

**Calling All Readers and Would Be Readers within the Benefice:** St James' May 2nd at 6.00pm. Firstly thank you to the band of Readers that deliver words from Holy Scripture to our congregations on Sundays. Kevin is holding a support session for Readers (and would be Readers) on techniques that will increase confidence and help you home in on existing skills when delivery of the Word of God. This is a one-off session and there is no need to book a place. All are welcome especially those who are considering this form of ministry.

**A Call to All Garden Enthusiasts:** If you have any spare bedding plants etc, please donate them to our '**Garden Plants Sale**' on **Saturday 18th May** 10.30am – 11.30am. All money raised is for church funds.

**St James' Summer Fair June 15th:** We are now asking for donations of toiletries, books, jigsaws and anything that would make great raffle and tombola prizes. Please no electrical items, donations to Margaret Poucher.

**The Rt Revd Tony Robinson, Episcopal Bishop of Wakefield:** Bishop Tony will retire on August 31, 2024 after 42 years of ordained ministry. His final service will be a Eucharist in Wakefield Cathedral on Saturday, July 6 at 11am. Please hold Bishop Tony and his family in your prayers at this time. Everyone is welcome to attend his last service.

**Notice Sheets:** If you want anything adding please email Kevin, the cut-off day is Tuesday the item will then appear on the following Sunday.

**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)

**YouTube channel:** 'The Parishes of Chapelthorpe and Woolley'

**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: Easter 4**

**21st April 2024**

**First Reading Acts 4:5-12**

The next day their rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, if we are being questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are being asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is 'the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone.' "There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved."

**Psalm: 23**

**Refrain: I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.**

1 The Lord is my shepherd; ♦  
therefore can I lack nothing.  
2 He makes me lie down in green pastures ♦  
and leads me beside still waters. [R]  
3 He shall refresh my soul ♦  
and guide me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.  
4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
I will fear no evil; ♦ for you are with me;  
your rod and your staff, they comfort me. [R]  
5 You spread a table before me  
in the presence of those who trouble me; ♦  
you have anointed my head with oil  
and my cup shall be full.  
6 Surely goodness and loving mercy shall follow me  
all the days of my life, ♦  
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

**Refrain: I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.**

O God, our sovereign and shepherd, who brought again your Son Jesus Christ from the valley of death, comfort us with your protecting presence and your angels of goodness and love, that we also may come home and dwell with him in your house for ever. **Amen**

### **Second Reading: 1 John 3: 16-end**

We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers and sisters. How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help? Little children, let us love not in word or speech but indeed and truth. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us, for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God, and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him. And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

### **The Gospel John 10: 11-18**

'I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.'

## **Services**

### **Week commencing 21st April – Easter 4**

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

### **Week commencing 28th April – Easter 5**

**Sunday St Peter:** No service, you are warmly invited to attend either of the services below.

**The Church in West Bretton 9.15am:** Eucharist.

**St James' 11.00am:** Eucharist.

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

## **Your Prayers**

### **For the recently sick:**

**For the long-term sick:** Richard Ellins, Margaret Fozzard, Leonard Bartle, Douglas Seth-Smith, Annalease Aspden, The Reverend Canon Roger Cressey, Barbara Cressey, Graham Beynon-Fisher, Mary-Rose Lacoux,

### **Recently departed:**

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

**St James':**

**St Peter's:** Gladys Smith, Emily Yeadon and Alfred Gledhill.

## **Notices**

**Vacancies within our Benefice.** The following vacancies are now available and need to be filled at our Annual Parochial Church Meetings (APCM).

**St James' Treasurer:** As we have no treasurer at this time, **no ad-hoc bills are currently being paid.**

**St James' PCC Secretary:** Currently we have no secretary to take minutes, create agendas, organise meetings and respond to correspondence on behalf of the parish.

**St Peter's Church Wardens:** Our current Church Wardens will not be standing (continuing) at the APCM in May. This Bishops appointment covers a number of areas mainly managing the fabric of the church, ensuring that as a parish we comply to all regulations.

**Annual Parochial Church Meetings:** The following public meetings are your opportunity to ask questions of the Parochial Church Council (PCC) in relation to the reports that are now available.

**St James' ACPM April 28th directly after the Eucharist,** Bishop Tony Robinson will also be attending the meeting.

**St Peter's APCM Sunday May 12th directly after the Eucharist**

**St James' Monday April 29th at 1.30pm Class Visit:** Henda Lane J&I School, looking at 'Sacred Places in the Community.'

**St Peter's PCC Meeting Monday April 29th at 7.00pm.** Zoom meeting to ratify the reports for the APCM.

**Men Behaving Godly: Tuesday April 30th at 7.00 – 9.00pm:** Our men's group meets at The Bay Horse Pub on Stoney Lane. We will be discussing The Triune God – Father, Son and Holy Spirit.