

St Peter's Extraordinary PCC Meeting: Saturday 24th February 1.00-4.00pm at The Church in West Bretton. This meeting is for PCC members to look at Mission and Outreach for the parish. If you have any ideas as a member of St Peter's congregation please speak to a PCC member, who will then take this to the meeting.

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' Monday 19th Feb 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 delay as places are now limited. To book 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.

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 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: Lent 1

18th February 2024

First Reading: Genesis 9:8-17

Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, "As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth." God said, "This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh, and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth." God said to Noah, "This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth."

Psalm: 25: 1-9

Refrain: Remember, Lord, your compassion and love.

- 1 To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul;
O my God, in you I trust; ◆
let me not be put to shame;
let not my enemies triumph over me.
- 2 Let none who look to you be put to shame, ◆
but let the treacherous be shamed and frustrated.
- 3 Make me to know your ways, O Lord, ◆
and teach me your paths.
- 4 Lead me in your truth and teach me, ◆
for you are the God of my salvation;
for you have I hoped all the day long.
- 5 Remember, Lord, your compassion and love, ◆
for they are from everlasting. [R]
- 6 Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions, ◆
but think on me in your goodness, O Lord,
according to your steadfast love.
- 7 Gracious and upright is the Lord; ◆
therefore shall he teach sinners in the way.
- 8 He will guide the humble in doing right ◆
and teach his way to the lowly.
- 9 All the paths of the Lord are mercy and truth ◆

to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies
Refrain: Remember, Lord, your compassion and love.

Free us, God of mercy, from all that keeps us from you; relieve the misery of the anxious and the ashamed and fill us with the hope of peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Second Reading: 1 Peter 3: 18-end

For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight lives, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

The Gospel: Mark 1: 9-15

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased." And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him. Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying: "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

Services

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

Week Commencing 25th February – Lent 2

The Church in West Bretton: Eucharist at 9.15
St Peter's: As this is the fourth Sunday in the month there is no Eucharist, please attend either The Church in West Bretton or St James the Great Chapelthorpe to receive Communion.

St James': Eucharist at 11.00

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

For Your Prayers

For the recently sick:

For the long-term sick: Leonard Bartle , 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: Winifred Oliver, Marion Shaw, Douglas Birkett

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**.

St James' PCC Meeting: This will now be held via Zoom at 6.30-8.30pm, members should have received a Zoom Invitation, if you haven't please let Kevin know asap.

Deanery Synod at Wakefield Cathedral: Wednesday 21st February at 7.30pm. The main item on the agenda is information about Fairtrade. Refreshments are available from 7pm to the start of the meeting. All are welcome.

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.