

Welcome to our service

Sunday, 11th June

9.30am Prayer Meeting in Revive

10.30am Morning Worship & Kids' groups. Lead: Jill, Preach: Simon '*Call and response - coming to faith and choosing to follow Jesus*' Acts 16:11-15 (pg. 1112 in the pew Bibles)

Followed by refreshments in the hall

Sheep following the Shepherd

Sheep are key players in the Bible. Abraham, Jacob, Moses and David all spent time as shepherds; sheep were sacrificed as part of the Israelites' worship; David wrote songs that included them; shepherds turned up to see the new born Jesus; Jesus used them in His parables; Jerusalem even had a gate named after sheep! Added to that in the Old Testament God calls himself a shepherd as does Jesus in the New.

Shepherd and sheep are a good metaphor for God and His people. Sheep left to their own devices get into all sorts of trouble and people are the same. Both need a shepherd to care for them and lead them the right way. Yet both have a natural urge to wander off and do things their own way. As Isaiah wrote, '*We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to our own way*' (53:6).

Being a Christian means following Jesus and submitting to His direction; giving him complete control. It is not always easy, but Jesus' terms are non-negotiable and I am very pleased I accepted Him on those terms in 1997.

Too many believers try to live life with Jesus as an adviser rather than a shepherd, but they miss the point. Like sheep we lack the wisdom and capacity to manage our lives well. Like sheep, we are stubborn, helpless and often stupid. We wander down wrong paths or follow someone who is as lost as us. We need Jesus - the perfect shepherd who gave His life for his sheep – to guide, protect and provide for us (John 10:11).

At its heart, Christianity is not about trying to live a better life – it's about joining the flock and following the shepherd wherever He leads. **Jason**

Notices

We have now stopped all Covid-related provisions for our services. Pews will no longer be set aside for social distancing and we will offer a shared chalice for Communion services. Please be sensitive to those who choose to continue to sit apart out of health concerns. Communicants are welcome to receive communion bread but not wine if they would prefer; just leave the communion rail once you have received the bread.

We start a new sermon series this week entitled *The People of His Pasture - Becoming and Growing as Disciples*

We have one nominated **First Aider** at St James' and would like to add two or three more, for times that person is not around. Do you have any basic certified first aid training and might be willing to be a named person? If so, please speak to Jason or one of the churchwardens.

My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me (John 10:27)

God is the great Communicator and he loves speaking to his children. Our lives are often busy and noisy though and so it can be hard to hear God's voice. Sometimes we may even find it hard to believe He is communicating with us at all. ***Hearing God in everyday life*** is designed to grow your confidence that you **can** identify and recognise God's voice. Run over 5 weeks, this interactive group will equip you with the information and skills you need to hear his voice and help you respond effectively when he speaks.

In other words... if you have ever wished you could hear what God is saying in your ordinary life, this group will help you do that! We hope you can join us.

Diane Reid and Katy Loose

Hearing God in everyday life is on Friday mornings, 9.30 – 11am, in Revive (New Lane side of the Standerling Hall). It runs for 5 weeks starting on June 16th and finishing July 21st (no session on June 30th). For more info or to book a place, please contact Diane at dianereid2003@hotmail.com or via the parish office

Thank you to everyone who prayed for Tom on Monday when he had his eye operation. The procedure he had was a two part operation. The first part on Monday went well and the second part is in 6 weeks time when he will be fitted with contact lenses. Please continue to pray for him.

Steve and Jill Palmer

Services Ahead

18th June (Father's Day)

9.30am Prayer Meeting in Revive
10.30am Family Communion. Lead & Preach: Jason *Followers of the way - focusing on obedience*

7pm Prayer & Praise for Mission in Revive

25th June

9.30am Prayer Meeting in Revive
10.30am Morning Worship & Kids' groups. Lead : David, Preach: Jill *Knowing the shepherd's voice - learning to hear God speak*

Advanced Notices

17th June the Leeds Male Voice Choir's forthcoming concert at Selby Abbey . More details from the Abbey office.

Week Ahead

Monday	9am	Staff Prayer Meeting
	7pm	Table Tennis in the large hall
Wednesday	9.30am	Table Tennis in the large Hall
	7.30pm	Admission of Church Wardens at Selby Abbey
Friday	4pm	Friday Family Fun in large hall
Saturday	Jason's day off	

Please pray for:

Tom Palmer who had an op on his eye last Monday, that as a result of this and new contact lenses his sight will be greatly improved.

Lorna Smith who has started chemotherapy. Please pray for healing and daily energy for both her and John.

Pray for continued....

News sheet Production: Please send notices for the next issue to the parish office by 9.30am on **Thursday** morning. newsheet.stjames@gmail.com

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Please pray for continued:

Diane Reid who is on a SOMA (Sharing of Mission Abroad) mission in Northern Ireland on Tuesday, having been delayed by Covid. SOMA is an International Anglican Mission agency seeking 'to join God in the transformation of individuals, churches, communities and lands.'

Christine Slack for healing, inspiration and courage during chemotherapy.

Kay Weir whose long-term back problems continue to have a significant effect.

John Ryan as he awaits another scan in several months.

Church Army those involved in all the Centres of Mission that they too will become "Fishers of men".

For peace in Ukraine