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Regular Events [non-church affiliated in grey]

| Sunday | Services at 09.00 and 10.30 in church. | Time |
|------------------|---|--------------|
| Monday | Number Train (<i>term time</i>) | 09.30, 11.00 |
| | Annette Peterson - 07852 989523 | 13.00 |
| | WI (<i>3rd Monday of month</i>) | 18.30 |
| | Pat Spencer - 0113 2587062 | |
| | Yoga | 19.00 |
| | Emma Clayton—07741 487565 | |
| Tuesday | Hatha Yoga | 19:00 |
| | Barbara Sylwestrowicz 07894707608 | |
| | PCC (<i>bi-monthly</i>) | 19.30 |
| | | |
| Wednesday | Pilates Class | 11.45 |
| | Emma Jakubowski—07789 960132 | |
| | Brownies (<i>term time</i>) | 18.30 |
| | Anne Culverwell 0113 230 0513 | |
| Thursday | Number Train (<i>term time</i>) | 09:30, 11:00 |
| | Annette Peterson - 07852 989523 | |
| | Yoga Class | 18:00 |
| | Caroline Young 07525 749444 | |
| | Pilates (<i>term time</i>) | 19:30 |
| | Catherine Hewitt 07530 058377 | |
| Friday | Jane Suggitt 07795 034115 | 13:30 |
| | Pop-up Café (<i>second Friday of month</i>) | |
| | Church Office: 258 4558 | 10:00 |
| Saturday | Dance Class (<i>term time</i>) | |
| | Lynne Malone - 07722 672679 | 10.30 |
| | Jane Suggitt 07795 034115 | |
| | Pop-up Café (<i>second Friday of month</i>) | 10:00 |
| | Church Office: 0113 258 4558 | |
| Saturday | Dance Class | 10.30 |
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If you are interested in any of the activities, please contact the leader directly.

Welcome to St James' Life from Jonathan, the Vicar



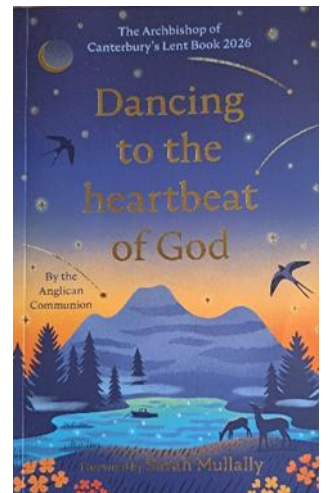
[“By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”](#)

JOHN 13:35

Friends

Welcome to this edition of St James' Life. As ever, I hope you find the contents an encouraging reflection of our life together under God.

During Lent it has become a habit for me to read the Archbishop of Canterbury's Lent Book, which this year is called, 'Dancing to the heartbeat of God'. Each short chapter provides a reflection from someone in the Global Anglican Communion about an aspect of their life and ministry. It is good to read their stories and to be reminded that, whatever differences of geography, culture and even theology, we are all sisters and brothers in God's family.



One chapter that struck a particular chord was offered by Bishop Anashuya Fletcher, who is Sri Lankan born, but serving the Church in New Zealand. The chapter title is *A compelling community*. +Anashuya tells the story of a family who, after the dad's dramatic conversion experience, journeyed with a church community where she was a local minister. This family had a complex history, including debilitating mental health episodes and wider family conflict, and their attendance was sporadic and a little chaotic, but they were always welcomed at the church with love and compassion. Years later +Anashuya returned to the church and bumped into the mum. She writes:

“Here she was, part of the hospitality team – serving, contributing and hosting others. Her whole being radiated a confidence and a non-anxious presence. It's hard to overstate the contrast with the woman we met years ago. She is a living testament to the slow but miraculous transforming power of God in her life.”

It is the nature of parish churches that we receive visitors – some one-off, some sporadic, some even chaotic. When we receive a visitor at St James', what do they find? Well, my view might be less than objective, but visitors do receive a warm welcome from a compassionate community of people trying to follow Jesus. And this is compelling. We may not always see the fruits of our welcome and

hospitality but be encouraged that a compelling community provides space for the slow and miraculous transforming power of God.

May God bless you richly

Jonathan

Prayer

Loving and gracious God,

we thank you that through your Spirit you draw us together as one.

Empower us by that same Spirit to reflect your love to friend, foe and stranger alike.

Continue your transforming work within us, that we may become a compelling community – a living witness to the love, hope, joy and newness of life found only in you.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The Start Course – what is it and who is it for?

The Start Course is a simple, engaging way to explore the Christian faith.

This six-session, DVD-based course is designed for small groups and assumes no prior knowledge of Christianity or church life — it really does start from scratch.

Each session lasts about 90 minutes and includes:

- **Two short, lively video segments** filmed in fun, relatable locations like Blackpool beach, a fairground, and a shopping centre.
- **Interactive discussions & exercises** that get everyone talking and thinking.
- **Space for reflection** so participants can explore faith at their own pace.

Start! is down-to-earth and has been a hit across the UK and overseas, bringing the Christian story to life in a fresh and honest way.

The good news is that we are planning to run this at St James', on six Monday evenings commencing 15 June. If this is for you, or someone you know, contact the Vicar: Jonathan.cain@leeds.anglican.org; 07375 557804.

Try Praying

27 MILLION ADULTS IN THE UK PRAY.

10 MILLION PRAY REGULARLY.

HALF OF THOSE WHO PRAY BELIEVE GOD HEARS THEIR PRAYERS.

OF PEOPLE WHO SAY THEY ARE NOT RELIGIOUS 1 IN 5 PRAY.

These statistics have been gathered by an organisation call trypraying and they have produced a 7-day prayer guide. It's been used by hundreds of thousands of people to date, and we are delighted that many at St James' have taken up the opportunity to use the prayer guide themselves. If you would like a copy of the prayer guide, there are adult, children and teen editions available at the back of St James'.



Dawn to Dusk Prayer Vigil

Inspired by the annual invitation from the ecumenical movement called Thy Kingdom Come to pray intentionally between Ascension and Pentecost, the PCC have elected to hold **a prayer vigil between 5am and 9pm on Tuesday 19 May.**

We are hopeful that many will feel inspired to spend an hour or more as we pray for our community and the world. Please do make a note of the date and look out for information on our website and the weekly notice sheet.



APCM, PCC and Deanery Synod Vacancies

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting will take place after morning worship on Sunday 26 April. In addition to the formalities, the occasion provides an opportunity to reflect on and celebrate the life of God's Church at St James'.

During the meeting we will elect two church wardens, up to three representatives

to Deanery Synod and up to six PCC members.

Do please come along to the APCM if you are able, read the Annual Report which is a record of our year together under God, and pray for the Wardens and PCC as they continue to lead God's Church in our place.

Note: The PCC plan to publish their Trustees Annual Report for 2025 on Easter Day, 05 April and a copy will be posted on the church website. Continuing our recent practice we do not plan to bulk print the document this year, but we will print to order at either A5 size or A4 size (large print). Please do contact the Church Office if you would like a copy.

Many thanks
Jonathan.

Whole church family events coming up...

Picnic at Bolton Abbey



On Sunday 12th July we are planning a picnic lunch, leaving straight after church, at Bolton Abbey. We will plan some games and enjoy the beautiful countryside. It is a great opportunity to get to know new people and deepen friendships with others. If the weather is inclement, we have use of the Boyle Room at Bolton Priory as a base. So please keep the day free and come and join us.

Scargill House weekend away 18th-20th June 2027

Following the success of our last weekend away at Cober Hill we have taken the plunge and booked another one! This time it will be at Scargill House, a beautiful community retreat centre located in the heart of the Yorkshire Dales near Kettlewell. <https://scargillmovement.org/>



It is a lovely, peaceful place to spend the weekend and enjoy the beauty of God's creation providing a chance to rest, reflect and grow together as a church family. We will be hosted by the Scargill community who will provide delicious meals and offer some teaching – both an adult and children's programme. There will also be plenty of time for relaxing and having fun too! The accommodation is single or double rooms.

Everyone is welcome! Please note it's 18th-20th June 2027 so lots of time to plan and keep the date free!

Bethlehem Groups – what are they and why should you be part of one?

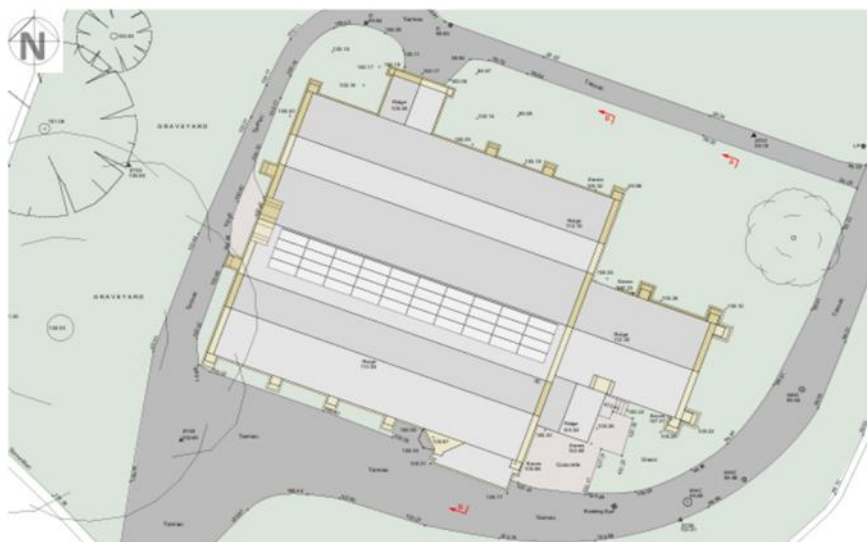
The Christian faith understands life to be an “accompanied journey”. We journey both with Christ and with our companions in faith. It is not an individual pursuit. The Bethlehem Groups create spaces of belonging and encouragement where people can deepen faith, build relationships and encounter Jesus together away from the business of life away from the business of life. So how does this work in practice?

- The groups run for six weekly sessions and typically look at a book from the Bible.
- These six weekly sessions occur at various times throughout the year, usually on four or five occasions.
- They operate at different times in the day and evening to make sure that everyone can come along at a time convenient to them.
- In addition to prayer and Bible study group explore how they can look outwards in acts of service, for example by providing hospitality or seeking justice.

The term ‘Bethlehem Groups’ points to the town of Bethlehem being a place where all sort of people encountered Jesus. As we encounter Jesus together, we deepen our relationship with each other and by doing so can help bear one another burdens and rejoice with those who rejoice. I would encourage everyone to give it a go!

Pete Gillions

Solar panels at St James’, the masterplan and funding



Roof plan indicating the proposed position for solar panels on the nave roof.

Readers of St James’ Life will remember the PCC’s plans to complete an internal reordering of St James’ to address certain limitations – accessibility, heating and lighting, sight lines, facilities – and to make the building suitable for use 7-days per week. These plans seek to honour the past and look to the future.

A first step in these redevelopment plans was completed in 2024, with the replacement of the chancel roof and repairs and repointing of the chancel walls. During those works our suspicion that the remainder of the church roof is life-expired and needing replacement were confirmed, and so the PCC has been working on proposals to replace the remainder of the roof.

Roof works provide an opportunity to install solar panels at St James', which would make a valuable contribution to reducing our energy costs and carbon emissions. The PCC's plans include for the installation of solar panels to the southern slopes of the nave and south aisle.

The roof and solar project achieved a major milestone at the end of 2025, when the Chancellor of the Diocese of Leeds, Professor Mark Hill KC, granted a Faculty for the works. His permission supersedes the requirement for Listed Building Consent and was an encouragement following the disappointing decision taken by the Leeds City Council Planning Department earlier in 2025 to refuse planning permission. We have been further encouraged by Local Councillors and various environmental groups to apply for planning permission again. As we go to print our roof and solar project is before Leeds Planners once again and we pray for a positive outcome.

The estimated cost of the roof and solar project is £250,000 and the PCC are in a position to allocate £150,000 of PCC funds towards it – we are 60% of the way there! The PCC will seek to raise the balance of the funds via grant applications, fundraising events and a Parish Gift Day.

Please do continue to pray for the PCC as we seek to be good stewards of the church building and plan a sustainable future for St James'.



Messy Church—looking back with thankfulness and forward with hope

After around 13 years (none of us can remember exactly how long!) of crazy crafts, lots of gluing, loud singing, great food and chaotic joy, we celebrated our final Messy Church session on Mothering Sunday. It was a great afternoon full of activity and a fitting finale. It was lovely to have a number of teenagers who had grown up through Messy Church join us. A few of them have been regular helpers on the craft tables over recent years (Thanks to Daniel, Issy, Hatty and Chloe). We celebrated mothers with various crafts and we also thanked God for the way he has blessed this ministry over the years whilst also remembering that God has good plans for us in the future (Jeremiah 33:11)



We are incredibly grateful to all the families who've been part of the journey. We hope our Messy Church has been a place where all have felt welcome, bringing people together for a mix of creativity, celebration, and hospitality. We've seen God in the midst of the noise and sometimes chaos! We have explored a lot of Bible stories over the years and have had some 'holy moments' with children 'wondering' and engaging in prayer.

The poster we made about our best bits of Messy Church.

We also celebrate the countless hours given by the volunteers who set up tables, prepared and delivered activities, cooked meals and washed dishes. A huge thank you to everyone who has made Messy Church possible. Many people have stepped in to help but there have been some particularly faithful servants who've been there since the beginning. Christine Lazenby has come up with new craft ideas each month, Alison Pickford has prepared and served hundreds of meals (especially good puddings!), John Pickford has registered everyone and Dave Thrussell, Brian and Yvonne Lipscombe and Lynne Gillions have put up with some very tricky crafts!

Even though the Messy Church chapter has come to a close for the time being we remain committed to St James' being a place of welcome to families, a place to encounter Jesus and a place to find community – no matter how messy life gets. We have a few ideas bubbling of how we might engage with our community in Woodside so keep your eyes and ears open for where God leads us next!

Broadgate Primary School at St James'



On Thursday 26 March it was good to welcome 49 Year 1 children from Broadgate Primary School for a series of Easter activities. Jo Bailey told the story of Holy Week and encouraged the children to reflect on which episodes were sad and which were happy. Lynne Gillions led the children in a hunt for jigsaw pieces in the churchyard – each jigsaw was a picture from Holy Week. And Sue Toepritz supervised a craft activity. The children behaved beautifully and really engaged with the Easter story.

We love hosting visits from Broadgate and are always looking for opportunities that will enhance the school curriculum and share something of the Christian faith. Visits so far this year:

Baptism with Y1 and Y2.

Remembrance with Y5.

Christmas Carol Service with Y5 and Y6.

Holy Week and Easter with Y1.



Photographs provided by the school and included with parental consent.

Tanzania 2026

St James' has two links with the Anglican Church in Tanzania. George Otieno worshipped at St James' between 2014 and 2018 while studying for a doctorate – he remains in contact with several of his friends in Woodside. Rebecca Cain is the link officer between the Diocese of Leeds and a Safe House for women and girls in the Mara Diocese – members of the worshipping community at St James' make financial contributions to support the work of the Safe House.

In 2020, shortly before the global coronavirus pandemic, Jonathan, Ruth Dent and Lynne and Pete Gillions travelled to Tanzania with others from the Diocese of Leeds to meet with George and visit the Safe House.



Photos from our 2020 trip. Lynne, Pete, Jonathan and Ruth with George's mum; and St James' visit to the Safe House.

Rebecca and Jonathan will be leading a trip to Tanzania from the Diocese of Leeds in July/ August this year. They will be joined by +Malcolm, the recently installed Bishop of Wakefield and others from the Diocese, including Ruth Dent and Glenda Ingham from St James'. We will be catching up with George so feel free to pass us any messages for him.

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

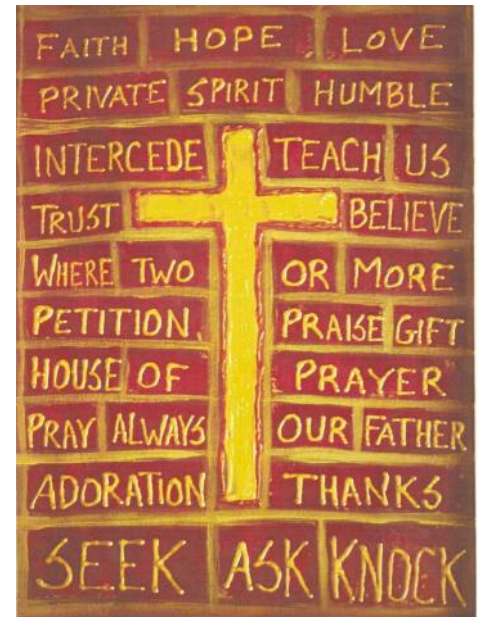
- ◆ Sunday Services
- ◆ Children's Activities
- ◆ Jonathan Cain, our Vicar; wife Rebecca; children Nic, Arthur, Bill and Charlie
- ◆ PAFRAS and the Manuel Bravo project
- ◆ A Rocha and the environment

Monday

- ◆ Our Church Wardens – Glenda and Lynne
- ◆ 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.

Church Calendar

| Date | Time | Service | Readings |
|-------------------------------------|-------|-----------------|---|
| Sunday 05.04.26 | 09.00 | Holy Communion | Acts 10:34-43 Matthew 28:1-10 |
| Collect: Easter Day | 10.30 | Holy Communion | Acts 10:34-43 Matthew 28:1-10 |
| Sunday 12.04.26 | 09.00 | Morning Prayer | Psalm 81:1-10 Acts 2:14a,22-32 John 20:19-end |
| Collect: 2nd Sunday of Easter | 10.30 | Holy Communion | Acts 2:14a,22-32 John 20:19-end |
| Sunday 19.04.26 | 09.00 | Holy Communion | Acts 2:14a,36-41 Luke 24:13-35 |
| Collect: 3rd Sunday of Easter | 10.30 | Morning Worship | Acts 2:14a,36-41 Luke 24:13-35 |
| Sunday 26.04.26 | 09.00 | Morning Prayer | Psalm 106:6-24 Acts 2:42-end John 10:1-10 |
| Collect: 4th Sunday of Easter | 10.30 | Holy Communion | Acts 2:42-end John 10:1-10 |
| Sunday 03.05.26 | 09.00 | Holy Communion | Acts 7:55-end John 14:1-14 |
| Collect: 5th Sunday of Easter | 10.30 | Morning Worship | Acts 7:55-end John 14:1-14 |

Church Calendar (continued)

| Date | Time | Service | Readings |
|---|-------|------------------|---|
| Sunday 10.05.26 | 09.00 | Morning Prayer | Psalm 73:21-28 Acts 17:22-31 John 14:15-21 |
| Collect: 6th Sunday of Easter | 10.30 | Holy Communion | Acts 17:22-31 John 14:15-21 |
| Thursday 14.05.26 | 19.30 | Holy Communion | Acts 1:1-11 Ephesians 1:15-end Luke 24:44-end |
| Collect: Ascension | | | |
| Sunday 17.05.26 | 09.00 | Holy Communion | Acts 1:6-14 John 17:1-11 |
| Collect: 7th Sunday of Easter | 10.30 | Morning Worship | Acts 1:6-14 John 17:1-11 |
| Sunday 24.05.26 | 09.00 | Morning Prayer | Psalm 87 Acts 2:1-21 John 7:37-39 |
| Collect: Pentecost | 10.30 | Holy Communion | Acts 2:1-21 John 7:37-39 |
| Sunday 31-05.26 | 09.00 | Parish Breakfast | |
| Collect: Trinity Sunday | 10.30 | Holy Communion | Isaiah 40:12-17,27-end Matthew 28:16-end |
| Sunday 07.06.26 | 09.00 | Holy Communion | Psalm 38 Hosea 5:15-6:6 Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26 |
| Collect: 1st Sunday after Trinity | 10.30 | Morning Worship | Hosea 5:15-6:6 Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26 |

Prayer Diary cont.

Wednesday

- ◆ Our Readers – Cal and Pete
- ◆ North West Leeds Deanery and the Diocese
- ◆ The Parish Centre, its many users
- ◆ Our St James' Administrator— Alison
- ◆ Horsforth Foodbank
- ◆ Horsforth Community Pantry and its volunteers
- ◆ 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'
- ◆ The Pop-Up Café@St James
- ◆ All governments at national and local level
- ◆ TEAR Fund, Christian Aid and Water Aid
- ◆ Jonathan Swales and the Lighthouse Project
- ◆ Horsforth Shed, its manager Richard Hamlin and founder Pete Gillions

Saturday

- ◆ Preachers and service leaders and others involved in the services tomorrow.
- ◆ Brian Lipscombe, our retired clergyman
- ◆ Jo Glenwright , at St John's Menston
- ◆ Those considering God's call on their lives
- ◆ CPAS and Arrow

Horsforth Churches Together Lent Talks

Several St James' folk joined others from across the churches in Horsforth to listen to a series of excellent Lent talks on the broad theme of Christianity in Britain. Each talk brought different perspectives, but it was interesting to note a connection between the first talk, by Jenny Sinclair, and the last, by Revd Heston Groenweld and Councillor Abdul Hannan. Both talks were ground in friendship.

Jenny Sinclair began by speaking about the friendship between her late father David Sheppard, who was the Anglican Bishop of Liverpool between 1975 and 1997, and Derek Worlock, the Roman Catholic Archbishop of Liverpool between 1976 and 1996.

In a city divided on sectarian lines, the Sheppard/ Worlock friendship across a denominational divide was unusual, hard won and a force for good. They worked together for the flourishing of Liverpool's communities stood in solidarity with many who were impoverished during turbulent economic times, publishing two books, *Better Together* and *With Hope in our Hearts*. The two bishops were immortalised in bronze in 2005 when a statue was commissioned by the Liverpool Echo and paid for by the people of Liverpool.



Part of their legacy includes Jenny's work as the founding director of *Together for the Common Good*, a charity which supports collaborative work in the fields of religious understanding and community capacity building. At the end of her talk Jenny was asked the question, "How can Christians and Muslims work together?" After describing this question as "genuinely difficult", Jenny went on to say that working together across faiths must be based on honesty and friendship.

The fourth and final talk in the series was delivered by Revd Heston Groenweld, who is the Vicar of All Hallows in Hyde Park and Councillor Abdul Hannan, who is the General Manager of the Cardigan Centre. What was striking was the warmth and authenticity of their friendship and the honesty they demonstrated across an interfaith divide – Christianity and Islam.



Their story was not about agreement on everything, but about choosing respect, understanding, and compassion as the foundation for working together. Through honest dialogue and meaningful debate, Heston and Abdul showed how differences can strengthen rather than divide a community.

In a time where division often dominates headlines, the messages of these two talks offered hope. You can watch them by following the links on the Horsforth Churches Together website.

Horsforth Shed: the next season and the search for a manager

Horsforth Shed is a flourishing community workshop that emerged from the transformation of our semi-derelict and vacant former Scout Building. Our vision is to reduce social isolation and to go beyond the traditional Man Shed model by also engaging with school children who are not in mainstream education.

Every Monday the workshop is hired out to James Patrick who trains Design and Technology teachers and technicians in the safe use of equipment. We benefit greatly from this as it not only provides an income stream but also James kindly provides free training for our volunteer Session Supervisors.

Tuesdays through to Fridays we engage in the morning sessions with school groups and in the afternoon sessions with adults. In addition, we have occasional evening sessions for Cubs, Beavers and Scout groups

In the mornings our students are either from Southway School, an Extended Educational Provider that supports students no longer in mainstream school, and from Lighthouse School, a specialist school for children exhibiting Autistic Spectrum Disorder.

Afternoon sessions are for adults only and vary in focus, from the usual drop-in sessions to specialist provision for adults with complex needs or living with autism. We also welcome a group from Lighthouse (West Yorkshire) every Friday afternoon, a Church that supports those who have been “battered and bruised by the storms of life.”



Currently we employ two former teachers to deliver our morning sessions and Mel Nightingale to manage the administration. In addition, we have a team of voluntary Session Supervisors to help in the delivery of sessions.

We are now hoping to progress even further by employing a full time Shed Manager to ensure consistent oversight of all our sessions and keep the workshop in good order. This has been made possible by securing several grants to supplement the income we already receive.

Horsforth Shed has been a great success story of St James' working in partnership with Horsforth Churches Together and the wider community.

Please pray that the right person might come forward to lead the Shed forward and extend our reach into the local community.

Pete Gillions

(The picture is of a jigsaw made by one of our students)

Reading the Bible in church – a privilege and a joy

When Anne and I started coming to St James' just over 2 years ago, among other things, we were impressed both by the way the Bible readings were a real focus - delivered by many good readers, and also the very meaningful regular pauses throughout each service - not embarrassing silences but opportunities to reflect thoughtfully on what we had just heard.

As a new person at St James' and keen, with Anne, to become integrated into the local fellowship that is St James's Church, I wanted to offer my services as one of the periodic Bible readers, having done so previously elsewhere, and so I asked Alison to include me in the rota. I am thankful to be able to serve in this way.

I have valued the significance and importance of the Bible since I was very young. It is a truly amazing and wonderful book and is God's inspired word to all his people, including everyone at St James's.

It is always a real privilege when asked to read it publicly, and in preparing I try to make the passage 'come alive', even though sometimes the language is complex, to do justice to its writer through appropriate phrasing, pausing, voice variation, change of pace or identifying what words may need slightly emphasising, so that the reading really comes across to the congregation.

The pause that follows the reading's conclusion is then a real opportunity for everyone to consider what the passage might mean for us individually and maybe to hear God speaking to us in that moment of quiet ahead of listening to the main Reflection that follows.

The Bible is a great source of encouragement in difficult times and above all a real hope for the future. I am therefore grateful to you for the opportunities that I have been given, and the privilege it is, to share it with you all.

Andy Hoye

Prayer Ministry is back at St. James'

The Prayer Ministry after services at St. James' had taken a break due to Covid but we are very pleased to announce that it has now been reintroduced. It takes place after each 10.30am communion service in the Lady Chapel at the front of church. If you come to Church with burdens or concerns or if you have felt challenged by the sermon the prayer ministry team offer a space to pray with you. They listen without judgment, keep confidentiality and will pray simple faith-filled prayers. There is currently a team of eight volunteers on the rota. They are Becky Woodward, Linda Williamson, Ann Muggeridge, Andy and Anne Hoye, Carolyn and Andrew Cooke and myself. We have all undergone safeguarding training and feel honoured to pray with you.

Whether you need prayer for physical or emotional healing, or just wisdom, come forward to the Lady Chapel after the service. The team usually prays in pairs to offer support, but you can request to pray with just one person if you prefer. What to expect:

1. **Welcome:** A brief introduction to make you feel comfortable.
2. **Listening:** A chance for you to share as much or as little as you want about your need.
3. **Prayer:** The team will pray for you, allowing space for the Holy Spirit to move.
4. **Closing:** We finish by thanking God and trusting Him with your situation.

Wake us from our slumber

Father of Creation,
God of Compassion,
You created a world of wonder,
Of possibility and potential.
You declared it to be good.
For this we give thanks.
To you be praise, honour and glory.
For this we give thanks.
To you be praise, honour and glory
Father of Creation,
God of Compassion,

This world is no longer as you intended
it to be.
Humanity has betrayed its calling
To tend and keep.
Creation groans.
For this we weep,
Lord have mercy.
For this we mourn,
Christ have mercy.
On our watch,
We reap what we have sown,

On our watch,
Sea levels rise.

For this we weep,
Lord have mercy.

For this we mourn,
Christ have mercy.

On our watch,
Forests destroyed,

On our watch,
Locusts Swarm.

For this we weep,
Lord have mercy.

For this we mourn,
Christ have mercy.

And so now with tears in our eyes we
look to you,
With regret,
With repentance,
Knowing the difficult decades that we
face,
As temperatures rise,
As extinctions increase,
As we come to terms with our existential
plight.

For our children,
Lord have mercy.

For our Grandchildren,
Christ have mercy.

For the world's most vulnerable,
Christ have mercy.

Father of Creation,
God of Compassion,
Wake us from our slumber,
Equip us afresh to be the justice-shaped
people of God.

Father of Creation,
God of Compassion
You created a world of wonder,

Of possibility and potential.
You declared it to be good.

For this we give thanks.
To you be praise, honour and glory.

Rev Jon Swales
From *26 Prayers for the Climate and Eco-
logical Emergency*

Green Tips from Nancy Birtwhistle

Nancy Birtwhistle, in her book *Clean & Green: 101 Hints and Tips for a More Eco-friendly Home*, suggests numerous ways to limit our impact on the environment, mostly though using naturally-occurring products. To help with this, she suggests buying most-used items such as bicarbonate of soda, citric acid, sodium carbonate (washing soda) and surgical spirit in bulk, which saves money and packaging.

I now have large containers of most of these, and have adopted her suggestion of using pure liquid soap together with washing soda for doing the laundry. It works!

I have also adopted her suggestion for an all-purpose floor cleaner, which uses a combination of 50ml eco-friendly washing up liquid, 200ml white vinegar and about 30 drops of essential oil of your choice—I like eucalyptus oil. It smells really nice and does the job!

She also suggests using ivy as a laundry detergent (about 60g, cut up and put in a muslin bag, then put in the drum). Another suggestion is using rainwater from the garden water butt for the iron: boil it up and when cold, add 2 or 3 drops of lily of the valley essential oil. I've not tried either of these!

One tip which I really like the sound of is to clean the oven shelves: simply leave them out overnight on the lawn in the spring or early summer, when the grass is growing well. Leave them for 24 hours and then wipe clean—what's not to like? And if you've just mown the lawn, cover the shelves with grass cuttings. Apparently it also works better if the shelves are slightly warm and damp when put outside.

Happy experimenting!

Alison

Recipe Corner...

Tiramisu Cheesecake

For the base

300g pack dark chocolate digestives

80g butter, melted

For the chocolate layer

500g milk chocolate

300ml double cream

100ml Tia Maria

For the cheesecake layer

300g cream cheese

200ml double cream

1 tsp vanilla extract

1 orange, zested

50g icing sugar

cocoa powder and crushed coffee beans, to serve

Method

Line the base of a 23cm springform cake tin with baking parchment. Crush the biscuits as finely as possible in a food bag using a rolling pin, or in a food processor, and mix with the melted butter. Tip into the tin, pressing down to flatten and set aside in the fridge.

For the chocolate layer, tip the chocolate, cream and Tia Maria into a bowl and melt over a pan of simmering water. Once melted, quickly stir together and pour over the biscuit base, then chill in the fridge for at least 3 hrs, or until set.

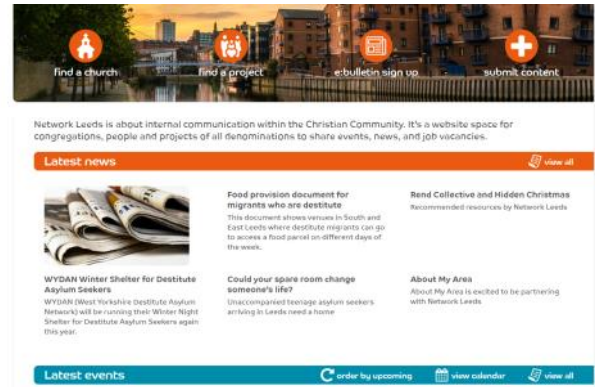
When the chocolate layer is set, beat the cream cheese, double cream, vanilla, orange and sugar together, then spread and swirl the mix evenly over the chocolate layer. Put the cake back in the fridge for a couple of hours or overnight. Can be made up to two days in advance and kept covered in the fridge.

To serve, remove from the fridge, sieve over the cocoa powder and sprinkle over the crushed coffee beans. Run a knife around the edge of the cheesecake and release from the tin and serve. For a neater finish, blowtorch the outside of the tin to release the sides.

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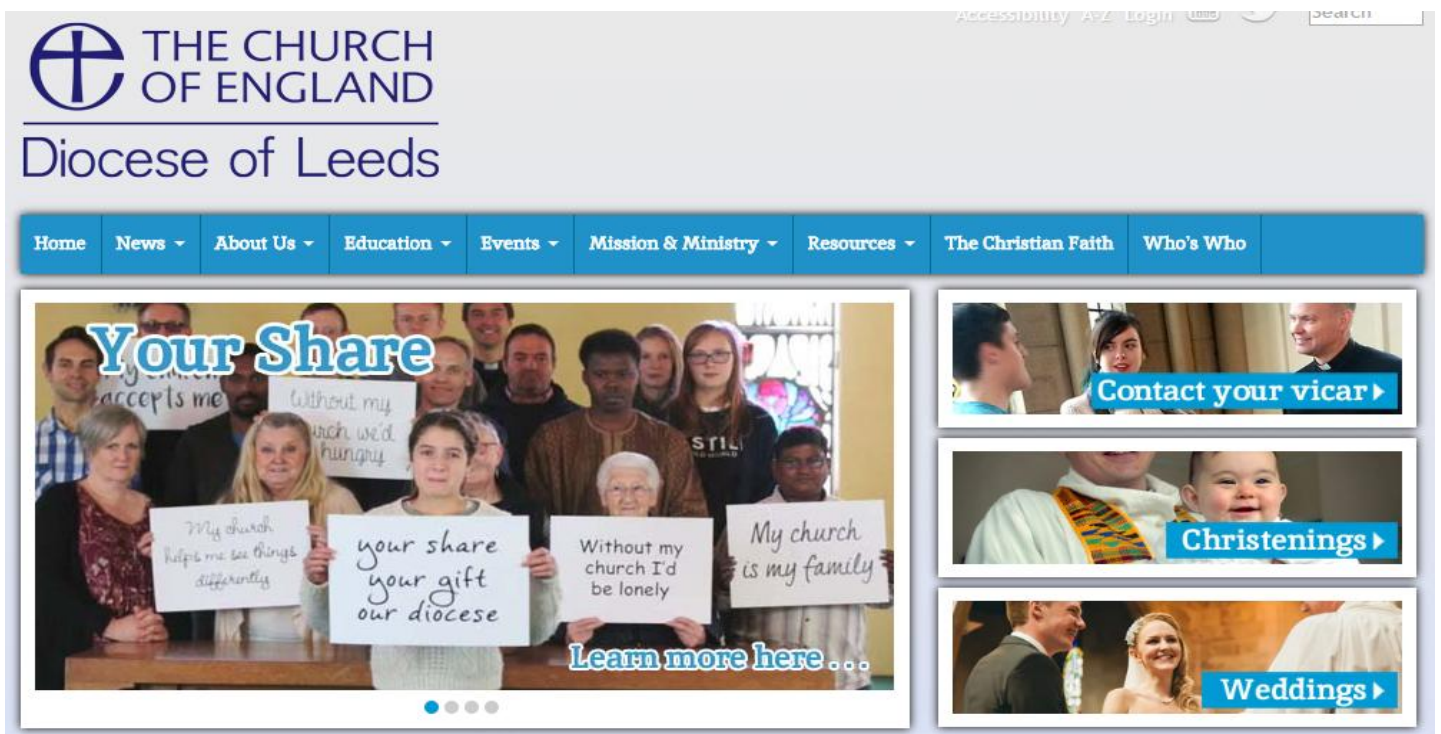
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