

Holy Week Mon 25th March to Good Friday: Advanced notice that there are to be no social activities this week in any of our churches. As we journey through The Passion there should be no distractions as we look towards the Cross.

St James' Social Committee: Do you have any ideas that you can give to the committee. Something that can be held in church that will be well supported by the congregation and the wider community. Sadly, the Social Committee has stated that the last few events haven't been well supported by the congregation or wider community, which is disappointing to the committee as a lot of time and effort goes on behind the scenes. Please speak to either Margaret or Bev with any of your ideas.

The Sacrament of Confession: As we journey through Lent and truly examine our hearts and souls and see ourselves as God sees us, you may wish to attend a confessional as part of your Lenten discipline. It goes without saying the Holy Seal of Confession cannot be broken. If you wish to receive this sacrament please contact Kevin on 01924 256031 to make arrangements.

Love Thy Neighbour Lent Course: at St James' Monday 11th March at 3pm. Through reflecting on readings and prayer we explore how we can love in truth, love the vulnerable and the suffering, embrace difference, care for our world, and love ourselves as God loves us. All are welcome, don't forget your bibles.

The Elysian Singers with Many Voices Choir: St James' on Saturday 16th March at 7.00pm. Tickets are now on sale from Richard and Norma York or pay at the door. Tickers are £7 for adults and under 14's £3, light refreshments are included in the cost of a ticket. Donations of raffle prizes for the Elysian Singer's concert would be greatly appreciated. Please see Richard or Norma.

Men Behaving Godly The Bay Horse Pub (Stoney Lane): Monday 25th March at 7.00pm. At this session our men's group will be discussing The Cross and what it means within the Church and what it means to the secular world.

St James' Messy Church Easter: Will now be on Wednesday 27th March at 5pm, cost per child will be £3. Bookings are now being taken, to book a place please email kevin.greaves@leeds.anglican.org

Do follow our social media accounts

Websites: www.stjameschapelthorpe.org.uk and www.woolleychurch.org.uk

Facebook: St Peter's Facebook page: 'Woolley church - St Peter's'

St James' Facebook page: 'St James Parish of Chapelthorpe'

The United Benefice of Chapelthorpe and Woolley with West Bretton

Sunday: Mothering Sunday

10th March 2024

First Reading: Exodus 2: 1-10

Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. The woman conceived and bore a son, and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him three months. When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him. The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him. "This must be one of the Hebrews' children," she said. Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, "Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?" Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Yes." So the girl went and called the child's mother. Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages." So the woman took the child and nursed it. When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and he became her son. She named him Moses "because," she said, "I drew him out of the water."

Psalm: 127: 1-4

Refrain: The Lord shall keep watch over your going out and your coming in.

- 1 Unless the Lord builds the house, ♦
those who build it labour in vain.
- 2 Unless the Lord keeps the city, ♦
the guard keeps watch in vain.
- 3 It is in vain that you hasten to rise up early
and go so late to rest, eating the bread of toil, ♦
for he gives his beloved sleep. [R]
- 4 Children are a heritage from the Lord ♦
and the fruit of the womb is his gift.

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Lord, you are ever watchful and bless us with your gifts; as you provide for all our needs, so help us to build only what pleases you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 1:3-7

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and the God of all consolation, who consoles us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to console those who are in any affliction with the consolation with which we ourselves are consoled by God. For just as the sufferings of Christ are abundant for us, so also our consolation is abundant through Christ. If we are being afflicted, it is for your consolation and salvation; if we are being consoled, it is for your consolation, which you experience when you patiently endure the same sufferings that we are also suffering. Our hope for you is unshaken, for we know that as you share in our sufferings, so also you share in our consolation.

The Gospel:

Meanwhile, standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, "Woman, here is your son."

Then he said to the disciple, "Here is your mother." And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

Services

Week Commencing 10th March – Mothering Sunday

St Peter's: Eucharist at 9.15am

St James': Eucharist at 11.00am

Wednesday St James': Midweek Said Eucharist at 10.30am followed by Bible Study

Week Commencing 17th March – Lent 5

St Peter's: Eucharist at 9.15am

St James': Eucharist at 11.00am

Wednesday St James': Midweek Said Eucharist at 10.30am followed by Bible Study

Advanced Notice of Services in Holy Week 24th March

Palm Sunday

The Church in West Bretton: Eucharist at 9.15am

St Peter's: As this is the fourth Sunday in the month there are no services.

St James': Palm Sunday Procession at **10.45** from the top of Church Lane. If you want to be part of the procession please remember to collect your palm cross from church first. For those in church waiting, the service will start when the procession arrives.

Please note the start time for St James' on Palm Sunday, this is to allow for the procession.

Tuesday St James': Stations of the Cross at 7.00pm

Wednesday St James': Midweek Said Eucharist at 10.30am followed by Bible Study.

Wednesday St James': Messy Church Easter at 5.00pm, there are several craft activities, Stations of the Cross for children, Easter Egg Hunt and then pizza and pop to finish it all off. Places need to be booked for catering purposes.

Maundy Thursday St Peter's: Eucharist which includes foot washing, The Watch (for an hour) at 7.00pm.

Good Friday St James': Eucharist from Reserve and Veneration of the Cross at 7.00pm.

Easter Eve St James': Renewal of Baptismal Vows and Eucharist at 8.00pm

Easter Sunday

St Peter's: Eucharist at 9.15am

St James' at 11.00am

For Your Prayers

For the recently sick: Richard Ellins, Margaret Fozzard, Leonard Bartle, Douglas Seth-Smith

For the long-term sick: Annalease Aspden, The Reverend Canon Roger Cressey, Barbara Cressey, Graham Beynon-Fisher, Mary-Rose Lacoux,

Recently departed: Tracey Fozzard, Trevor Devonport

In Memory, whose anniversaries fall at this time.

St James':

St Peter's: Geoff Gill, Francis Hill, Laura Mitchell, Derek Wilson, Cyril Priestly, Leonard Bullock

Notices

St James' Treasurer Urgently Needed: Our current treasurer will leave the role on the 31st March. After this date we will have no treasurer to manage the church accounts/finances, this could potentially mean that bills are not paid. If you know anyone who might be interested in taking on this essential role, please ask them to contact Kevin in the first instance.

Palm Sunday 24th March: Traditionally in the worldwide Church members of congregations return their Palm Crosses from last year. These are then kept by the church and are then burned for the Ash Wednesday service next year. Please remember to bring your Palm Crosses back on Palm Sunday.