

**We, also have a vacancy for PCC Secretary – the role involves taking minutes, creating agendas, replying to correspondence etc. If these posts are not filled the PCC will not be able to function as trustees of the church. If you know anyone who would like to take on these roles, please ask them to contact Kevin asap.**

**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 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.

**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.

**Love Thy Neighbour Lent Course:** at St James' Monday 18th 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.

**Light Lunch is Back:** 21st March 12noon to 2.00pm, last orders taken 1.30pm at St James'

**Cake Stall:** 24th March St James' directly after the Eucharist. Donations of home-made cakes and buns will be greatly appreciated.

**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.

**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](mailto:kevin.greaves@leeds.anglican.org)

## The United Benefice of Chapelthorpe and Woolley with West Bretton

**Sunday: Lent 5 (Passiontide Begins)**

**17th March 2024**

### **First Reading: Jeremiah 31: 31-34**

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another or say to each other, "Know the Lord," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord, for I will forgive their iniquity and remember their sin no more.

### **Psalm: 51: 1-13**

**Refrain: *The sacrifice of God is a broken spirit.***

- 1 Have mercy on me, O God, in your great goodness; ♦  
according to the abundance of your compassion blot out my offences.
- 2 Wash me thoroughly from my wickedness ♦  
and cleanse me from my sin.
- 3 For I acknowledge my faults ♦  
and my sin is ever before me.
- 4 Against you only have I sinned ♦  
and done what is evil in your sight,
- 5 So that you are justified in your sentence ♦  
and righteous in your judgement. **[R]**
- 6 I have been wicked even from my birth, ♦  
a sinner when my mother conceived me.
- 7 Behold, you desire truth deep within me ♦  
and shall make me understand wisdom  
in the depths of my heart.
- 8 Purge me with hyssop and I shall be clean; ♦  
wash me and I shall be whiter than snow.
- 9 Make me hear of joy and gladness, ♦  
that the bones you have broken may rejoice. **[R]**
- 10 Turn your face from my sins ♦  
and blot out all my misdeeds.
- 11 Make me a clean heart, O God, ♦  
and renew a right spirit within me.
- 12 Cast me not away from your presence ♦

and take not your holy spirit from me.

13 Give me again the joy of your salvation ♦  
and sustain me with your gracious spirit;

**Refrain: *The sacrifice of God is a broken spirit.***

Take away, good Lord, the sin that corrupts us; give us the sorrow that heals and the joy that praises and restore by grace your own image within us, that we may take our place among your people; in Jesus Christ our Lord.

### **Second Reading: Hebrews 5: 5-10**

So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest but was appointed by the one who said to him, "You are my Son; today I have begotten you"; as he says also in another place, "You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek." In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered, and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

### **The Gospel: John 12: 20-33**

Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honour. "Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say 'Father, save me from this hour'? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again." The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, "An angel has spoken to him." Jesus answered, "This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

## Services

### **Week Commencing 17th March – Lent 5**

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

### **Week Commencing 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.

### **Advanced Notice of Services in Holy Week**

**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, 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

## 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

### **In Memory, whose anniversaries fall at this time.**

**St James':**

**St Peter's:** Edna Wade, Violet Breeze, Donald Archbell, James Grimoldby,

## 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.**