



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



**18<sup>th</sup> February 2024**

**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent**

**Welcome to you all**



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**Our Services this week**

**St James:**

**Sunday 18<sup>th</sup>**

8:30am Holy Communion  
10:00am Holy Communion

**Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup>**

9:30am Holy Communion

**Our Lady & St Nicholas:**

**Sunday 18<sup>th</sup>**

6pm BCP Evensong

**What else is happening this week**

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup>**

10am-Noon Mothers Union St James

**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup>**

12:30-4:30pm Welcome Space St James  
2pm Lent Course St Theresa's

**Wednesday 21<sup>st</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 22<sup>nd</sup>**

10:30am Bible Chat Group St James

**Saturday 24<sup>th</sup>**

10am-Noon Open Church St James

**What's happening next week**

**Sunday 25<sup>th</sup>**

8:30am Holy Communion St James  
10am Holy Communion St James  
6pm BCP Evensong Our Lady & St Nicholas

**Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup>**

12:30-4:30pm Welcome Space St James  
2pm Lent Course St Theresa's

**Wednesday 28<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 29<sup>th</sup>**

9:30am Holy Communion St James

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup>**

12 Noon World Day of Prayer light lunch St James  
1pm A short slide presentation about Palestine St James  
2pm World Day of Prayer Service St James

**Saturday 2<sup>nd</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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## **Lent Course - Starts 20<sup>th</sup>/21<sup>st</sup> February**

This year's lent course will be a York Course entitled 'God has no favourites'. There will be two separate sessions, one on Tuesdays in the afternoon at St. Theresa's starting at 2 p.m. and the other on Wednesday evenings at St. James starting at 7p.m. the two sessions will be identical so you can swap and change if you like, and each will last about 1 hour. The booklet costs £3.88 so please let me know as soon as possible if you would like one. They are not compulsory but it does help to have one. The course starts on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup>. Hope to see you there. Debbie tel 07860 951116 email Debbie.shephard54@gmail.com

## **What are you thankful for?**

Please can you email me with things you are thankful for. We are thinking about things in general and not something personal. *Sheryl & Josephine*

## **Sales of Marmalade & Jam**

Marmalade (£2:50) and a new supply of Jam (£2) are now available at the back of St James, the cost goes to Church funds. *Janet 07962949942*

## **Lourdes Cake Sale - 25<sup>th</sup> February**

Hi my name is Kim, I am Theresa's Granddaughter. I am selling some cakes on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> February after the service to help towards the costs of my pilgrimage to Lourdes.

## **First Aiders**

We still need people to train as first aiders, so we have one or two in each service. Training costs will be covered by the PCC. Please let Sheryl know if you are interested.

## **Stop Press: Stop bringing drug blister packs to the church until further notice**

Superdrug has now stopped it's recycling scheme and we need to find an alternative. The box has been removed to stop any piling up. Bottle Tops: we are continuing to collect these and have put the box in between pens & toothpaste to ensure these aren't mixed up with other products. *Rose*

## **Bible Chat Group - 22<sup>nd</sup> February**

The next Bible Chat Group will be on 22<sup>nd</sup> February at 10:30am on 1 Peter.

## **Church Diary**

If you write an event in the church diary, or send me an email, please could you put a finish time too, for heating reasons. Thanks. *Sheryl*

## **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.

## **Hand Rollators**

I have two second hand rollators to give away. to people who need one but can't afford it. All I ask is a donation that they can afford to the church. My email address is: [michaelwebb.oc@pm.me](mailto:michaelwebb.oc@pm.me) *Michael*

### **A Collect for the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent**

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are, yet without sin: give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit; and, as you know our weakness, so may we know your power to save; 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 the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent**

Lord God, you have renewed us with the living bread from heaven; by it you nourish our faith, increase our hope, and strengthen our love: teach us always to hunger for him who is the true and living bread, and enable us to live by every word that proceeds from out of your mouth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

### **BCP Collect for the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent**

O Lord, who for our sake didst fast forty days and forty nights: Give us grace to use such abstinence, that, our flesh being subdued to the Spirit, we may ever obey thy godly motions in righteousness and true holiness, to thy honour and glory, who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. **Amen**

### **World Day of Prayer - 1<sup>st</sup> March**

This years Day Of Prayer has been prepared by the Christian ladies of Palestine and will be held at St. James the Great on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March. There will be a light lunch at 12 midday, free but contributions to costs welcome, followed by a short slide presentation about Palestine at 1pm. The service will start at 2pm and a collection for the work of the World day Of Prayer will be taken during the service. We hope that you will come and support us in this global wave of prayer. *Jackie Bryan*

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

Carry wet flannels in a box instead of wet wipes for babies and toddlers

### **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.

### **Can you help**

Two Fridays ago after falling over & not being able to get up until my brother could get out of work to help me. Although I have some neighbours numbers, but it happened while they were working. I would be grateful if there were some church members who could help me onto my knees if I am outside. So long as I am near enough to something to pull myself up with.

Otherwise hold me while I do most of the lifting work. My email address is:

[michaelwebb.oc@pm.me](mailto:michaelwebb.oc@pm.me) *Michael*

### **A Book called 'Jesus'**

Who lent Doreen a book called 'Jesus'? She wants to return it, having enjoyed it!

### **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](mailto:stjames.birstall@btconnect.com), or [sheryljupp@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:sheryljupp@hotmail.co.uk), or contact Amanda or a Churchwarden. I will need to have received it **before I am** on the Thursday to get your items included in that week's news sheet. Thanks. *Sheryl*

## Lectionary & Theme Readings

### **Sun 18<sup>th</sup>**      **1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent**

Reading 1: Genesis 9:8-17  
Reading 2: 1 Peter 3:18-end  
Gospel: Mark 1:9-15  
Psalm: 25:1-9

**Theme:** **Psalm 37:1-7**

### **Mon 19<sup>th</sup>**

Psalm: 11  
Reading 1: Genesis 41:25-45  
Reading 2: Galatians 3:23 - 4:7

**Theme:** **Luke 24:13-35**

### **Tue 20<sup>th</sup>**

Psalm: 44  
Reading 1: Genesis 41:46 - 42:5  
Reading 2: Galatians 4:8-20

**Theme:** **Mark 9:2-8**

### **Wed 21<sup>st</sup>**

Psalm: 6  
Reading 1: Genesis 42:6-17  
Reading 2: Galatians 4:21 - 5:1

**Theme:** **1 Chronicles 29:10-30**

### **Thu 22<sup>nd</sup>**

Psalm: 42  
Reading 1: Genesis 42:18-28  
Reading 2: Galatians 5:2-15

#### Holy Communion Readings

Reading 1: Esther 14:1-5, 12-14  
Gospel: Matthew 7:7-12

**Theme:** **Revelation 3:14-22**

### **Fri 23<sup>rd</sup>**

Psalm: 22  
Reading 1: Genesis 42:29-end  
Reading 2: Galatians 5:16-end

**Theme:** **1 Samuel 7:7-17**

### **Sat 24<sup>th</sup>**

Psalm: 63  
Reading 1: Genesis 43:1-15  
Reading 2: Galatians 6

**Theme:** **Mark 14:1-9**

### **Sun 25<sup>th</sup>**      **2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent**

Reading 1: Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16  
Reading 2: Romans 4:13-end  
Gospel: Mark 8:31-end  
Psalm: 22:33-end

**Theme:** **Matthew 17:1-13**

## For our Prayers

### **Theme for the week - Making Moments**

Begin to pray this week that the moments of your life may themselves become prayers. Whether they are in the joy of a birthday party, in the weariness that comes from labour, in the majesty of the setting sun or in the pain that comes with tears. Pray that each in its turn will cause you to lift your voice to him.

### **For the persecuted church - Myanmar**

Dear God, bend the hearts of the military towards justice, peace & freedom, & bring lasting safety and stability to this troubled nation. Refresh the spirits of weary believers & strengthen them as they respond to challenges in the ways You want them to. Protect churches & believers, & may Christians not be seen as a threat to different sides but as peacemakers. We especially pray for young people; captivate their hearts, keep them from the evil one, & show them the precious callings You have for them. Thank You for the wonderful work of church leaders & local partners; nourish them as they seek to nourish others, & equip them for every task. Amen.

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

Churches Together in Birstall & Wanlip  
Our Children: Lewis

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

A car that starts

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

Our Police, P.C.S.O's & Wardens

### **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:**

Eileen Hill

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

Praying for peace in Ukraine. And a different area each day

**Sun:** For an end to the insurgency in Paraguay ongoing since 2005

**Mon:** For an end to the armed conflict for control of the favelas in Greater Rio de Janeiro in Brazil, ongoing since 2006

**Tues:** For an end to the Insurgency in Egypt ongoing since 2013

**Wed:** For an end to the ISIL insurgency in the North Caucasus ongoing since 2017

**Thurs:** For an end to the Internal Conflict in Myanmar (Kachin, Karen, Rohingya, Rakhine, protests & insurgency) ongoing since 1948.

**Fri:** For an end to the Ethiopian Civil Conflict (Ethiopia, Eritrea, Sudan) ongoing since 2018.

**Sat:** For an end to Colombian Conflict in Colombia, Venezuela, Ecuador ongoing since 1964.