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## COVID-19

This edition of St James' Life is again published during the coronavirus pandemic restrictions. Our current pattern of public worship on Sundays is to offer an in-person 9am Sunday service, with a YouTube service premiered at 10.30am each week, as well as the Blessing of the Light service at 7pm on Zoom. The Magazine's central section on services gives you the general picture. This pattern will continue until social distancing restrictions have been removed – expected on or after 21 June. We also plan to supplement the current pattern with additional services to mark major festivals, starting with Easter, as set out below.

Thank you for your patience and your prayers.

Thursday 01.04.21 Maundy Thursday	19.30	Holy Communion in church and on Zoom?	Exodus 12:1-4,11-14 John 13:1-17,31b-35
Friday 02.04.21 Good Friday	14.00	An hour at the cross in the churchyard	TBC
	09.00	Holy Communion (BCP)	Colossians 3:1-7; John 20:1-10
Sunday 04.04.21 Easter Day	10.30	Holy Communion in church and on Zoom?	Acts 10:34-43; Mark 16:1-8
	10.30	Pre-recorded YouTube (Livestream?)	Acts 10:34-43; Mark 16:1-8
	19.00	Blessing of the Light	Luke 24:13-35

“Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength . . . Love your neighbour as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these.”

Our website contains details of how to join others online for prayer, worship, study, and community life. See: [www.stjameswoodside.org](http://www.stjameswoodside.org)

The Vicar can be contacted in an emergency by telephoning 07375 557804 or emailing [jonathan.cain@leeds.anglican.org](mailto:jonathan.cain@leeds.anglican.org).

The Parish Office is still working 'from home' and Alison can be contacted via email at [office@stjameswoodside.org](mailto:office@stjameswoodside.org).

# Welcome to St James' Life from Jonathan, the Vicar



*The thought of my affliction and my homelessness is wormwood and gall! My soul continually thinks of it and is bowed down within me. But this I call to mind, and therefore I have hope: The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. 'The Lord is my portion,' says my soul,*

*'therefore I will hope in him.'*

LAMENTATIONS 3: 19-24

## Friends

Twelve months to the day pretty much that we entered lockdown one in the UK, I've turned to the same quotation from scripture that I reflected on this time last year. Time moves on, suffering is part of the human experience, God is faithful.

Tomorrow I will be helping Martin and Sue Winbolt-Lewis move from their home in Bramhope to a new home in Boston Spa. These wonderful people have been part of the worshipping family at St James' for nearly 25 years and they have contributed their many gifts, their friendship and their humanity with great generosity. It is with a heavy heart that we say goodbye, but circumstances change, and they feel God's call to be closer to their daughter Hannah and grandchildren. Time moves on.

The human cost of the coronavirus pandemic is plain for all to see and its impact will be felt for years to come. This is hard. In some senses the virus has been a great leveler across the globe as its impact has been felt in developed economies as in the majority world. Whilst the impact of the pandemic has been felt disproportionately in poorer communities, we all look back on this year of lockdowns with a keener sense of suffering.

Time moves on; suffering is part of the human experience; God is faithful? Well faith cannot be dependent on circumstances or individual concerns. Rather faith is what develops when we see beauty in creation, in relationships, in simple acts of kindness and conclude that the creator of the universe is love itself. When I reflect on this past year, on the kindness and encouragement that I have experienced personally, and witnessed, some of which is recorded in the pages of this magazine, I can see God's faithfulness.

Theologians much wiser than I suggest that we don't spend time asking, 'why did this happen?', but ask instead, 'what is God now going to do?' Sometimes I find this con-

cept hard, but take comfort in knowing that I'm in good company – just think about the disciples on Good Friday ... and remember what God did next.

Easter blessings,

Jonathan

## Stations of the Cross and Resurrection

Some may remember that last year I produced a version of the Stations of the Cross with an invitation to use it for personal devotion during Holy Week. Those who would like to take another look at this material will find it on our website here: <https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/3317/news/15385/the-way-of-the-cross/>

This year I have produced a booklet based on the Stations of the Resurrection, which is included in the centre pages of this magazine. Once again you are invited to use the material for reflection/ meditation. I will add this material to the St James' website when we get to Easter.

I pray that you find this material helpful.

Jonathan

## Confirmation at St James' in 2021

*"Confirmation is a special church service in which a person confirms the promises that were made when they were baptized. If you were baptized at a christening when you were a child, your parents and godparents made these promises on your behalf. As a young person or adult, you may be ready to affirm these promises for yourself and commit your life to following Jesus Christ. Your friends and family as well as the local Christian community will be there to promise to support and pray for you."*

Paul, Bishop of Kirkstall will lead a confirmation service at the St James' on 26 September 2021 and we are delighted that three of our young people will be confirmed then, a year after their first service was postponed!

**He has told you, O mortal, what is good;  
and what does the LORD require of you  
but to do justice, and to love kindness,  
and to walk humbly with your God?**

*Micah 6:8*

## A Captive Audience

For almost 20 years I have been organist in the chapel in Armley Jail (HMP Leeds to give it its official title). Clearly I've not been since the lockdown was imposed in March, and I had already given my finishing, retirement date for mid-May 2020, which has come and gone without me having said farewell. I hope to go back in for one or two more Sundays in order to "leave properly" but there's no chance of that any time soon. I was there every Sunday unless I was on holiday, and on Good Fridays and Christmas Days; I even went once to play for the wedding of an inmate but that's another story.

Here's the story of how I came to have that little job.

I had been brought up as a church-goer and had been in the choir as a teenager, so I knew my way around a hymn book and the Church of England services. When I went to university to study classical music I did so as a pianist but quickly made friends with fellow students who played every instrument under the sun. One of my new friends was an organ student and quick to point out that whilst most students never have any money, being an organist means the opposite. Churches everywhere are always on the hunt for an organist, and if they can't get one to commit to every Sunday they like to have someone they can call on for weddings and special occasions. So, I agreed to pay my new friend a weekly fee in exchange for tuition, and I resolved to practice on my local church organ as well as the small one housed in a special annex at college. And would you believe it – several months into my lessons the organist at my home church resigned and there was no-one else to fill the vacancy but me! (I went to Huddersfield University and so still lived with my parents and attended church with them).

Turn the clock forward about 17 years to 2000. I was now living in Oakenshaw in Bradford between the Chain Bar Roundabout and Low Moor, and I was the organist in the village Anglican Church. I had many good friends there and I loved living in that village, but I wasn't enjoying my role as organist. The congregation was dwindling; we had been without a vicar for over a year and the ancient organ was stiff and creaky and squeaky!

I had said that I would remain in post as organist until the end of the year. I had half a plan to join a different type of church, something modern, big and exciting! One Sunday morning as the year edged towards its close I was still in place as organist. Yet another "stand-in" vicar arrived to lead that week's service. He was chatty and asked me about the organ and my role. It came up in conversation that I had handed in my notice and was looking for a change. I told him that I fancied a break from the standard Church of England in which I'd spent all my life thus far.

I recall his words to me that winter morning in the damp stale air of the cold ancient vestry, "Ah, so you'll be free on Sunday mornings then?" I wanted to shout out,



“Didn’t you hear me? I need a change and a break from this!”

That gentle retired vicar, Chris continued with a warm smile, “Will you come with me one day this week? I have something to show you.” It turned out that he had indeed heard exactly what I’d said and perceived the feelings behind it: what he wanted to show me was about to change me profoundly and forever.

We got out of Chris’s car and walked into the shadow of the castle walls and ramparts. Chris, my still-smiling host for the day rapped on the huge portcullis-like door set into the battlements. An inset section of the ancient wooden door creaked open on ornate black iron hinges and we were admitted by a uniformed prop-forward figure of a man. And walking through the yard where hangings had been carried out until 1961 was my first sight and earliest memory of Armley Jail.



The entrance to HMP Leeds as it was in 2000

It’s not like this now. There’s a new well-lit user-friendly gatehouse; expected guests and staff gain entrance with their fingerprints and the doors slide open when activated.

The Reverend Chris, my host, escort, kidnapper, fellow adventurer – for I had no idea what lay ahead of me – was a prison visitor. This was something I had looked into but not pursued as it didn’t fit around my employment at the time. Off he went to carry out his visiting duties leaving me in the care of a short, stocky, funny, friendly vicar with a beautiful Irish accent and a playful twinkle in his eye, and the most chaotic office that I’d ever seen. Such was my inauguration into the Chaplaincy at HMP Leeds. From that very moment I knew that this was where I wanted to be.

The Reverend Peter Tarleton sat opposite me across his higgledy-piggledy desk and began saying something along the lines of The Prayer of St Theresa\* paraphrasing and pretending it to be his own invention until his desk telephone interrupted him. Someone was clearly trying to make an appointment to come and visit him and he was reluctant to comply. After the call ended he shook his head, giggled and said how much he disliked nuns – always busy-bodding around checking up on people (priests he meant). Although I’d never met a nun I knew that I could work with this man, I liked his spirit!

\* Christ has no body now on earth,  
but yours. No feet, but yours.  
Yours are the eyes through which  
Christ’s compassion is to shine  
out into the world.  
Yours are the feet by which he is to go  
about doing good.  
And yours are the hands by which he is  
to bless all his people.  
St Teresa of Avila

That day he walked me around the vast prison. He talked incessantly as though not wanting to give me a split second to reject the role to which he'd already assigned me. As we walked we were constantly interrupted by prisoners calling to him to beg permission to make an extra phone call; to complain about their solicitor or canteen (a kind of in-house pocket money system); their prison job; their housing on the outside; their sentence, family and everything else under the sun. And that, in fact is what a prison chaplaincy does – mops up everything that doesn't fit into any other category of prison life.

As we returned to the chaplaincy office through the Vulnerable Prisoners wing we were again accosted, this time by a very young man. "Hey Miss, you're a music teacher, right? You were my teacher! Do you remember me? Tell everyone at school that you've seen me, Miss!" *"... tell everyone that you've seen me ..."* Really? I thought. You want me to tell all your old teachers that I saw you in prison? But that's exactly what Matthew did want me to do. School and now prison had been the only stable things in his life, his only safe places. His family. *"Mine are the eyes through which His compassion is to shine."* I thought. "So, you'll be our organist?" But Peter the Irish vicar didn't need to ask, I'd never felt so sure about anything.

You quickly learn never to ask prisoners why they're there, and if they tell you, not to believe them! But I soon realised that the majority are there for drug related violence, gang crime and robbery. All horrible and unacceptable – yet all born of absent or poor parenting, lack of role models and stability, and the urge to establish a place in the world in which they feel unwanted and lost.



For a good number of weeks after taking up this new role I would leave the place with a heavy heart.

I had the most stable upbringing imaginable: church, grammar school, family, university and employment. Quite the opposite from those I was meeting in prison – both men and women. I have visited New Hall women's prison several times and found it even more heart-wrenching than the men's. Yet despite my privileged start in life I have behaved selfishly in the extreme. I have made the most abysmal, laughable life choices. I have trampled on people's feelings and caused hurt to others in order to get myself out of the holes I never should have been in! And yet the prisoners and staff can't thank me enough for bothering to join them each Sunday. They hold me in high regard like some kind of angel! I am constantly mindful of a verse in Paul's first letter to Timothy in the New Testament – *"Christ came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the worst. But for that very reason I was shown mercy – so that in me, the worst of sinners,*



*Christ might display his immense patience for all those who would believe and receive.”*

I feel truly honoured to have had this work. To know that you're in the right place where you're supposed to be is such a feeling of peace and fulfilment. Whether you believe in destiny, fate, God, Lady Luck or something else or nothing at all it's still the best feeling in the world to have found “home” and to know that you're supporting and helping others – and I wish this peace and satisfaction in the life of each of you reading this.

Jill Ramsden

## Living in Love and Faith

All around us we see changing understandings of human identity, changing patterns in relationships and families, changing sexual attitudes and activity, which helps to explain why questions about gender and sexuality appeared on the UK census for the first time this year. Against this backdrop the Church of England has for several years now been wrestling with what it means for followers of Jesus to walk in love and holiness today.

A report, Living in Love and Faith was published in the autumn of 2020 and this has developed into a 5-session course by the same name. I have taken the course as part of a group from across the Diocese during Lent and found the material and the conversations that the material prompted to be very helpful.

I intend to run it for St James' folks after Easter. If you are interested, please do get in touch – it will be useful to gauge interest at the planning stage. And if you're keen you can find a host of information here: <https://www.churchofengland.org/resources/living-love-and-faith>.

Jonathan

## The Frésards: The Prequel

As promised, here is the story of how Janet and Pascal received God's call to serve Him in Africa, in the work of Bible translation and developing minority languages. The story illustrates the hymn writer's words – "God moves in a mysterious way, His wonders to perform".

Janet believed it was God's will for her to become a nurse and she enrolled as a student nurse at the Queen Elizabeth II Hospital, Welwyn Garden City. She was enjoying her training until one day she injured her back badly, whilst trying to prevent a patient from falling. We drove over to bring her home as she lay on a board in the car and then spent several weeks flat on her back. Clearly nursing was no longer an option. What was God's plan for her now? During this time, she attended a Christian camp where she made a commitment to serve God 'wherever, whenever and however' He called her.

In February 1984, I went on a course at the TV Centre in Bushey for clergy to learn media skills. One of the participants was a Vicar called John Carroll (his daughter, Joy, was the clergy person on whom the 'Vicar of Dibley' was based). John told us about a Ugandan Church leader he had to meet at Gatwick airport who was on a visit from a small Canadian Mission called Emmanuel International. E.I. was founded by a Canadian couple to train young people to serve around the world bringing people the Good News of Jesus alongside simple development projects. John Carroll was the UK director for E.I. As I talked with John, it occurred to me that it might be possible for Janet to join E.I. for a period, since she was praying about what God wanted her to do following her recovery. Suffice to say, Janet ended up serving for a year in Uganda, after three months' training in Canada. In December 1984 she went to live in a village called Patongo, in north-eastern Uganda, 400 miles from the capital. She joined a team of six who, in turn, mentored six Ugandans in basic development skills and evangelism. In 1985, Yvonne and I spent three-and-a-half weeks seeing the work and sharing some of her experiences.

There were two outcomes of her year spent in Uganda: she fell in love with Africa and its people, and also realised she needed some qualification to offer. Knowing that the needs of children in Africa are very great, she enrolled on an NNEB Course at East Surrey College thinking she would maybe serve in an orphanage somewhere in Africa. Little did she know that the skills learnt would actually be put to good use in raising and home schooling her own 4 children several years later! In Reigate, she joined a lively evangelical Anglican church, who would support her in prayer and finance in her future work. She duly qualified as a Nursery



Nurse and worked for a year in the maternity unit of Queen Mary's Hospital, Roehampton.

Janet recognised that before she could serve long term in Mission, she needed a greater Biblical and theological understanding. She next enrolled for 2 years at 'All Nations Christian College' in Hertfordshire. Whilst there, she heard about the work of Wycliffe Bible Translators and discovered, to her great surprise, that God had given her linguistic skills! During a short placement in Senegal, West Africa, Janet heard about the Karoninka people and immediately knew that this was where God wanted her to serve Him. After a year of linguistic training at the Wycliffe Centre in High Wycombe, Janet embarked on the last stage of her training – improving her French since this was Senegal's official language. She opted to spend a year at language school in Switzerland living with an elderly lady called Hermine, who wouldn't allow Janet to speak a word of English from day one!

Shortly before she finished, a certain young Swiss postman called Pascal came on the horizon. He worked in Neuchatel and was a leader in a Christian youth group. He had served on a summer Mission in Europe with Operation Mobilisation (O.M.) where he had responded to Brother Andrew's challenge to commit himself to serving God 'wherever, whenever and however'! Since then, he was seeking God's will for his life and his heart was turned towards Eastern Europe or even Siberia – a previous experience in Africa had convinced him he was definitely not called to serve there!

Their paths crossed and a romance blossomed. It was clear that they both had a strong desire to serve God by taking his Good News to 'unreached' people groups, and that together they had complementary gifts. However, Janet had just completed several years of preparation to go and serve with Wycliffe as a linguist and Bible translator. Pascal's gifts were more pastoral and, at first glance, didn't seem to 'fit' into the Wycliffe mould.

Janet set off in 1994 to work in Senegal and Pascal invested a year in learning English in a language school run by O.M. in Rhyl, Wales. At that time, we were in a parish in Stockport and he stayed with us many weekends. In fact we saw him more often and knew more about him than Janet, who was in Africa! It was an amazing time – Yvonne speaks no French, and my own French was only schoolboy stuff, admittedly to 'A' Level GCE standard (but over 20 years past). It was wonderful to see how Yvonne and Pascal were able to communicate so easily in non-verbal ways, whereas it was a crash revision course for my French. We came to know and love him well, and were delighted to have him as our son-in-law.



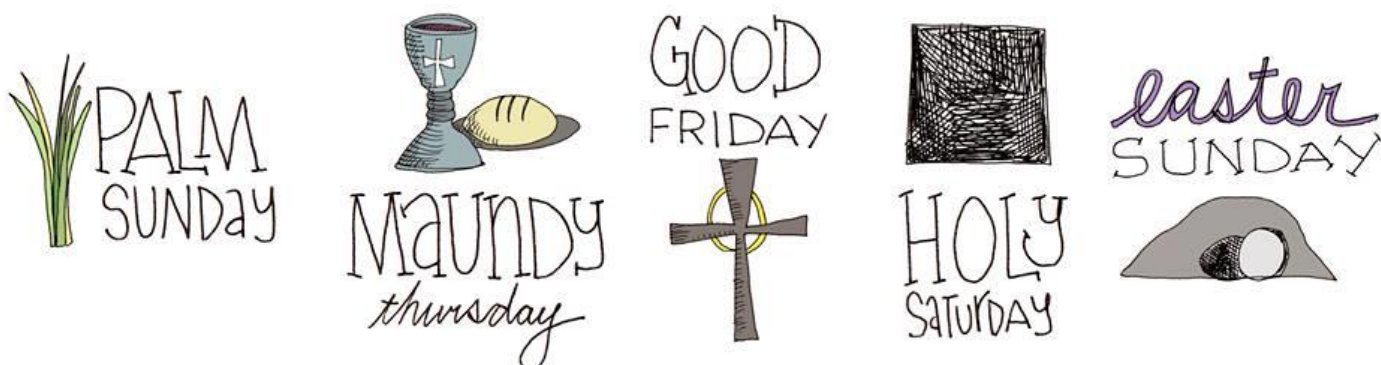
Pascal went for a short visit to Senegal to see the work for himself and they visited the Karoninka people for the first time. Their hearts were moved by these people so in need of the Gospel, but Pascal still didn't feel called to join Wycliffe. Convinced that God had a plan for them together in His service, Janet resigned from Wycliffe and they were married in 1995 in Reigate, Surrey. They went to live in Switzerland and Pascal returned to his job at the Post Office.



Three months later, Pascal revealed that God had been working in his heart – he was convinced that the best gift he could bring to an unreached people group was God's Word in their language. After that, he realised that Wycliffe needed people with his pastoral, networking skills, not just linguists. Within a year, he resigned from his job and embarked on several years of training. Pascal and Janet joined Wycliffe and, in 2000, set off for Senegal and The Gambia to serve among the Karoninka people, with 3 young children in tow (with a 4<sup>th</sup> joining the family in 2003)!

Let me add a coda to this story. It is amazing how God's plans were gradually uncovered from Janet's accident onwards. He was already working on plan 'B' and 'C' etc: with my TV Course, Janet's time in Uganda, Pascal's seeking God's path. As someone once said; "The stops as well as the steps of a person's life are all part of God's plan."

Brian Lipscombe





# 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***

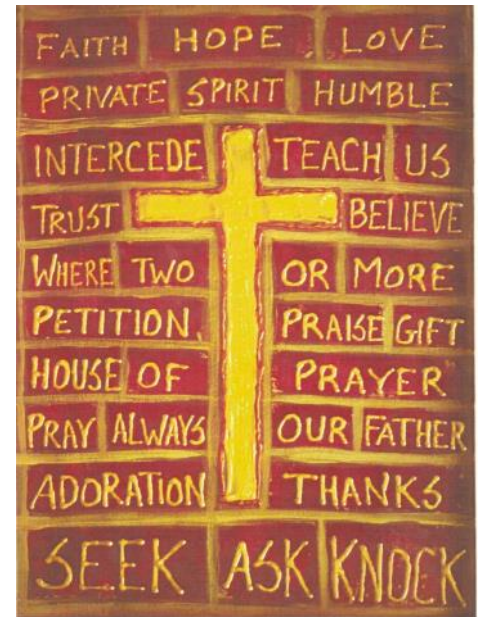
- ◆ Sunday Services
- ◆ Children's Activities
- ◆ Jonathan Cain, our Vicar; wife Rebecca; children Nic, Arthur, Charlie and Bill
- ◆ PAFRAS and the Manuel Bravo project
- ◆ A Rocha and the environment

## ***Monday***

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

## ***Tuesday***

- ◆ Music at St James
- ◆ Uniformed Organisations
- ◆ PCC (2nd Tuesday of the 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](mailto:office@stjameswoodside.org)***



## Church Calendar

Please see the church website [www.stjameswoodside.org](http://www.stjameswoodside.org) for more details of virtual services taking place during the coronavirus pandemic.

Sunday 11.04.21 2nd Sunday of Easter	09.00	Morning Prayer	Psalm 22:20-end; Isaiah 53:6-12 Romans 4:13-25
	10.30	Pre-recorded YouTube	Acts 4:32-35; John 20:19-end
	16.00	Messy Church	
	19.00	Blessing of the Light	Isaiah 26:1-9,19
Sunday 18.04.21 3rd Sunday of Easter	09.00	Morning Prayer	Psalm 77:11-20; Isaiah 63:7-15 1 Corinthians 10:1-13
	10.00	Kid's Church on Zoom	
	10.30	Pre-recorded YouTube	Acts 3:12-19; Luke 24:36b-48
	19.00	Blessing of the Light	Deuteronomy 7:7-13
Sunday 25.04.21 4th Sunday of Easter	09.00	Morning Prayer	Psalm 119:89-96 Nehemiah 7:73b-8:12 Luke 24:25-32
	10.30	Pre-recorded YouTube	Acts 4:5-12; John 10:11-18
	19.00	Blessing of the Light	Exodus 16:4-15
Sunday 02.05.21 5th Sunday of Easter	09.00	Holy Communion (BCP)	James 1:17-21; John 16:5-15
	10.30	Pre-recorded YouTube	Acts 8:26-end; John 15:1-8
	19.00	Blessing of the Light	Isaiah 60:1-14
Sunday 09.05.21 6th Sunday of Easter	09.00	Morning Prayer	Psalm 104:26-32; Ezekiel 47:1-12 John 21:1-19
	10.30	Pre-recorded YouTube	Acts 10:44-end; John 15:9-17
	16.00	Messy Church	
	19.00	Blessing of the Light	Song of Solomon 4:16-5:2; 8:6-7
Thursday 13.05.21 Ascension	19.30	Holy Communion in church and on Zoom?	Acts 1:1-11; Luke 24:44-end
Sunday 16.05.21 7th Sunday of Easter	09.00	Morning Prayer	Psalm 76; Isaiah 14:3-15 Revelation 14:1-13
	10.00	Kid's Church on Zoom	
	10.30	Pre-recorded YouTube	Acts 1:15-17,21-end John 17:6-19
	19.00	Blessing of the Light	Isaiah 61

## Church Calendar (continued)

Sunday 23.05.21 Pentecost	09.00	Morning Prayer	Psalm 145; Isaiah 11:1-9 1 Corinthians 12:1-14
	10.30	Holy Communion in church and on Zoom?	Acts 2:1-21 John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15
	10.30	Pre-recorded YouTube (Livestream)	Acts 2:1-21 John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15
	19.00	Blessing of the Light	Acts 2:22-38
Sunday 30.05.21 Trinity Sunday	09.00	Morning Prayer	Psalm 33:1-12; Proverbs 8:1-4,22-31 2 Corinthians 13:11-end
	10.30	Pre-recorded YouTube	Romans 8:12-17; John 3:1-17
	19.00	Blessing of the Light	Ezekiel 1:4-10,22-28a
Sunday 06.06.21 1st Sunday after Trinity	09.00	Holy Communion (BCP)	1 John 4:7-end; Luke 16:19-end
	10.30	Pre-recorded YouTube	2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1; Mark 3:20-end
	19.00	Blessing of the Light	Romans 9:1-13
Sunday 13.06.21 2nd Sunday after Trinity	09.00	Morning Prayer	Psalms 42,43;Deuteronomy 10:12-11:1 Acts 23:12-35
	10.30	Pre-recorded YouTube	2 Corinthians 5:6-10,14-17 Mark 4:26-34
	16.00	Messy Church	
	19.00	Blessing of the Light	Romans 9:14-26
Sunday 20.06.21 3rd Sunday after Trinity	09.00	Morning Prayer	Psalm 48; Deuteronomy 11:1-15 Acts 27:1-12
	10.00	Kid's Church on Zoom	
	10.30	Pre-recorded YouTube	2 Corinthians 6:1-13; Mark 4:35-41
	19.00	Blessing of the Light	Romans 11:25-36
Sunday 27.06.21 4th Sunday after Trinity	09.00	Morning Prayer	Psalm 56; Deuteronomy 15:1-11 Acts 27:33-end
	10.30	Holy Communion	2 Corinthians 8:7-end; Mark 5:21-end
	19.00	Blessing of the Light	Romans 13:1-10

## 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
- ◆ 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
- ◆ CPAS and Arrow
- ◆ Jo Glenwright (training for ordination)



# Mara Safe House

**This is an email update from Melina, who came to St James' in 2018. Melina has recently had a baby girl (Caren), and has just returned to work from her maternity leave.**

*Rebecca writes: Please read the article below, so you get an update on the Safe House, and the ways in which it is trying to support itself, with for example chair and table hire. It would be my hope that we at St James' can support the Safe House in other ways – to help support projects so that it can continue to raise funds for its activities. I'm in touch with Melina to see how we might do this.*

*Melina writes:* The Safe House is doing okay, and the girls are continuing to attend school as usual. We now have 27 girls and we continue taking them back to their homes, when we can. Last year in November five girls completed their year four in secondary school and fortunately all of them have passed the final examination. Two of them will be able to join A level and three of them will be able to join colleges. All these girls are back to their families.

Also last year also we had two girls who sat for standard seven National examination and all of them successfully passed to join year one in secondary school. One girl was taken back to her family and the other is still here at the Safe House.

We are continuing to sensitise girls and create awareness of humanity and gender equity among parents whenever we get opportunity to do so, for instance when some of them come to visit their children, or when we attend different functions that commemorate different events. For instance on the 08 of March it was "International Women's Day", and we attended celebration the function at Mbalibali village which was prepared by Serengeti District Council. In the event we were able to talk to girls, women and men, and our girls were able to sing songs to portray the message to the community. This is helpful because the community not only get the message from us but also from the government and other Non-government Organisation. I have attached pictures.

*Melina goes on to thank Oriel – a member of the Tanzanian Link Committee for fund raising:*

Oriel, apart from all the good news, we also have to thank you for things you have been doing to the Safe House and the Diocese. Having chairs have been a blessing to the Safe House. We are able to hire them to different people and get some income. It is very small income because of small number of chairs we have but the small amount we get is very useful to accomplish girls day to day needs like buying books, socks, fuel, replacing bulb and other small maintenance.

We hire one chair for TZS 300 so if a person hires 100 chairs we get TZS 30,000 per day equivalent to about £10. It is a very small amount but it is very useful than having

nothing. We can hire twice a week if the season is good and sometime once a month depending on the season.

So we have all the reason to thank you all for supporting us. We are planning to buy more chairs and tables when we get enough money, as it is our plan to have small projects to raise fund for the Safe House.



Photos show the girls speaking at International Women's Day, and the chairs that the Safe House are hiring out.



There are a number of small projects the safe house wish to do this year. To put our projects into action, we had training on how to make briquette and making flower pots. I have attached pictures.





We are also in the process of building a small house for chickens, we wish to start our poultry project in April this year. Girls are very happy to engage themselves in doing different things. Please pray for us so that these projects bring success and change to our Safe House and the Diocese.

Reported by Rebecca Cain

# Horsforth Shed - a Community Workshop

In the spring 2019 the St James' Parish Church Council took the decision to repurpose the redundant Scout Hut to serve the local area as a community workshop. The Covid outbreak in the spring of 2020 means that this is still a work in progress. But despite the virus real progress has been made both on the inside and outside of the building.



We continue to be amazed and encouraged by the way the project has attracted support from both individuals and organisations. Our team of volunteers have done a significant amount of the work saving an estimated £40,000 in labour charges. In the first year it was the financial support from the PCC (£10,000) and individual donations (£11,000) that got the project underway. Since then, we have received grants of a further £38,000 from a variety of organisations so all the renovation costs are completely covered. Equipping the workshop will cost an estimated £12,500 and so we are applying for further grants at the moment. For more information please have a look at our website [www.horsforthshed.co.uk](http://www.horsforthshed.co.uk)

As the pictures shows on the outside the cladding is almost complete which together with the new door has transformed the appearance of the building. It also shows the new raised pavement alongside the building and the paved seating area outside at the front. With both the roof and walls now insulated, the building should be much cosier. Inside, the work on the kitchen and social area are virtually complete and now simply need tables and chairs to make this ready for use. We are now at the stage of starting to equip the workshop and we have already been donated quite a lot of tools and equipment. We are seeking grants to get all the equipment we need and so far have raised £5,500 towards the £12,500 target.

We hope to be able to complete the work and be ready to open the doors by the time the covid restrictions are fully eased. It is great to see that part of the mission of St James' is to provide this resource for the whole community and we extend our sincere thanks for the support we have received.

Pete Gillions (on behalf of the whole team)

## Update on George in Tanzania

As you may recollect Lynne, Ruth, Jonathan and I went over to Tanzania to see George in Tanzania just over a year ago. It showed us how deeply connected he is with all sorts of people and the value he places on relationships and the community.

Whilst George is still the Academic Dean at St Johns University in Dodoma, unfortunately the University has struggled financially resulting in staff salaries not being paid. So since January 2021 George has also been appointed to the post of Chaplain at Canon Andrea Mwaka International School for two days a week. Although the salary for this post is small, at least it gives them a dependable source of income.



George's clear gifting and service has also been recognised in two other ways. On the 14<sup>th</sup> February he was appointed Canon in a service at St John's Cathedral in Musoma. So he is now entitled the Rev. Canon Dr George Otieno!

Secondly, following the death in September last year of Bishop John Adiema of Rorya Diocese, George has been nominated as a candidate for the post. He is one of three shortlisted candidates and is presently visiting parishes with Happy. The practice in Tanzania is that the three candidates present themselves to the parishes who then vote for who they prefer, subject to approval of the other Bishops.

George lives out his faith in very challenging circumstances. He tells me that he will never forget the hospitality and support he received from the good folk of St James. And in more recent days it has been a privilege for us to be able to continue to partner him in his ministry and support him to visit the parishes. On his behalf may I extend his heartfelt thanks to all who have supported him in whatever way.

Finally, please uphold George and Happy in your prayers at this important time.

Pete Gillions



## Poetry Corner

**The Lord has done it this very day; let us rejoice today and be glad.' (Psalm 118:24)**

This very day  
This is the day  
the Lord has made:  
this day; today;  
it is the only day we have.  
Yesterday and tomorrow  
are imaginings of vapour;  
today as real as an unfolding smile  
or a breaking bone.  
Whatever darkness this day brings,  
whatever radiance,  
whatever quaking or stillness  
sorrow or astonishment  
anxiety or boredom or delight;  
this is the day the Lord has made,  
I will rejoice,  
and be glad in it.

**Gideon Heugh**

(Taken from Tear Fund's Lent readings  
2021)

**The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands. Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they reveal knowledge.' (Psalm 19:1-2)**

Hope  
You don't need to create  
your own hope –  
the sky is full of it.  
Wake up early one day  
(I dare you)  
and watch the sun rise,  
watch how it encourages the Earth  
to become itself, only more so,  
watch how it allows all things

(even the sad beings)  
to be colourful, and beautiful,  
then listen,  
listen as it says  
quietly, but undoubtedly,  
'We begin again.'

**Gideon Heugh**

(Taken from Tear Fund's Lent readings  
2021)

**You make known to me the path of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence.' (Psalm 16:11)**

A song thrush makes the poet think of God  
After perhaps fifteen minutes or so  
I gave up looking for the song thrush;  
not because I am impatient  
(though there is that)  
not because I didn't want my coffee to get cold

(though there is that);  
no, it is because I realised  
that as long as I was searching  
I was not listening;  
as long as my mind was grasping  
my heart was not receiving;  
as long as my eyes were straining  
to find the source of the music  
I could not stop  
to revel in the fact  
that there should be music at all.

**Gideon Heugh**

(Taken from Tear Fund's Lent readings  
2021)

# Recipe Corner

## **Sweet and Sour Pork** serves 4-6

1.5 lb pork cubes	2 oz sugar
1 onion	4 tbsp wine vinegar
1 apple	2 tbsp Worcester sauce
1 green pepper	1 level tbsp cornflour, slaked in the tomato juice
2 oz margarine	Bay leaf & salt & pepper
1 tin of tomatoes (drained, but keep the juice)	

Fry meat in margarine (or butter if you prefer) for 20 mins to brown. Place browned meat in a casserole dish. Fry the chopped onion, pepper and apple for 5 mins until softened. Add the sugar, sauce, vinegar, drained tomatoes and bay leaf. Bring to the boil. Add cornflour and tomato juice mixture and bring to the boil again, to cook the cornflour. Pour over meat and cook in oven at 350F/180C/GM3 for 45 - 60 mins, until the meat is tender.

## **Family Fish Pie** serves 4

1 lb coley or other white fish	salt and pepper
1/2 pt milk	1/4 lb frozen peas, defrosted
1 oz butter	Hard-boiled egg (optional)
1 oz flour	1 lb mashed potatoes

Put the fish in a large saucepan and cover with the milk. Poach for 10 minutes or until the fish is cooked through. Lift out the fish, remove bones and flake the fish. Reserve the milk for the sauce. Heat the butter in a saucepan, stir in the flour and cook for 2 minutes. Gradually add the milk and bring to the boil, stirring constantly. Remove from the heat. Stir in the fish and chopped hard-boiled egg, if using, and season. Pour into buttered baking dish. Cover with peas and spread the potato on top. Dot with butter. Bake for 30 minutes or so at 400F/200C.

Alison



# 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



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Network Leeds is about internal communication within the Christian Community. It's a website space for congregations, people and projects of all denominations to share events, news, and job vacancies.

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**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.

**Send Collective and Hidden Christmas**  
Recommended resources by Network Leeds

**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.

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

**About My Area**  
About My Area is excited to be partnering with Network Leeds

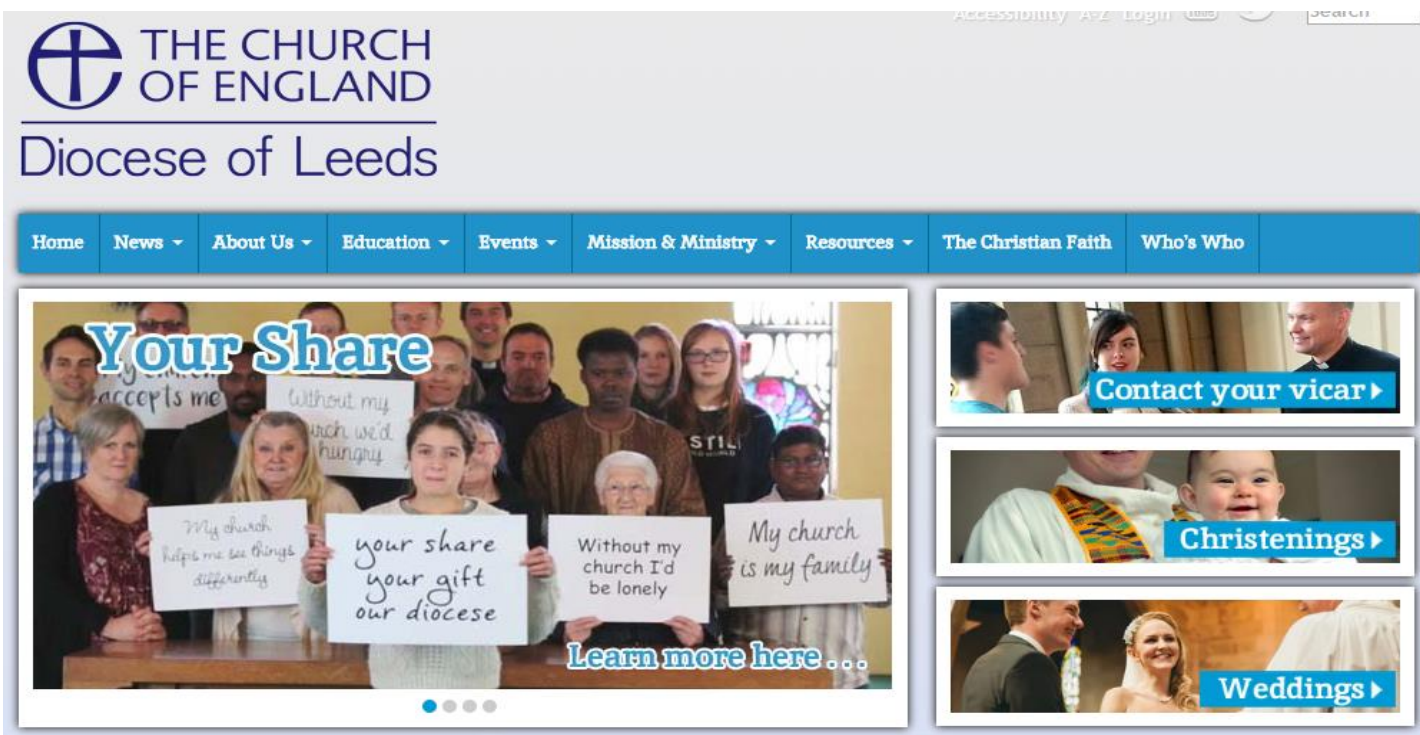
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**ST GEORGE'S CHURCH** - [www.stgs.org.uk](http://www.stgs.org.uk) has online services at 10.30 every Sunday and stream morning and evening prayer liturgy at 9am and 9pm on their Facebook page.

**LIGHTHOUSE:** Daily Meditation from Jonathan Swales , search for @LighthouseWY or [www.lighthousewestyorkshire.org.uk](http://www.lighthousewestyorkshire.org.uk)

**CHURCH OF ENGLAND:** Daily prayer app available from Google Play etc



**ALPHA:** Bible in a year app <http://www.bibleinoneyear.org/>

## SPRING HARVEST HOME

Spring Harvest (4—8 April) is again coming to our living rooms live this year, and you can watch and take part via the YouTube link here.

[www.youtube.com/user/SpringHarvest](http://www.youtube.com/user/SpringHarvest)

## **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](http://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](http://www.biblegateway.com)

## **SCRIPTURE UNION WORD LIVE**

*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 keep your favourite bits in the bookmark section to return to time and again. You can receive and access *WordLive* in a variety of ways: by email, RSS or through your mobile phone. [www.wordlive.org](http://www.wordlive.org)

## **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](http://www.christianity.org.uk)

## **DIOCESE OF LEEDS**

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. [www.leeds.anglican.org](http://www.leeds.anglican.org)

## **THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND**

A Christian presence in every community. [www.churchofengland.org](http://www.churchofengland.org)

## **ST JAMES WEBSITE**

[www.stjameswoodside.org](http://www.stjameswoodside.org)

**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.**

*I Timothy 3:16-17*

## Registers for January—March 2021

Funeral: 15 March : Gladys Winifred Bean

### **St James' Life:**

I am now collating articles for the Church Magazine  
so please let me have any articles for the Summer  
Edition by **13 June**.

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