage we hoped to be, good progress has still been achieved. The outside of the building is now insulated and wrapped in a waterproof membrane. We have all the cladding materials stored in the Shed and can barely wait to get on with the cladding but can only do so once restrictions are eased. The entrance porch has also been insulated and rendered and will be re-roofed in due course.



Another change on the outside is on the car park side of the Shed where a raised pavement now prevents cars parking right up against the building and so allows safe pedestrian access. All this work has been done by volunteers. We calculate the total labour savings by work undertaken by volunteers to be in around £40,000.

Since the last update we have received some very encouraging grants and the total now stands at £56,000. We have also been delighted with gifts from individuals. One lovely thing was someone who volunteered with us whilst awaiting starting employment and who took it on themselves to do a fundraising activity. They contributed over £300 to the funds. It is blessings like this that keep our spirits up despite the lockdown.

For more details please see our website, <https://www.horsforthshed.co.uk>. Once again 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 Gillions

Lent Courses for 2021

Ash Wednesday this year falls on 17 February. We plan to offer two different options for Lent study, with the hope that many will be drawn to participate in journeying and learning with others (keen types may like to participate in both courses!). Each course will be offered over 6 evenings between Ash Wednesday and Easter. Days and dates will be finalised once we have some idea of interest. We may also offer one or both of the Lent courses for groups in the daytime, again depending on interest.

Please do get in touch with me by phone or email if you would like to participate, ideally by 07 February, so that we can purchase and distribute course materials.

Course 1 – The Poet’s Gospel: (cost: a voluntary donation to the Alzheimer’s Society)

John Alan Davis visited his wife every day as she lived with dementia. As Alan explains “during this period, and after Pat died in 2014, I turned to the only place of comfort I knew: my faith. The task brought the life of Jesus and the relevance of his message closer to me. It became, as much as anything else, a way of staunching the wound of a personal tragedy.”

Mr Davis has recorded sound files of his ‘poet’s gospel’ and each week the study group will listen to a chapter (approximately 20 mins) and then spend some time reflecting on questions that arise.

The Poet’s Gospel is being promoted as a Lent Course for 2021 by Churches Together in Britain and Ireland (CTBI). Bob Fyffe, General Secretary of CTBI, comments: “This gospel version, written in verse, is the outcome of a deep engagement with God in Christ. To listen to the sound files of this gospel being read out loud is to be taken onto a journey with someone who has clearly walked and experienced all of life’s contours. When I first heard Alan reciting his Poets Gospel I was immediately moved and realised that this journey could bring some healing to so many other people.”

Course 2 – Living His Story (cost: £10 approx. for the book)

How can we convey the love of God to our neighbours in a post-Christian world that has largely forgotten the gospel of Jesus Christ?

In Living His Story, the Archbishop of Canterbury's Lent Book 2021, Hannah Steele uncovers liberating and practical ways of sharing the gospel story afresh. With warmth and encouragement, she shows us how we can live Jesus' story in our own lives simply by being the people God made us and allowing people to be drawn to him through our natural gifts. Living His Story is a Lent devotional that will change the way you think about evangelism, show how ideally suited it is for the world we live in and fill you with confidence in sharing God's love with the people around you. Set out in six sessions to take you through Lent, each chapter of the 2021 Archbishop of Canterbury's Lent book can be used as a single study for individuals or small groups to prepare for Easter. It will help you find space to see evangelism from a new practical perspective.

Jonathan

Poetry

Never try to stare
At a polar bear
Though they're cuddly and white
They can hug you very tight
And it's widely known than polars
Have a handy set of molars!

Don't take cup of tea
From a chimpanzee
For they're clever and they'll force us
To drink it from the saucers
So it's likely, you can guess
That they won't clear up the mess
So refuse that chimpanzee's
Cup of tea.

Don't trouble to explain dear
to a reindeer
For at Christmas out of doors
As they work for Santa Claus
They will have no time for banter
As they travel at a canter
And besides
They have no brain dear
Do the reindeer.

Never swim for a lark
With a shark
For his bite
Is worse than his bark
And far from funny
The depths of his tummy
Are frightfully awfully dark

What Shape is Peace?

What shape is peace? Can it be round
And is it laid in hallowed ground;
Should peace have feathers like a dove,
Elusive like the ways of love?

Is peace bright flowers that we've bought
To compensate for scraps we've fought,
Or a fabric sticking plaster
To mask the scars of close disaster?

Is peace no gunfire in the night
Because the troops need sleep to fight;
Or streets bereft of bustling noise
For fear of meeting gangs of boys?

Will *Nessun Dorma* sung in style
Pacify the rank and file;
Or *Feed the World* dish out the rice
Without some costly sacrifice?

In truth peace comes from deep inside;
So as I've looked within and cried,
And glimpsed; I had to drop
The finger pointing; blaming stop.

For everywhere peace kits come free;
Assembly's down to you and me;
So picture peace; each rare disguise
In skin tone, creed and shape and size.

Martin Winbolt-Lewis

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

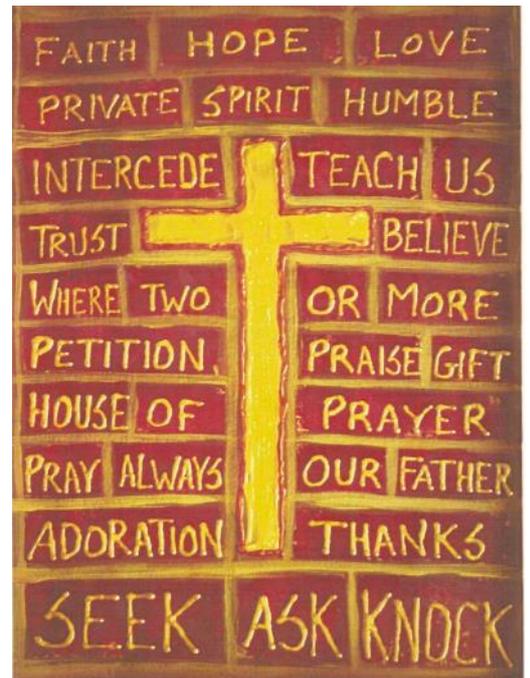
- ◆ Sunday Services
- ◆ Children's Activities
- ◆ Jonathan Cain, our Vicar; wife Rebecca; children Nic, Arthur, Charlie and Bill
- ◆ PAFRAS and the Manuel Bravo project
- ◆ A Rocha and the environment

Monday

- ◆ Our Church Wardens – Ruth and Glenda
- ◆ St George's Crypt
- ◆ The Bible Society and Wycliffe Bible Translators - the Frésards
- ◆ 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 the next issue's prayer diary please email office@stjameswoodside.org

Church Calendar

Date	Time	Service
Sunday 07.02.21 Collect: 2nd Sunday before Lent	9:00	Holy Communion
	10:30	Pre-Recorded YouTube
	19:00	Blessing of the Light
Sunday 14.02.21 Collect: Sunday next before Lent	09:00	Morning Prayer
	10:30	Pre-Recorded YouTube
	16:00	Messy Church
	19:00	Blessing of the Light
Wednesday 17.02.21 Collect: Ash Wednesday	19:30	Holy Communion
Sunday 21.02.21 Collect: 1st Sunday of Lent	09:00	Morning Prayer
	10:00	Kids' Church on Zoom
	10:30	Holy Communion
	10:30	Pre-Recorded YouTube
	19:00	Blessing of the Light
Sunday 28.02.21 Collect: 2nd Sunday before Lent	9:00	Morning Prayer
	10:30	Holy Communion
	10:30	Pre-Recorded YouTube
	19:00	Blessing of the Light

Date	Time	Service
Sunday 07.03.21 Collect: 3rd Sunday of Lent	09:00	BCP Holy Communion
	10:30	Holy Communion
	10:30	Pre-Recorded YouTube
	19:00	Blessing of the Light
Sunday 14.03.21 Collect: 4th Sunday of Lent (Mothering Sunday)	9:00	Morning Prayer
	10:30	Holy Communion
	10:30	Pre-Recorded YouTube
	16:00	Messy Church
	19:00	Blessing of the Light
Sunday 21.03.21 Collect: 5th Sunday of Lent	09:00	Morning Prayer
	10:00	Kids' Church on Zoom
	10:30	Holy Communion
	10:30	Pre-Recorded YouTube
	19:00	Blessing of the Light
Sunday 28.03.21 Collect: Palm Sunday	9:00	Morning Prayer
	10:30	Holy Communion
	10:30	Pre-recorded YouTube
	19:00	Blessing of the Light

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

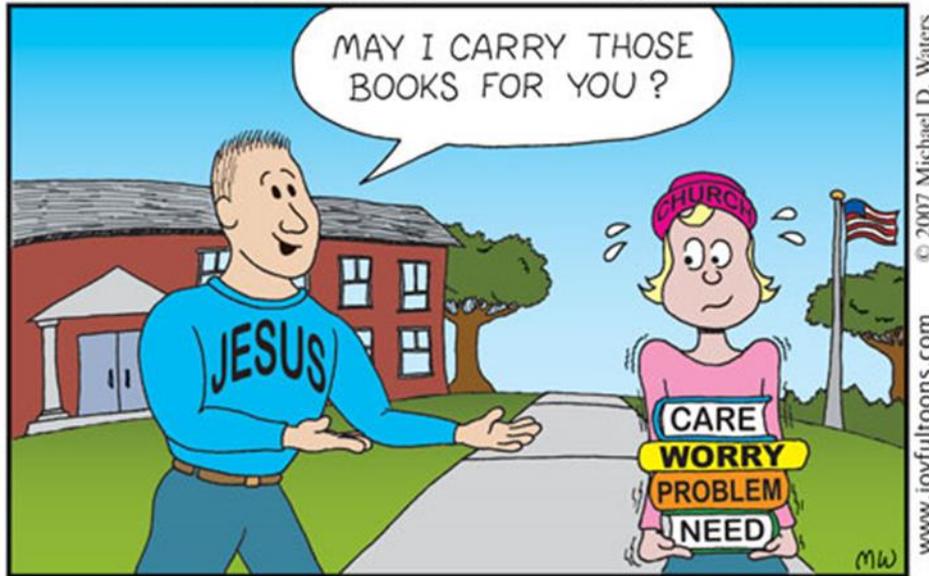
Friday

- ◆ Children at St James'
- ◆ Little Jims toddler group
- ◆ 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





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

-1 PETER 5:7 KJV

Alison's Recipe Corner

Sausage Rolls (a recipe I begged from a friend)

Quick flaky pastry:

8 oz plain flour pinch salt
6 oz block butter cold water to mix

Filling:

1 medium onion, grated 1 tsp dried sage
1 lb sausagemeat 1 egg to glaze

2 baking sheets, lightly greased. Oven 425F/220C/GM7

Pastry: Weigh out the butter, wrap in tin foil and freeze for 45 mins. Sift flour and salt into a bowl. When rock hard, remove the butter and dip it in the flour. Grate on a coarse grater over the bowl, dipping as necessary to prevent slipping. Distribute into the flour with a knife until well coated with flour. Add enough water to form a dough which leaves the bowl clean, using your hands to bring it together. There's no need to knead. Chill in a polythene bag for 30 mins.

Filling: mix sausagemeat, onions and sage. Roll the pastry to form an oblong (as thin as possible). Cut oblong lengthwise into 3 strips then roll the meat and place down on the strips of pastry. Brush beaten egg down one side then fold over the pastry to seal it carefully. Turn so sealed edge is underneath. Cut into individual rolls and brush with beaten egg. Bake 20 - 25 mins. Freezes well uncooked.

St George's Crypt

St Georges Crypt continues to help the most marginalised people in the city. By providing a full wrap around support the Crypt aims to support people who have been homeless and in the greatest need back into sustainable housing and access to training and employment.

As for many charities during the recent lockdowns and restrictions, the Crypt has struggled but it has managed to continue to deliver a full service even with reduced funding and staff. The team managed to provide a safe, warm and fun Christmas for its clients with presents, games and festive meals. Some of their guests continue to stay at the Crypt in single bedrooms with others being offered accommodation in a number of hotels across the city. Most are now staying at the Britannia Hotel at Seacroft where they have their own rooms and are provided with food (by the Crypts catering team) and other support services.

They have recently launched a new look website www.stgeorgescrypt.org.uk There is also an easy way to make a donation! Also follow them on Facebook if you can as they will often post updates.

Recent requests include

- A shout out to donate any unwanted Christmas presents - contact Nathan if you can help with that one Nathan.charles@stgeorgescrypt.org.uk ;
- a request for people who may want to take part in this year's Big Sleep out - in their own back garden! - <http://bit.ly/LeedsBigSleepIn> ;
- Whilst the Crypt's charity shops remain closed (for donations and for shoppers) they are selling some goods on Facebook Market place and Ebay – <https://www.facebook.com/StGeorgesCryptRetail/> .

Tracey

Volunteering Opportunities at St Gemma's Hospice

St Gemma's Hospice is a Leeds-based charity providing expert care and support for local people with life-limiting and terminal illnesses. They offer care to patients and their carers in the Hospice's In-Patient Unit, through the St Gemma's community team and via their day services, which include a Day Hospice and Out-Patient Department.

St Gemma's welcomes and provides care to everyone regardless of people's age, gender, disability, race, religion, sexual orientation or diagnosis. Their care is always completely free of charge.

St Gemma's is the largest hospice in Yorkshire and one of the largest in the UK.

As some of you will know, I am the Deputy Manager at two of St Gemma's Charity shops, Yeadon and Guiseley. I work one day a week in each. All St. Gemma's shops are closed at the moment but when they re-open we could do with some new volunteers.

There are lots of different roles as a volunteer, from hanging clothes, steaming, tagging to being on the till or sorting the books. I generally work on Thursdays at Yeadon and need a volunteer(s) to be on the till during the afternoon. Lots of other times are available at the shops where I work or any of the other 23 shops.

If you are able to volunteer, please speak either to me or get in touch with the 'retail hub' 0113 255 7552

Christine Hill

Diocesan Courses

Level 1 Introductory Pastoral Conversations Online Courses

The need to be able to respond well in pastoral conversations with those who are vulnerable and/or struggling have never been more urgent and important than they are at this current time. The Diocese is offering a course for those in church communities who would appreciate some introductory training to better equip them for this task.

There are two ways to access the level 1, introductory Pastoral Conversations course this term:

- Self-paced course – for those who prefer to study in their own time and at their own pace: <https://learning.leeds.anglican.org/course/self-paced-pastoral-conversations-course/>
- Virtual classroom (Zoom) course (Thurs 25th Feb 7-9pm) – for those who prefer to learn alongside others: <https://learning.leeds.anglican.org/course/online-pastoral-conversations-course-250221/>

Day of Reflection: Finding New Ways to God

Saturday 27 February 10.00—15.00. An online course enabling those taking part to spend a number of periods in personal quiet prayer, moving from familiar well-trying methods to new and more challenging ones. A bible, notebook and pen would all be useful. Booking essential to nicholas.clews@leeds.anglican.org.

Helping Horsforth Celebrate Christmas

“The Light Shines in the darkness and the darkness has not overcome it.” Just as with the meaning of Christmas, *God with us*, a light in the darkness isn’t made impotent by circumstances good or bad, so we as messengers of the good news, were determined that circumstances wouldn’t stop us being able to share the great story of Christmas hope.

Windows around Horsforth were decorated with shepherds gazing in awe, travelling magi bringing gifts for a king, singing angels, bright stars in the night sky and of the infant child of God, born in a humble stable. Many windows included the words of John “The Light Shines,” as they joined in the Horsforth-wide Walk of Art trail.

Actors and Actresses were ushered in one door to record a part, then quickly sent out another to



maintain Covid security, as we recorded two videos for primary schools. “It Begins in Bethlehem” was classic rhythming story-telling, written by Bob Hartman and performed in full costume by familiar faces to the children of the Open the Book team, including a shepherd with bright pink earrings. The “Lock Down Christingle” with the message of giving the world a hug, gave an opportunity for so many to enjoy not just thinking about, but

also feeling and tasting, the Christmas message as they watched and played with oranges, cocktail sticks, ribbon and fruit.

Life-sized Nativity Characters were moved daily around Horsforth as part of the “In Search of Christmas trail,” often finding themselves on school railings. They created a flurry of interest, each able to tell their own story of Christmas easily accessible through a QR code. At the weekends, the characters created short walks, an excuse for families to take the children out for a healthy walk as they followed a map ‘in search of Christmas.’ Finally they arrived altogether at Horsforth’s ‘Bethlehem’ where they formed a lit up display for all who travelled down Town Street to enjoy. One thousand four hundred clicks were recorded



on the QR codes over the Christmas period.

Whilst restrictions meant churches couldn't open their doors in the usual ways, the invitation to celebrate God among us went into people's homes through a wonderful variety of online services, including some fantastically directed nativities and will have been heard loudly in some neighbourhoods as several churches took their carol services outside. With the desire that no one would be excluded from being wished a Happy Christmas, volunteers achieved the remarkable feat of delivering 8500 Christmas cards over 3 days to every street in Horsforth. We hope in the gloom of this pandemic, people did see the light of God's love shining in their community this Christmas.



Duncan Stow

Shine Lord into the shadows of this world,
and by the light of your people dispel the darkness,
that this world might glimpse your grace,
and seeing it might understand the difference.

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News of the Frésards



We have been asked to write a news update about our eldest daughter, Janet, and her husband Pascal and family, who now live just outside Neuchatel, in Switzerland. We realise that not all of you know much about them – they are members of Wycliffe Bible Translators and are seconded to work with SIL Senegal and The Gambia.

They relocated to Switzerland 2½ years ago after living and working 18 years in The Gambia and in Dakar, the capital of Senegal. They have been working with the Karoninka people,



translating the Bible. Pascal is now the SIL Director at distance which involves visits several times a year when he meets with colleagues and Senegalese partners; in between such visits he meets with them daily via SKYPE and ZOOM and manages the work from Switzerland.

Senegal is now in its 2nd wave of COVID-19 with numbers of new cases and deaths rising daily. Please pray that it will be able to be contained in a country where so many people don't have a steady source of income and depend on being able to earn enough each day to provide for their families.

Pascal travelled to Senegal on Saturday 15th January and hopefully by now he has been able to purchase a plot of land in the town of Thiès where the new SIL office buildings will be built. This location is close to the new airport and will also enable them to work in closer partnership with the Senegalese church. This major change will involve a lot of extra work as the current offices are vacated and moved to a temporary location so that the buildings can be sold, thus releasing money for the new construction.

Part of the SIL property is rented to 'Mercy Ships', which has the biggest floating hospital in the world! They are using the site as a pre and post-operative centre for patients. In God's perfect timing, they requested to prolong their rental for several years, just hours after a potential buyer pulled out of a deal. They plan to use this part of the SIL property as a School of Nursing and Midwifery in partnership with the Senegalese Association of Christian doctors – God's timing is always perfect!

On the Karoninka translation front, Janet writes that the work was able to continue uninterrupted despite the challenges of 2020. The team compensated for not having face to face contact by working on several books simultaneously – John's Gospel, Exodus and James are all at various stages of progress (Luke, Acts and Genesis have

already been completed). This year the team plan to start on Matthew and Mark with Janet working closely with them. But the really good news is they hope to receive funding to complete the entire New Testament, along with some Old Testament passages by 2028! She writes, “It is exciting to have a clearly defined goal now, even if somewhat daunting.”

Family News: Janet writes of the opportunity to enjoy God’s creation around them and they have covered many miles discovering beautiful places together. Hiking was not possible in Senegal, so it has been a real joy to get into shape and tackle some challenging trails with 1,000 meters ascents/descents.

Rébecca completed a 3-month trial for a part-time online Graphics Design course and she has now been approved to continue! During the rest of her time, she’s busy writing and illustrating books for young children and has her own website: <https://beccastales.wixsite.com/website?fbclid=IwAROrg4XGK1MSuSdfNMDpqZOOsXg7xX9d>

Timothée and his girlfriend both caught COVID-19 in December and were quite unwell for 10 days but are well again now. Timothée still needs to find a training or job opportunity.

Joanna had an intense semester at high school working very hard and recently defended her dissertation on ‘The reproduction and life cycle of mosquitoes’ (!) getting full marks! This stands her in good stead for her diploma in June. She has a busy few months ahead preparing for final exams.

Daniel’s Civil Service finishes at the end of January but the foster home where he’s been working has offered him a long-term job as an Educator! His wife, Carmen’s health continues to be challenging.

We will write another article later, to tell you the amazing story of how Janet and Pascal felt God’s call to serve Him in Senegal.

Brian and Yvonne Lipscombe



ONLINE...

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WYDAN Winter Shelter for Destitute Asylum Seekers
WYDAN (West Yorkshire Destitute Asylum Network) will be running their Winter Night Shelter for Destitute Asylum Seekers again this year.

Food provision document for migrants who are destitute
This document shows venues in South and East Leeds where destitute migrants can go to access a food parcel on different days of the week.

Rend Collective and Hidden Christmas
Recommended resources by Network Leeds

Could your spare room change someone's life?
Unaccompanied teenage asylum seekers arriving in Leeds need a home

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PAFRAS:

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www.pafras.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.

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Premier is a Christian radio station and community, based in London.

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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

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WordLive is a total Bible reading environment brought to you by Scripture Union. Each day a new Bible passage is provided for you to read, respond to and record your thoughts – either in your own private journal or with others on the site. Along the way there are prompts to help and guide you: meditations, movies, poems, images. You can

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www.wordlive.org

CHRISTIANITY

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www.christianity.org.uk

DIOCESE OF LEEDS

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www.leeds.anglican.org



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Our website on 'A Church Near You'

www.stjameswoodside.org

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Flowers - January to March 2021

If you would like to sponsor flowers for any of the vacant dates, please speak to Lynne.

Jan 3	
Jan 10	In loving memory of Thomasina and Kenneth Muggeridge Snr
Jan 17	
Jan 24	
Jan 31	Elaine Savage
Feb 7	Joan Skelhorne for Peter in friendship
Feb 14	Roy and Barbara Jolliffe
Feb 21	
Feb 28	
Mar 7	Roy and Barbara Jolliffe – wedding anniversary
Mar 14	Mothering Sunday
Mar 21	In loving memory of Hannah Southworth
Mar 28	Ian Shaw in loving memory of Mrs O Shaw and Mrs E High



Registers

Funeral

30th December : Elizabeth Mary Askham

John Pickford

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St James Life:

Alison 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: office@stjameswoodside.org].

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