

Recommended Lenten Read: For Lent this year I would like you to consider purchasing the book 'Creation to Creation' written by our own Area Dean The Reverend Canon David Gerrard. The book takes us through daily readings and reflections from The Book of Genesis. The book retails at £7.99.

Love Thy Neighbour Lent Course: at St James' starting Monday 19th Feb at 3pm and for the following five Mondays.

It's never been more important to understand how much God loves us and how much he wants us to love each other. 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.

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.

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.

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**

Sunday Before Lent



11th February 2024





First Reading: 2 Kings 2: 1-12

Now when the Lord was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here, for the Lord has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the Lord lives and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel. The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha and said to him, "Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?" And he said, "Yes, I know; keep silent." Elijah said to him, "Elisha, stay here, for the Lord has sent me to Jericho." But he said, "As the Lord lives and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they came to Jericho. The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha and said to him, "Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?" And he answered, "Yes, I know; keep silent." Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here, for the Lord has sent me to the Jordan." But he said, "As the Lord lives and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So the two of them went on. Fifty men of the company of prophets also went and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, and the two of them crossed on dry ground. When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me what I may do for you before I am taken from you." Elisha said, "Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit." He responded, "You have asked a hard thing, yet if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not." As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. Elisha kept watching and crying out, "Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

Psalm: 50:1-6

Refrain: Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving.

- 1 The Lord, the most mighty God, has spoken 
and called the world from the rising of the sun to its setting.
- 2 Out of Zion, perfect in beauty, God shines forth; 
our God comes and will not keep silence.

3 Consuming fire goes out before him 
and a mighty tempest stirs about him.
4 He calls the heaven above, 
and the earth, that he may judge his people:
5 'Gather to me my faithful, 
who have sealed my covenant with sacrifice.'
6 Let the heavens declare his righteousness, 
for God himself is judge.

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Mighty God, dwelling in unapproachable light, forgive our vain attempts to appease you, and show us your full salvation in Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. **Amen**

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 4:3-6

And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing clearly the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus's sake. For it is the God who said, "Light will shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ.

The Gospel: Mark 9: 2-9

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!" Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them anymore, but only Jesus. As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

Services

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

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.**

Ash Wednesday 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.

Week Commencing 18th February – Lent 1

St Peter's: Eucharist at 9.15 - celebrant The Revd Stuart Millington

The Church in West Bretton: Service of the Word at 10.30 – Mike Holt

St James': Eucharist at 11.00 - celebrant The Revd Stuart Millington

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

For Your Prayers

For the recently sick: Leonard Bartle

For the long-term sick: 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: Walter Yeadon

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.

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.**

Coffee Morning with Flower Arranging at St James': Saturday 24th February at 10.30-12noon. Only £4 on entry which includes the refreshments and a demonstration by Diane on flower arranging.