

## Notices

**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 last few events haven't been well attended 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 Real Easter Egg at St James':** The Real Easter Eggs are the only ones which have an Easter story book in the box and tells the true story of Easter. They are made of Fairtrade chocolate and supports a number charitable projects. If you would like to place an order please see the poster in the refreshment area and choose which egg you would like. To place an order please speak to Caroline Mcleish, don't delay the deadline is the **5th of March**.

**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 4th 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.

**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' Messy Church Easter:** Will now be on Wednesday 27th March at 5pm, cost per child will be £3. Bookings are now being taken, don't. To book please email kevin.greaves@leeds.anglican.org

**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.

### **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

**Sunday: Lent 3**

**3rd March 2024**

### **First Reading: Exodus 20: 1-17**

Then God spoke all these words, "I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me. "You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above or that is on the earth beneath or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments. "You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not acquit anyone who misuses his name. "Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy. Six days you shall labour and do all your work. But the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord your God; you shall not do any work, you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and consecrated it. "Honour your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you. "You shall not murder. "You shall not commit adultery. "You shall not steal. "You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour. "You shall not covet your neighbour's house; you shall not covet your neighbour's wife, male or female slave, ox, donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbour."

### **Psalm: 19**

**Refrain: The commandment of the Lord is pure and gives light to the eyes.**

- 1 The heavens are telling the glory of God ♦  
and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.
- 2 One day pours out its song to another ♦  
and one night unfolds knowledge to another.
- 3 They have neither speech nor language ♦  
and their voices are not heard,
- 4 Yet their sound has gone out into all lands ♦  
and their words to the ends of the world.
- 5 In them has he set a tabernacle for the sun, ♦  
that comes forth as a bridegroom out of his chamber

and rejoices as a champion to run his course.

6 It goes forth from the end of the heavens  
and runs to the very end again, ◆

and there is nothing hidden from its heat. [R]

7 The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul; ◆  
the testimony of the Lord is sure and gives wisdom to the  
simple.

8 The statutes of the Lord are right and rejoice the heart; ◆  
the commandment of the Lord is pure and gives light to the eyes.

9 The fear of the Lord is clean and endures for ever; ◆  
the judgements of the Lord are true and righteous  
altogether.

10 More to be desired are they than gold,  
more than much fine gold, ◆  
sweeter also than honey, dripping from the honeycomb.

11 By them also is your servant taught ◆  
and in keeping them there is great reward. [R]

12 Who can tell how often they offend ◆  
O cleanse me from my secret faults!

13 Keep your servant also from presumptuous sins  
lest they get dominion over me; ◆  
so shall I be undefiled, and innocent of great offence.

14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my  
heart be acceptable in your sight, ◆  
O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.

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### **Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:18-25**

For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart." Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scholar? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of the proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews ask for signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to gentiles, but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

### **The Gospel: John 2: 13-22**

The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money-changers seated at their tables. Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple,

both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables. He told those who were selling the doves, 'Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a market-place!' His disciples remembered that it was written, 'Zeal for your house will consume me.' The Jews then said to him, 'What sign can you show us for doing this?' Jesus answered them, 'Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.' The Jews then said, 'This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?' But he was speaking of the temple of his body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

## Services

### **Week Commencing 3rd March – Lent 3**

**St Peter's:** Eucharist at 9.15

**St James':** Eucharist at 11.00

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

### **Week Commencing 10th March – Mothering Sunday**

**St Peter's:** Eucharist at 9.15

**St James':** Eucharist at 11.00

**Tuesday Wakefield Crematorium:** at 12.40pm. Funeral of the late Trevor Devonport

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

## For Your Prayers

**For the recently sick:** Tracey Fozzard, 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:** Trevor Devonport

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

**St James':**

**St Peter's:** Margaret Hoyland, Florence Gale, Edmund Fuller