



Our vision is to be an open Christian community where people feel loved, respected, and free to be fully themselves.



**10<sup>th</sup> March 2024**

**Mothersing Sunday**

**Welcome  
to you all**



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St James



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## Our Services this week

### St James:

#### Sunday 10<sup>th</sup>

8:30am Holy Communion

10:00am Holy Communion

#### Thursday 14<sup>th</sup>

9:30am Holy Communion

### Our Lady & St Nicholas:

#### Sunday 10<sup>th</sup>

6pm BCP Evensong

## What else is happening this week

### Sunday 10<sup>th</sup>

4pm Mothersing Sunday Service  
Hallam Fields Hall

### Monday 11<sup>th</sup>

2:30pm Monday Group AGM St James

### Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup>

9am-Noon Riverside School - Experience Easter  
St James

12:30-4:30pm Welcome Space St James

2pm Lent Course St Theresa's

### Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup>

12:30-4:30pm Welcome Space St James

3-4pm Open Church & Private Prayer  
Our Lady & St Nicholas

4:30-6pm Capital Arts Choir practice St James

7pm Lent Course St James

### Saturday 16<sup>th</sup>

10am-Noon Open Church St James

## What's happening next week

### Sunday 17<sup>th</sup>

8:30am Holy Communion St James

10am Holy Communion St James

6pm BCP Evensong Our Lady & St Nicholas

### Monday 18<sup>th</sup>

10am-12noon Mother Union St James

7:30pm PCC Meeting St James

### Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup>

10am-12noon Old Nick's Coffee Shop St James

12:30-4:30pm Welcome Space St James

2pm Lent Course St Theresa's

### Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup>

12:30-4:30pm Welcome Space St James

3-4pm Open Church & Private Prayer Our Lady & St Nicholas

7pm Lent Course St James

### Thursday 21<sup>st</sup>

9:30am Holy Communion St James

### Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup>

10am-Noon Open Church St James

# Notices

**Please feel free to contact Amanda or one of the Churchwardens at any time**

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## Days off

Amanda is off Friday and Saturday this week

## A couple of gentle reminders, please...

- Please could you leave any conversations with Amanda until after the service. She really needs the time beforehand to do any setting up and to prepare herself spiritually and mentally to lead well.
- Please could you keep WhatsApp and text messages etc to between 9am and 9pm and not on her day off (usually Friday) A 12 hour working day should be enough. The reason is that then she doesn't have to have her phone on silent overnight. She really wants to be available if needed in the night.
- You know she is busy, but please don't let that stop you from contacting Amanda if you need her for urgent prayers, spiritual help, hospital visits, end of life prayers, confession, etc. She will make time. We also have a wonderful team of pastoral visitors for regular calls to those who can't get out.

## Mothering Sunday Service – 10<sup>th</sup> March

You are invited to a Mothering Sunday Service on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> March at 4pm at Hallam Fields Hall. A family friendly informal service – please come along, all are welcome.

## Easter Morning Breakfast at Our Lady and St. Nicholas Wanlip

Bacon / sausage or both, cobs and drinks will be available after the vigil / communion service. To help with catering would you please add your name to the list at the back of one of the churches. Looking forward to seeing you all again on this joyous occasion. *Julie*

## Update on the sales of Marmalade & Jam

Thank you to everyone who has bought Marmalade and Jam. We have raised over £100 for Church funds since Christmas. Keep buying! There are plenty of jars (Marmalade £2.50 Jam £2) Janet 07962949942

## Birstall Post

For many years now I have written the 'News from the Churches' column for the Birstall Post. (Taking over from Beryl McHugh). However, the time has come for me to hand on the baton to someone younger who will reflect the new demographic of our Churches. The next deadline to be met will be about the middle of March, for the April edition. Let me know if you would like to take on this task or Amanda or a Churchwarden. *Leigh Reid*

## Bring & Share Lunch – 31<sup>st</sup> March

Please sign up at the back of church if you are coming to the next bring and share lunch on 31<sup>st</sup> March.

## Old Nick's Coffee Shop - 19<sup>th</sup> March

The next Old Nicks Coffee Shop will be on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March at 10am-12 noon, in Wanlip Hall.

### **A Collect for Mothering Sunday**

God of compassion, whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary, shared the life of a home in Nazareth, and on the cross drew the whole human family to himself: strengthen us in our daily living that in joy and in sorrow we may know the power of your presence to bind together and to heal; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

### **A Post Communion Prayer for Mothering Sunday**

Loving God, as a mother feeds her children at the breast you feed us in this sacrament with the food and drink of eternal life: help us who have tasted your goodness to grow in grace within the household of faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

### **Monday Group - 11<sup>th</sup> March**

Monday Group's AGM followed by a quiz will be on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March, starting at 2:30pm

### **APCM reports**

If you write a report for the APCM (Annual meeting) now is the time, please? Remember it's for the whole of 2023. Even though the meeting is in April, the report is for January to December. It helps us to get the ASAP so we can get the report book ready. Thank you so much. Please send to Sheryl.

### **Lost Property**

Please can you look in the Lost Property basket near the Bell Tower to see if anything belongs to you. Anything left at Easter will be donated to a Charity Shops.

### **New recycling Box**

There is a new recycling box under the table for used bras. Thank you 😊

### **Monthly tip for a less-plastic life - March**

Buy loose fruit and veg.

### **Fundraising for Save the Children**

The next lunch is at the White Horse on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> April . Further information, including the menu, is at the back of the church. Your choice of menu needs to be chosen by 10<sup>th</sup> April and sent to me. Strawberry Teas will be held, hopefully, on Saturdays 8<sup>th</sup> June and 27<sup>th</sup> July.

*Josephine Burgess*

### **Prayer Chain**

If you have an urgent prayer request please contact Doreen Wilson (2674680) or Gill Pope (2675086) it will be passed round the prayer chain as quickly as possible in strictest confidence.

### **Passover Supper - 27<sup>th</sup> March**

St. Theresa's will be celebrating the 'Passover' supper' on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March starting at 6.30 p.m. Tickets are £15 per person. It is Ticket only. Please contact Daphne Stephenson or Debbie Shephard for tickets.

### **Notices for the information sheets & when I'm in the Church Office**

I will be in the office on Tuesdays & Thursdays between 9am and 1pm.

If you have a notice you would like putting in the Information sheet, can you please email it to either stjames.birstall@btconnect.com, or sheryljupp@hotmail.co.uk, or contact Amanda or a Churchwarden. I will need to have received it **before 11am** on the Thursday to get your items included in that week's news sheet. Thanks. *Sheryl*

## Lectionary Readings

### **Sun 10<sup>th</sup> Mothering Sunday**

Reading 1: Exodus 2:1-10  
Reading 2: 2 Corinthians 1:3-7  
Gospel: Luke 2:33-35  
Psalm: 34:11-20

### **Mon 11<sup>th</sup>**

Psalm: 77  
Reading 1: Exodus 2:11-22  
Reading 2: Hebrews 9:1-14

### **Tue 12<sup>th</sup>**

Psalm: 79  
Reading 1: Exodus 2:23 - 3:20  
Reading 2: Hebrews 9:15-end

### **Wed 13<sup>th</sup>**

Psalm: 90  
Reading 1: Exodus 4:1-23  
Reading 2: Hebrews 10:1-18

### **Thu 14<sup>th</sup>**

Psalm: 86  
Reading 1: Exodus 4:27 - 6:1  
Reading 2: Hebrews 10:19-25

### Holy Communion Readings

Reading 1: Exodus 32:7-14  
Gospel: John 5:31-end

### **Fri 15<sup>th</sup>**

Psalm: 102  
Reading 1: Exodus 6:2-13  
Reading 2: Hebrews 10:26-end

### **Sat 16<sup>th</sup>**

Psalm: 32  
Reading 1: Exodus 7:8-end  
Reading 2: Hebrews 11:1-16

### **Sun 17<sup>th</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent**

Reading 1: Jeremiah 31:31-34  
Reading 2: Hebrews 5:5-10  
Gospel: John 12:20-33  
Psalm: 51:1-13

## For our Prayers

### **For the persecuted church - Burkina Faso**

Heavenly Father, we ask You to be with and comfort our brothers and sisters in Burkina Faso. They have endured so much violence over the last several years, and the pain they've felt seems impossible to heal from, impossible to have hope. We ask that Your comfort and peace – which we know only You can bring – will come to Your children in Burkina Faso. Please help them endure. We also ask for a miracle: please change the hearts of the Islamic militants who attack Your people. Amen.

### **For our Churches, this week especially for:**

Our Churchwardens  
Our Children: Megan Rose & Callum

### **What are we thankful for this week:**

Clean water to drink

### **For our Community, this week especially for:**

Our Cafes, Restaurants & Pubs

### **For those in need or unwell:**

Nicky Hardy, David Bark, Dorothy Barsby, John Walton, Michael Webb, Tricia Emmett, Ray Folland & all who care for them.

### **For those who have Holy Communion at home:**

Sheila Skidmore, Monica Lucas, Freda Sowards, Margery Orton & Pat Wilby

### **For those who have recently died:**

### **For 1<sup>st</sup> anniversary of death this week:**

John Fowler

### **Every day - 9pm (or another time!)**

Praying for peace in Ukraine & Israel / Palestine. And a different area each day.

**Sun:** And for an end to the Yemeni Civil War(Yemen, Saudi Arabia) ongoing since 2014.

**Mon:** And for an end to the Sudan conflict ongoing since 2023.

**Tues:** And for an end to the Kurdish separatism in Iran ongoing since 1918.

**Wed:** And for an end to Insurgency in Kashmir (India & Pakistan) ongoing since 1947.

**Thurs:** And for an end to Israeli-Palestinian Conflict (Israel, Palestine) ongoing since 1948.

**Fri:** And For an end to insurgency in Balochistan (Pakistan, Iran) ongoing since 1948.

**Sat:** And for an end to Insurgency in Northeast India ongoing since 1954.