

**Messy Church Planning Meeting:** St James' 29th Jan at 6.30pm, for those who have already volunteered as we plan for our Easter session (end of March).

**Table Top Sale at St James':** Sat 27th Jan, 1.00pm – 3.00pm. If you like to pick up a bargain and enjoy a good brew and maybe a slice of cake or a bun, this is for you. All money raised is for much needed church funds.

**Haggis Watch at St Peter's:** Sat 27th Jan. Unfortunately we didn't realise that the Haggis were still hibernating. Therefore the 'Watch' will be rescheduled to later in the year.

**Men Behaving Godly:** A new men's group that will meet monthly in an environment that may be more comfortable for some i.e. the pub! We will chew the cud and talk about God, the world and anything else. Our first informal meeting is at The Bay Horse on Stoney Lane - Tuesday 30th January at 7.00pm. Who knows the vicar might even get you a drink – just be ready to catch the moths from his wallet!

**St James' God's Caf:** Volunteers are needed for a new expression of Mission and Outreach in the benefice. It is especially for individuals who normally do not come to church as they think it maybe too formal, they are worried what to say and do, when to sit or stand and don't forget the big elephant in the room "you expect me to sing in public." Well they are not alone as the Vicar sometimes thinks some of them himself. God's Caf will be an informal service which starts with a free choice of sandwiches with various soups and a hot brew and a friendly chat. Individuals will be asked if they want anyone praying for, informal prayers will be then offered to God. Two alternative songs from Christian Worship will be listened to. If you would be interested in volunteering please come to the Volunteers Meeting on Thurs 22nd Feb at 6pm in church to find out more.

**Holy Week Mon** 25th March – 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' Messy Church Easter:** Will now be on Wednesday 27th March at 5pm, cost per child will be £3. Bookings are now being taken, please email [kevin.greaves@leeds.anglican.org](mailto:kevin.greaves@leeds.anglican.org)

**Light Lunch:** The next luncheon will be in March.

#### **Do follow our social media accounts**

Websites: [www.stjameschapelthorpe.org.uk](http://www.stjameschapelthorpe.org.uk) and [www.woolleychurch.org.uk](http://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**

### **Epiphany 3**

**21st January 2024**

#### **First Reading Genesis 14: 17-20**

After his return from the defeat of Chedorlaomer and the kings who were with him, the king of Sodom went out to meet him at the Valley of Shaveh, that is, the King's Valley. And King Melchizedek of Salem brought out bread and wine; he was priest of God Most High. He blessed him and said, "Blessed be Abram by God Most High, maker of heaven and earth, and blessed be God Most High, who has delivered your enemies into your hand!" And Abram gave him one-tenth of everything.

#### **Psalm: 128**

**Refrain: How abundant is your goodness, O Lord.**

1 Blessed are all those who fear the Lord, ◆

and walk in his ways.

2 You shall eat the fruit of the toil of your hands; ◆

it shall go well with you, and happy shall you be. [R]

3 Your wife within your house shall be like a fruitful vine; ◆

your children round your table, like fresh olive branches.

4 Thus shall the one be blest ◆

who fears the Lord. [R]

5 The Lord from out of Zion bless you, ◆

that you may see Jerusalem in prosperity all the days of your life.

6 May you see your children's children, ◆

and may there be peace upon Israel.

**Refrain: How abundant is your goodness, O Lord.**

O Christ, our true vine, may we your branches be ever fruitful in your service and share your love and peace with all your children, in the power of the Spirit and to the glory of the Father. **Amen**

#### **Second Reading: Revelation 19: 6-10**

Then I heard what seemed to be the voice of a great multitude, like the sound of many waters and like the sound of mighty thunderpeals, crying out, "Hallelujah! For the Lord God the Almighty reigns. Let us rejoice and exult and give him the glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and his bride has made herself ready; to her it has been granted to be clothed with fine linen, bright and pure" for the fine linen is the righteous deeds of the saints. And the angel said to me, "Write this: Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb." And he said to me, "These are true words of God." Then I fell down at his

feet to worship him, but he said to me, “You must not do that! I am a fellow servant with you and your brothers and sisters who hold the testimony of Jesus. Worship God! For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.”

### **The Gospel: John 2: 1-11**

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, ‘They have no wine.’ And Jesus said to her, ‘Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.’ His mother said to the servants, ‘Do whatever he tells you.’ Now standing there were six stone water-jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, ‘Fill the jars with water.’ And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, ‘Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.’ So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, ‘Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.’ Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

### **Services**

#### **Week Commencing 21st January – Epiphany 3**

**St Peter’s** Eucharist at 9.15am **Cancelled** to allow members of the congregation to attend The Reverend Dr. Kathryn Goldsmith’s Installation at the cathedral.  
**St James’**: Eucharist at 11.00am

**Wednesday St James’**: Midweek Said Eucharist and Bible Study cancelled, it will resume on **Wed 31st Jan**

#### **Week Commencing 28th January – Candlemass**

Under the new pattern of worship when it is a fourth Sunday in a month there will be no service at St Peter’s. Members of the congregation are invited to the Eucharists at The Church in West Bretton or at St James the Great Chapelthorpe.

**The Church in West Bretton**: Eucharist at 9.15am  
**St James’**: Eucharist at 11am

**Wednesday St James’**: Midweek Said Eucharist and followed by Bible Study.

### **For Your Prayers**

**For the recently sick**: Sally Harrison

**For the long-term sick**: Annalease Aspden, Richard Priest, Linda Davies, Julia Moorhouse, Beryl Wright, Lily Mitchell, The Reverend Canon Roger Cressey, Barbara Cressey, The Very Revd George Nairn-Briggs, Graham Beynon-Fisher, Mary-Rose Lacoux, Janine Ledger, Michael McCormack, Bert Friar, Tricia White,

**Recently departed**:

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

**St James’**: The large votive candle is for Barry Priest

**St Peter’s**: Andrew McDougall-Drysdale

### **Notices**

**A Message from Bishop John Flack**: Please read below an extract from an email message of thanks.

‘I have only just got access to the Amazon gift card you gave me when I left Chapelthorpe and am staggered by the generosity at St James, and deeply grateful. I am using the money to buy some new furniture for my flat. Please pass on my thanks to the congregation.’

**In Your Prayers**: If you would like the name of someone you have added to our prayer lists to stay in our prayers, please let Kevin know by **Sunday 21st Jan**. Otherwise it will be assumed that permission has been given to delete their names from our Prayer Lists.

**St James’ Parochial Church Council (PCC) Appeal**: Members of this meeting are Trustees of the church and represent you as a congregation to ensure your voice is heard and that feedback is timely given back to yourselves. Some of the trustees hold mandatory roles so the church can function. These are required by The Church of England and The Charities Commission. We have two vacancies one for PCC Secretary and the other of Church Treasurer. If you know anyone who might be interested or you want more information please contact in the first instance The Revd. Kevin Greaves who is chair.

Regrettably at this time no one has volunteered for either post, shortly therefore Kevin will need to make Bishop Tony and Church House Leeds aware of the situation, so that guidance can be given to the PCC on what options we may need to consider.