

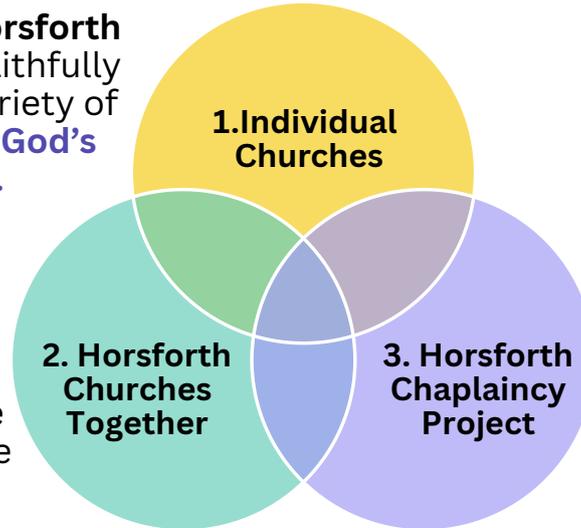
# Seeing the Kingdom of God In Horsforth

There is something truly beautiful happening in Horsforth!



**1. Individual Horsforth Churches** are faithfully engaged in a variety of ways to **share God's blessing**.

**2. Horsforth Churches Together** - in a wonderful way the churches **work collaboratively** to do more than they could achieve individually.



**3. Horsforth Chaplaincy Project** employs staff to help **achieve our shared goals**, providing time and skills, coordinating volunteers, planning events and providing great communication.

This leaflet aims to be informative, encouraging and challenging:

- **Informative** about what is happening
- **Encouraging** to see God at work in our community
- **Challenging** us all to see how we can support this work.



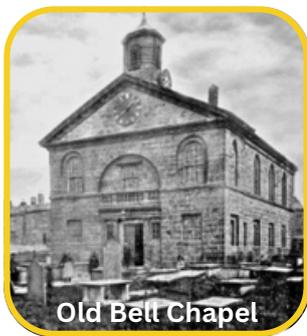
First a personal note from **Duncan Stow** who has faithfully coordinated this work for many years – as they say, everyone knows Duncan!

'I am writing this to **every Christian** in every church in Horsforth at **Pentecost**, the day we celebrate the **Holy Spirit** giving birth to the church. Throughout the last 2000 years God's Spirit has shaped the church and **moved people** in all kinds of ways to fulfil the mission of Jesus Christ. The Holy Spirit **continues** to do that in the **here and now of life in Horsforth**. I strongly believe one of the ways the Spirit has been **moving powerfully** is in our **shared work** with Horsforth Churches Together, equipped by the Horsforth Chaplaincy Project. So let us take time on this **special day** of Pentecost to **celebrate** what we do together, to **pray** for our shared work and witness, and **consider** what we can each can do to help this amazing **work of God** to flourish .

Every Blessing, **Duncan**'



HORSFORTH  
CHAPLAINCY  
PROJECT



Old Bell Chapel

A church presence since the 16<sup>th</sup> century

## 1. Horsforth Churches

Did you know that there are more than ten **Churches in Horsforth** each sharing God’s blessing as they fulfil their own unique calling? God never intended us all to be the same! The Horsforth community has been **shaped by its Christian presence** for hundreds of years. As well as offering worship on Sundays most Church facilities are **open during the week** to host a huge variety of events and welcoming spaces.

**Horsforth would be so much poorer without this engagement with the community.** And so much poorer if Horsforth Churches did not work together.

## 2. Horsforth Churches Together

### Horsforth Churches Together

*Together in our community*

As they say, **the whole is greater than the sum of the parts** and that is certainly true of what the Churches achieve by working together. **Volunteers** representing each Church meet together to discuss ideas and projects, with each Church **contributing** to a central pot each year. It has no legal status but manages this small budget to pay for the cost of **events and activities** (not including payment for salaries of paid staff - for more details see below under Horsforth Chaplaincy Project).

These joint activities include:

**Big Community Events** such as Carols in the Park, Horsforth Gala, the Walk of Witness, Hustings and more, which draw people together to both celebrate and learn;



**The Primary School Team** who deliver an **Open the Book assembly** in 7 primary schools every half term to 2200 children and run “Rewind to Christmas” and “Rewind to Easter” events welcoming every Year 4 and Year 5 pupil on a 90 minute journey through these Christian festivals; **Horsforth High School** where we run **regular lunchtime groups** for various year groups, and in December delivered five **Christmas assemblies** reaching out to 1400 children;



**Horsforth Farmers Market** run by a team of volunteers from the churches, **supporting local producers**, and creating a vibrant **community hub** with a monthly footfall of over 800.

Such effective networking and **working together** has also helped new projects to launch, such as **Horsforth**

**Community Shed** and **Horsforth Community Pantry**.

In addition, Horsforth now has a **Horsforth Town of Sanctuary group**, working hard to welcome, include, and involve those in our area who are seeking sanctuary, including a weekly conversation club, monthly socials, free football sessions, clothing distribution, and **enabling people** to tell their stories, fulfil their potential, and raise **community awareness**.



More information can be found on the [Horsforth Churches Together Website](http://www.horsforthchurchestogether.co.uk) which had 16,000 visits last year. It helps churches promote their activities, alongside other managed **communications** such as monthly emails, posters and the market notice sheet. Please see [www.horsforthchurchestogether.co.uk](http://www.horsforthchurchestogether.co.uk) for more

To find out more, and to celebrate what is happening, **why not come to our special Pentecost Celebration Event** on Pentecost Sunday (tonight) at 7pm:



## Horsforth Pentecost Celebration



**Sunday 8th June 7-9pm at The Grove Centre**

### 3. Horsforth Chaplaincy Project



So where does **Horsforth Chaplaincy Project** fit into all this?

The many dedicated volunteers are the essential bedrock to all of this happening, but the **small team of 3 paid part-time staff** at HCP are absolutely integral to carrying the shared vision, planning activities and coordinating volunteers, as well as enabling effective communication. Without them our work would suffer greatly.

**Duncan** is the project leader, as well as having a focus on schools' work, the farmers' market, and community events



Rhoda Wu Duncan Stow Laura Schubert

**Rhoda** manages the communications and website, as well as helping with project management, systems and events

**Laura** coordinates the current activities which focus on people seeking asylum and refugees

As HCP is part of **a registered charity**, it is well placed to provide the structure, policies, employment processes and accountability needed for aspects of the work, which can't be provided under Horsforth Churches Together. It has become host to the Horsforth Town of Sanctuary group to enable it's important work to continue with the relevant **structures** required by grant funders and other bodies.

Duncan and Rhoda's work is 75% supported by **individuals** who **generously give a monthly amount** and 25% from other sources such as Church donations. Laura's employment is presently funded mostly by a grant (plus some individual donations) and runs out at the **end of September**. We are awaiting news from grant applications to contribute to keeping that role going. As well as continuing to support our **Refugee worker**, we would love in future to employ a **part-time Youth Worker** in Horsforth High School. **Could you help make this possible?** (see next page...)

## Supporting Horsforth Chaplaincy Project

**Prayer support and volunteering** underpins all we do. Sign up for a regular monthly email, and for our twice yearly newsletter to know what's happening across churches so you can pray and join in.

Just email [rhoda@horsforthchaplancy.org](mailto:rhoda@horsforthchaplancy.org) to be added to the mailing list.



**Support us Financially:** For over 10 years, 75% of HCP income has come from individuals who have generously given a regular monthly amount. Those amounts are anything from £5 to £150 a month, as people have given what they can.

**Regular giving is so helpful** as it allows us to focus on the work rather than spending a lot of time on fundraising, but one-off gifts are just as important to us.

Did you know?

**15 people giving £25 a month pays a member of staff a day a week**

**Last year, over 100 volunteers were enabled & coordinated by our team**

You can choose from several ways to give :

### **Online Bank Transfer:**

1. Set up a payment with the REFERENCE: HORSFORTH, using these bank details: Payee Name: Leeds Christian Community Trust (LCCT)  
Account no: 20129563 Sort code : 60-83-01

2. Then email HCP at [support@horsforthchaplancy.org](mailto:support@horsforthchaplancy.org) or ring Duncan on 0113 2580510, to notify us of your gift so we can identify it correctly, and we can also send a Gift Aid form to claim an extra 25% on your giving if you are a tax payer.

**Online Giving Platform:** Scan this QR code to easily give via our secure giving platform (People's Fundraising).



### **Give by cheque:**

Cheques need to be made payable to Leeds Christian Community Trust with 'Horsforth' written on the back of the cheque and sent to HCP, 5 The Grove, Horsforth, Leeds, LS18 4BB

**Please take time to pray for our shared work and witness  
and consider how you might support this work.**

**Thank you so much!**

With grateful best wishes, from  
Pete Gillions, Jo Bailey, Jane Linley, Peter Mawson and Rozel Daltrey  
(**the Horsforth Chaplaincy Project Steering Group**),  
together with Duncan, Laura and Rhoda.

**Horsforth Chaplaincy Project** is a project of **Leeds Christian Community Trust (LCCT)**  
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