

the service there will be refreshments. If you cannot attend please hold Kathryn in your prayers.

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

St James' Messy Church: Will now start on Wednesday 27th March at 5pm—for Easter fun. Cost per child will be £3. Places will need to be booked nearer the time.

Table Top Sale at St James': Saturday 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, doors open at 6.30pm 'The Watch' starts at 7.00pm. The cost is £15 for adults and under 18's £8 payable on arrival. You will then be given two vouchers which will allow you two whiskies or cordial, tea's and coffees are free throughout the evening. Also available will be freshly caught haggis and mash and gravy. Places will need to be booked for catering purposes by contacting Kevin at kevin.greaves@leeds.anglican.org

You are strongly advised to wear warm clothing and sensible shoes/boots and to bring a torch with you. During the evening you will be guided to designated watch areas.

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!

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.

Light Lunch: The next luncheon will be in March.

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

Epiphany

7th January 2024

First Reading Isaiah 60: 1-6

Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. For darkness shall cover the earth and thick darkness the peoples, but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. Nations shall come to your light and kings to the brightness of your dawn. Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together; they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried in their nurses' arms. Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you; the wealth of the nations shall come to you. A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord.

Psalm: 72:10-15

Refrain: The Lord is king; let the earth rejoice.

The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall pay tribute; ♦
the kings of Sheba and Seba shall bring gifts.

11 All kings shall fall down before him; ♦

all nations shall do him service. [R]

12 For he shall deliver the poor that cry out, ♦
the needy and those who have no helper.

13 He shall have pity on the weak and poor; ♦
he shall preserve the lives of the needy.

14 He shall redeem their lives from oppression and
violence, ♦

and dear shall their blood be in his sight. [R]

15 Long may he live;

unto him may be given gold from Sheba; ♦

may prayer be made for him continually

and may they bless him all the day long.

Refrain: The Lord is king; let the earth rejoice.

May your kingdom come, O God, with deliverance for the needy, with peace for the righteous, with overflowing blessing for all nations, with glory, honour and praise for Christ, the only Saviour.

Second Reading: Ephesians 3:1-12

This is the reason that I, Paul, am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you gentiles, for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given me for you and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. In former generations this mystery^l was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that is, the gentiles have become fellow heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given me by the working of his power. Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God, who created all things, so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have access in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

The Gospel: Matthew 2: 1-12

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, 'Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.' When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, 'In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: "And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel." 'Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, 'Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.' When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure-chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

Services

Week Commencing 7th January - Epiphany

St Peter's: Eucharist at 9.15am

St James': Eucharist at 11.00am

*** Monday St Peter's: The Baptism of Christ, combined Eucharist at 7.00pm ***

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

Week Commencing 14th January – Epiphany 2

St Peter's: Eucharist at 9.15am

St James': Eucharist at 11.00am

Wednesday St James': Midweek Said Eucharist and Bible Study cancelled for the next 2 weeks.

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':

St Peter's: Doris Fuller, Timothy Hewitt, Ellen Woolhouse

Notices

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.

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 of 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 of the meeting. Sadly if these roles cannot be filled it means that as a church we are in breach of guidelines from The CofE and the Charity Commission.

The Revd Dr. Kathryn Goldsmith: Her Installation at Wakefield Cathedral will be on Sunday 21st January at the 10.00am as part of the Eucharist in the Cathedral. The president and preacher being the Bishop of Leeds. All are welcome to attend, after