

Church Council Meeting: Monday 5th February at 7.30pm at The Church in West Bretton

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 as Easter Sunday is on the 31st March.

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.

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, please email kevin.greaves@leeds.anglican.org

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. God's Caf will be informal services which starts sharing sandwiches and soup and a hot brew. Then a time of prayer finished by inspirational music. 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.

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**

2nd Before Lent

4th February 2024

First Reading: Proverbs 8: 1, 22-31

Does not wisdom call and understanding raise her voice? "The Lord created me at the beginning of his work, the first of his acts of long ago. Ages ago I was set up, at the first, before the beginning of the earth. When there were no depths I was brought forth, when there were no springs abounding with water. Before the mountains had been shaped, before the hills, I was brought forth, when he had not yet made earth and fields or the world's first bits of soil. When he established the heavens, I was there; when he drew a circle on the face of the deep, when he made firm the skies above, when he established the fountains of the deep, when he assigned to the sea its limit, so that the waters might not transgress his command, when he marked out the foundations of the earth, then I was beside him, like a master worker, and I was daily his delight, playing before him always, playing in his inhabited world and delighting in the human race.

Psalm: 104: 26-end

Refrain: I will sing to the Lord as long as I live.

26 O Lord, how manifold are your works! ♦

In wisdom you have made them all;

the earth is full of your creatures. ♦

27 There is the sea, spread far and wide, ♦

and there move creatures beyond number, both small and great.

28 There go the ships, and there is that Leviathan ♦

which you have made to play in the deep.

29 All of these look to you ♦

to give them their food in due season.

30 When you give it them, they gather it; ♦

you open your hand and they are filled with good.

31 When you hide your face they are troubled; ♦

when you take away their breath,

they die and return again to the dust.

32 When you send forth your spirit, they are created, ♦

and you renew the face of the earth. **[R]**

33 May the glory of the Lord endure for ever; ♦

may the Lord rejoice in his works;

34 He looks on the earth and it trembles; ♦

he touches the mountains and they smoke.

35 I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; ♦

I will make music to my God while I have my being.

36 So shall my song please him ♦
while I rejoice in the Lord.

37 Let sinners be consumed out of the earth
and the wicked be no more. ♦

Bless the Lord, O my soul. Alleluia.

Refrain: I will sing to the Lord as long as I live.

Second Reading: Colossians 1: 15-20

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation, for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

The Gospel: John 1: 1-14

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

Services

Week Commencing 4th February – 2nd before Lent

St Peter's: Eucharist at 9.15am

The Church in West Bretton: Service of the Word at 10.30am. Followed by an

indicative vote on the future of the church.

St James': Eucharist with Holy Baptism of Rudy James Slater at 11.00am

Wednesday St James': Midweek Said Eucharist at 10.30am followed by Bible Study is cancelled. The service and bible study will resume on **Wednesday 21st Feb.**

Week Commencing 11th February – Sunday before Lent

St Peter's: Eucharist at 9.15am

The Church in West Bretton: Eucharist at 10.30am

St James': Eucharist at 11.00am

Advanced Notice

Ash Wednesday (14th Feb) St Peter's 6.00pm: Eucharist with the Imposition of Ashes. All are welcome to join us for our combined service as we begin Lent.

During Lent there will be some changes to existing services and some additional ones. Please ensure that you take these sheets home with you, so you are aware of any changes

For Your Prayers

For the recently sick:

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

Recently departed: Beryl Wright

In Memory, whose anniversaries fall at this time.

St James':

St Peter's: Peter Lazenby, Horace Shaw, Jean Price, Francis Opie

Notices

St James' Parochial Church Council (PCC): We have two vacancies one for PCC Secretary and the other of Church Treasurer. Regrettably at this time no one has volunteered for either post, therefore Kevin has made Bishop Tony and Church House Leeds aware, so that guidance can be given to the PCC on what options we will need to consider.

Men Behaving Godly: Thank you to all those who attended our first meeting. Our meetings will be held on the last Tuesday of every month, the next being the 27th Feb at 7.00pm till 9.00pm at The Bay Horse Pub.