



WHITFIELD PARISH
St James' | St Luke's

Whitfield Parish

www.whitfieldparish.org

10am St Luke's
Holy Communion

10.30am St James'
Morning Praise

Sunday 5 February

The Gift of Change

Acts 10:9-23

Welcome to St James' & St Luke's and to our services today.

If this is your first time, 'welcome!' We would love to meet you and give you one of our visitor packs, which are available at the back of church. If you wish to find out more about us, please fill in one of the WELCOME CARDS (also available at the back of church) and hand it to the person who led the service.

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Our values are

Loving Jesus * Loving each other * Loving our town

Our vision is to reach and transform our town with the love of Jesus

What's On This Week in the Parish?

Parish prayer at the start of each week

Monday 9.15am St Luke's Church

School Prayer Meetings

St Luke's Monday 8.45am in St Luke's School library

St James' Wednesday 9am at St James' School

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Wednesday 10-12pm St Luke's back room

Holy Communion

Wednesday 10.30am St James' Church

Coffee Pot

Thursday morning 10-12pm in St Luke's back room

Whitfield Café

Thursday afternoon 1.30-3.30pm at the Vineyard

Next Week's Services

Sunday 12 February

St Luke's 10am Morning Praise

St James' 10.30am Holy Communion

NB No Encounter this month – sorry!

Parish News

Whitfield Walking Group Our first outing for 2017 will be on Friday 10 February. Meet at 1.45pm at Crowden car park for a walk round the reservoirs. For further details email: davidw@glossop.org Please let us know if you will be coming - David and Judith Woodward.

Save the date! Whitfield Fun day Saturday 20 May 12-4pm. More details to follow soon.

Testimonies of God's goodness for our sermon series If you have a story you would be willing to share of how God has been good to you in times of change, grief, disappointment, failure, doubt or brokenness for our current sermon series speak to Andrew this week

NEWS in and around the Parish

Alpha Prayer Course Let's go deeper in our relationship with our heavenly Father together as a whole parish. I would love to see 150 adults or more every Tuesday night in St James church from 28th February – 4th April 7.45-9.30pm to learn together. Just turn up – fuller details on a flier at the back of church.

16 Glossopdale Churches Praying together during Lent Join in with this historic opportunity 7.15am each Wednesday from Weds 1st March – Weds 12th April. We start off in St James on the 1st March. Prayer 7.15-8.15am followed by breakfast until 9am. Stay for as long as you can. Full details of venues over the weeks on a flier at the back of church.

Baptism & Confirmation Aged 4 – 100? Want to affirm your new or old faith in Jesus Christ by making the step of either baptism or confirmation then speak to Andrew or Dan. Our full immersion baptisms will be in June and our confirmation service on Sunday 10 September.

Soup lunch for Speak 31 On Tuesday 7 February 12-2pm at Community House. Please join us for a frugal soup lunch as we aim to raise the final amount of money for this phase of our water and sanitation programme to provide clean, safe water in poverty-stricken villages in Kenya. See Sarah Bloomer or Hannah Laxton for more information or to RSVP.

Dan Leathers in India 2-13 February Please remember Dan in your prayers and Claire and the boys at home as he travels to India with other curates from the diocese on 'training'!

Life Group Notes

6th February: The Gift of Change

1. What has stuck with you from Sunday's sermon? Was there anything that surprised you? Did you feel God put anything on your heart?

This passage documents an amazing shift in paradigms for Jewish Peter. It opens up a previously unthinkable world for Peter and it must have been so disorientating. This vision would have challenged most of his thinking but his courageous decision to embrace it opens up a whole new world of opportunity for Cornelius and the Gentile world....

Read together: Acts 10: 9-23

2. What did you notice for the first time?

Why was this vision such a shock for Peter?

Why do you think he accepted it?

3. What questions do you have?

Is change inevitable and necessary?

If nothing changed would we ever grow?

Why are we resistant to change?

4. Was there anything that bothered you?

Discuss this statement. Change is the only arena for growth, opportunity, and dependence on God.

5. What did you learn about loving God?

Does God ever change?

Do we? Should we?

6. What did you learn about loving others?

How do we support others going through change?

How do we show them God's love during their time of change?

Articles for the Grapevine

Please email sarah@whitfieldparish.org. Any requests for an entry for the Grapevine will need to be with Sarah by Tuesday. Please email a word copy of around 100 words wherever possible of your article.



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Parish Weekend 'Away', Conferences & Festivals 2017

The Big One – Parish Weekend 'Away' – 16-18 June **Save the date!!**

Coming to a Glossop field near you soon! A great parish weekend all together packed with fun and worship. Camp or toddle off back home to your own creature comforts at the end of each night.

More details to follow soon.

Spring Harvest– Skegness Butlins – 10-14 April

Speak to Ann Williams for more details for this week which normally sees 40-50 people travel for a week of great worship, fun and teaching. www.springharvest.org

The Big Church Day Out comes north to Cheshire – 2-3 June

Join the Hargreaves family and our parish youth for a brilliant camping or day pass adventure celebrating God in the north following the hugely popular southern event. Look at www.bigchurchdayout.com/north for more details and book through Jane in the office on the church group booking.

Youth weekend away -7-9 July

For our 11-18s at Champion House Edale. A great weekend of fun and growing in God together. See Sharon Murphy for info.

Keswick Convention – Lake District – 15-21 July

Speak to the Moores, Collards or Gills to find out more about this great week of teaching in the Lake District.

www.keswickministries.org

New Wine Summer Conference – 30 July – 5 August

Book on www.new-wine.org/united17 to join 40-50 people from the parish camping in Somerset for a week of great worship, fun and teaching. Speak to Andrew for more details.

The first ever Message Conference 17–18 November

With streams focused on evangelism, community transformation, creative mission, enterprise and more. We'll be joined at Victoria Warehouse in Manchester by special guests Luis Palau and Danielle Strickland. To book tickets visit www.message.org.uk/conference