

Readings for St James

Sun 2nd 1st Sunday of Advent
Reading 1: Jeremiah 33:14-16
Reading 2: 1 Thessalonians 3:9-end
Gospel: Luke 21:25-36

Mon 3rd
Psalm: 50
Reading 1: Isaiah 42:18-end
Reading 2: Revelation 19

Tue 4th
Psalm: 80
Reading 1: Isaiah 43:1-13
Reading 2: Revelation 20

Wed 5th
Psalm: 7
Reading 1: Isaiah 43:14-end
Reading 2: Revelation 21:1-8

Thu 6th St Nicholas
Morning Prayer Readings
Psalm: 42
Reading 1: Isaiah 44:1-8
Reading 2: Revelation 21:9-21

Holy Communion Readings
Reading 1: Isaiah 26:1-6
Gospel: Matthew 7:21, 24-27

Fri 7th
Psalm: 25
Reading 1: Isaiah 44:9-23
Reading 2: Revelation 21:22 - 22:5

Sat 8th
Psalm: 9
Reading 1: Isaiah 44:24 - 45:13
Reading 2: Revelation 22:6-end

Sun 9th 2nd Sunday of Advent
Reading 1: Malachi 3:1-4
Reading 2: Philippians 1:3-11
Gospel: Luke 3:1-6

Readings for Wanlip

Sun 2nd 1st Sunday of Advent
Advent Carols

Thu 6th St Nicholas patronal
Reading 1: Isaiah 26:1-6
Reading 2: Psalm 118:18-27a
Gospel: Matthew 7:21- 24-27

Sun 9th 2nd Sunday of Advent
Reading 1: Isaiah 40:1-11
Reading 2: Luke 1:1-25
Psalm: 75

For our prayers this week

Scouts, Cubs & Beavers (Affiliated to St James)
Those who visit the sick

For those in need or unwell

Evelyn Watson, Cate Turner, Eric Broadhurst,
Nicky Hardy, Phoebe Thomas, Tricia Emmett,
Peter Grange, Sandra Robinson, David Bark,
Pat English, Rupert & Diane Stant, John Ward,
Pam Gilbert, Paul Harding, Bert Tegg

For our friends no longer able to come to church, but not forgotten

Kathleen Allen, Harry Castleman, Gillian Ward,
Maureen Hardy, Ruth Wright, Joan Barnett,
Jessie Wainwright, Lynn Mason, Gwen Johnson,
Madge Nutting

For those who have died

Roger Cowham

For 1st anniversary of death this week

A Prayer for Growth

Almighty God, you call all life into being and you call your Church to announce the Good News of Jesus to all people, and so we pray that through the power of your Holy Spirit, you will give us guidance and confidence to proclaim our faith to those in our community who do not know Jesus as their Lord and Saviour. We pray also that we will be sensitive to your leading and that all who are drawn to our Church receive a loving welcome. **Amen**



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



Sunday 2nd December

1st Sunday of Advent

Welcome to you all



St James



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Today

St James the Great

08:00 Holy Communion
10:00 Christingle All Together

Our Lady & St Nicholas

18:00 Advent Carols

Next Week - 9th Dec

St James the Great

08:00 Holy Communion
10:00 Parish Communion

Our Lady & St Nicholas

18:00 Evensong

In the week

Monday 3rd

09:00 Morning Prayer St James
10:00 Stained glass window visit St James
19:00 Ratcliffe Chorale rehearsal St James

Tuesday 4th

09:00 Morning Prayer St James

Wednesday 5th

09:00 Morning Prayer St James
10:30 Contemplative Prayer 76 Sibson Rd
14:00 God, Me & Art Church office

Thursday 6th

09:30 Eucharist St James
19:30 St Nicholas Patronal Wanlip

Friday 7th

09:00 Morning Prayer St James
19:00 Staff Meeting with food Rectory

Saturday 8th

10:00 Open Church St James
19:30 Ratcliffe Chorale Concert St James

Check out our Church Website: www.Birstall.org

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Diary Dates

2 nd (Sunday) Advent Children's tea party	Wanlip Hall 2;30pm
2 nd (Sunday) Advent Carols	Wanlip 6pm
3 rd (Monday) Stained glass window visit	St James 10am
3 rd (Monday) Ratcliffe Chorale rehearsal	St James 7pm
5 th (Wednesday) Contemplative Prayer	76 Sibson Road 10:30 - 11:30am
5 th (Wednesday) God, Me & Art	Church office 2pm
6 th (Thursday) St Nicholas Patronal	Wanlip 7:30pm
7 th (Friday) Staff Meeting with food	251 Birstall Road 7pm
8 th (Saturday) Ratcliffe Chorale Concert	St James 7:30pm
9 th (Sunday) Leicestershire & Rutland CTC Carol Service	Wanlip 1:15pm
10 th (Monday) Monday Group	Village hall 7:30pm
12 th (Wednesday) Watermead Court Carol Service	10:30am
12 th (Wednesday) Rectory Bible Study group	251 Birstall Road 7:30pm
13 th (Thursday) Carol Singing	Meet at Kingsgate Avenue shops 6:30pm
15 th (Saturday) Carol Singing	Meet at Barclays Bank, Sibson Rd 10:30am
16 th (Sunday) Readings & Carols by candlelight	Wanlip 6pm
17 th (Monday) Mothers Union	Wanlip Hall 10:15am
17 th (Monday) Riverside School Carol Service rehearsal	St James 10:45am
17 th (Monday) Riverside School Carol Service	St James 1:30pm
17 th (Monday) Carols around the tree	Wanlip 6pm
18 th (Tuesday) Old Nick's Coffee Shop	Wanlip Hall 10am
18 th (Tuesday) Highcliffe School Carol Service rehearsal	St James 11am
18 th (Tuesday) Highcliffe School Carol Service	St James 1:30pm
19 th (Wednesday) Joint Schools event with Hallam Fields	St James 1:30pm
19 th (Wednesday) Cedar mews Carol Service	Cedar Mews 3pm
19 th (Wednesday) Carols for All	St James 7:30pm
24 th (Monday) Crib Service	St James 4pm
24 th (Monday) Midnight Communion	St James 11pm
25 th (Tuesday) Christmas morning Communion service	Wanlip 9am
25 th (Tuesday) Christmas morning Communion service	St James 10am
28 th (Thursday) There will not be a service today	
31 st (Monday) Wedding of Mark Jones & Amy Thomas	St James 1pm
31 st (Monday) Midnight Watch service	Wanlip 11:30pm

General Notices

God, Me & Art

The next meeting of God, Me & Art will be on Wednesday 5th December in the church office, starting at 2pm. The theme is Generosity.

St Nicholas Patronal

This years patronal service for St Nicholas will be on Thursday 6th December at Our Lady & St Nicholas, Wanlip starting at 7:30pm. All welcome.

5th December

6th December

Rectory Bible Study

The next Rectory Bible Study Group will be on Wednesday 12th December at 7:30pm. The study will be on Luke 3:7-18.

12th December

Carol Singing

13th & 15th December

We are planning to sing in the village on two occasions: Thursday 13th December from 6.30pm to 7.30pm- meeting at the Kingsgate Avenue shops. Saturday 15th December from 10.30am to 11.30am- meeting outside Barclays Bank on Sibson Road. We hope you will be able to join us on one or both occasions. Helen Tarry and Kerry Emmett.

Wanlip flowers

A big thank you to all who gave flowers donations and help towards flowers for Wanlip church during 2018. The new flower rota will be at Wanlip church in January 2019. wishing you all a merry Christmas and happy new year. Love Marjorie

Keep in Touch Magazine

The latest edition of the magazine is now available at the back of church. Please take a copy. Large print copies are also available. Would visitors please collect their envelopes. Please return envelopes with any list amendments to the box in the church office, or let Sheryl know. Thank you.

Thank you from Rita Cowham

THANK YOU SO MUCH for the beautiful cards and lovely messages of support for Roger. We were so touched by them and also how wonderful it was to see so many of you at His Funeral Service of Celebration of his Life. We found it so uplifting and we give thanks for his life, he was a Wonderful Husband and Father and we shall miss him so much, our lives have been blessed because of him. Our Sincere thanks go to Vince and Peter and Barbara Watson for their time and help in making the Service SO SPECIAL. May God Bless You All. Rita, Lynn and Gail and family.

St James Parish Holiday 2019

Provisional plans have been made for next year's annual Parish Holiday. In order to progress plans, a sign up sheet is at the back of the church, if those interested would kindly sign this to indicate their interest. Date 20th June for 5 days. " Royal Windsor, Castle & Cruise." Approx cost £485 per person. There are a limited number of single rooms available, so "first come first served" allocation. For further details speak to Leigh Reed or Rita Richards.

Thank you from the Monday Group

St James Monday Group would like to thank all those who helped and supported our Soup & Pudding luncheon on Nov 17th. A total of £794 was achieved, which now takes the amount of our ongoing fund raising for this year's charity The Baldwin Trust to £1,214.80. The winner of the beautiful quilt was Ann Green.