



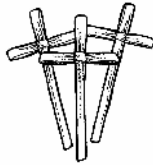
St James Church, Briercliffe



Easter Services

Palm Sunday - 13th April

10.00am. Sung Eucharist
Distribution of Palm Crosses



Monday 14th April

6.30pm. Stations of the Cross

Wednesday 16th April

9.30am. Said Eucharist

Maundy Thursday - 17th April

7.00pm. Said Eucharist
incl. Stripping of the Altar

Good Friday - 18th April

9.30am. United Service with Hill Lane & Haggate Chapels



Easter Day - 20th April

10.00am Sung Eucharist
incl. The Renewal of Baptismal Vows

Refreshments will be served in Church after the Service

Our Normal Weekly Services

As from Sunday 27th April will be

Sundays - 9.30am. Sung Eucharist

Refreshments served in the vestry after the service

Wednesdays - 9.30am. Said Eucharist

Refreshments served in the vestry after the service

Thursdays - 6.00pm. Family Service

An Announcement

We are pleased to announce that The Rev'd Michael Read has been appointed as the next Vicar of Briercliffe St James and Worsthorne St John the Evangelist, subject to the usual safer recruitment checks. Michael is currently Team Rector of Heaton's Benefice in the Diocese of Manchester.

The Bishop of Blackburn will institute, and the Archdeacon of Lancaster will induct Michael as Vicar of Briercliffe St James and Worsthorne St John the Evangelist on Tuesday 22nd July 2025 at 7.30pm at Briercliffe, St James.

Please pray for Michael and his family as they prepare to join us here at St James' in the Summer.

A Personal Introduction from Michael

Let me introduce myself and my family. We are so looking forward to moving to Burnley and joining you all. I am Michael, and I was born in Kent but moved to Liverpool when was 9.

I studied for my first degree at St Martin's College in Lancaster before training for ministry at Cranmer Hall in Durham. It was at Durham that I met my wife Sharon who was training for Methodist Ministry. I began my curacy in Liverpool in 2002, my first vicars post was in Lowton, moving to Rochdale for 12 years before my current post in Stockport.

Sharon has recently been appointed as Deputy Chair for Lancashire (like a suffragan Bishop in Church of England terms).

We have two children. Ian is 19, who will be joining the Navy as an officer in May. Lucy is 15 and currently studying for her GCSEs and we hope will attend Burnley college from this September.

My hobbies are model railways, and I play the Cinema organ and while I know we are quite a distance from the sea you may hear "I do like to be beside the seaside" occasionally from the Vicarage.

We are so looking forward to arriving in Briercliffe and Worsthorne, meeting you all, sharing your stories, worshipping and journeying together as we live out our faith.