



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



28th April 2024 **5th Sunday of Easter**

Welcome to you all



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Our Services this week
 Service type is subject to change due to illness or other unforeseen circumstances

St James:
Sunday 28th
 8:30am Morning Prayer
 10.00am Holy Communion

Thursday 2nd
 9:30am Morning Prayer

Our Lady & St Nicholas:
Sunday 28th
 6pm BCP Evensong

What else is happening this week

Monday 29th
 7pm Churches Together Meeting
St Theresa's

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

Wednesday 1st
 12:30-4:30pm Welcome Space St James
 3-4pm Open Church & Private Prayer
Our Lady & St Nicholas

4:30-6pm Capital Arts choir St James
 7:30pm PCC Meeting St James

Saturday 4th
 10am-Noon Open Church St James
 10am- Noon Coffee Morning Methodist Church
 10:30am The Leprosy Mission's Rutland Water
 Walk of Hope

What's happening next week

Sunday 5th
 8:30am Morning Prayer St James
 10am All Together Service St James
 6pm Holy Communion Our Lady & St Nicholas

Tuesday 7th
 12:30-4:30pm Welcome Space St James
 4:30-6pm Capital Arts choir St James

Wednesday 8th
 12:30-4:30pm Welcome Space St James
 3-4pm Open Church & Private Prayer Our Lady & St Nicholas

Thursday 9th
 9:30am Morning Prayer St James

Saturday 11th
 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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Churches Together Meeting - 29th April

The next Churches Together meeting is on Monday at 7pm at St Theresa's - everyone welcome.

PCC Meeting - 1st May

The next PCC meeting will be on Wednesday 1st May at St James starting at 7:30pm. Re the Annual accounts and Minster Communities

Wanlip May Fair - 18th May

This years Wanlip's May Fair is on Saturday 18th May starting at 2pm-4pm. In Our Lady & St Nicholas Church and the Community Hall. Cakes, Plants, Bric-a-Brac, Refreshments and more!

APM & APCM - 22nd May

The APM & APCM (annual meetings) will be on the 22nd May this year.

Duck Race - 6th May

We will have a stall at the Duck Race this year. At the moment, I'm thinking of offering prayer and chat, but if anyone has any good ideas, and wants to help, please let me know! Thanks, manda

The Leprosy Mission - Rutland walk of Hope, 4th May

On Saturday 4th May, The Leprosy Mission would like you to join them as they walk around the beautiful peninsula of Rutland Water. The money you raise will transform the lives of people affected by leprosy.

The walk will start at St Andrew's Church, Hambleton, LE15 8TL at 10:30 am. The walk is about 5 miles long and they expect it to take around 2½ hours, but you can join for a shorter section of the route if you would like.

You can make a difference and help people regain their mobility and independence, by asking your friends and family to sponsor you as you walk.

The Walk of Hope is open to everyone, including furry friends! Children under 12 are welcome, but must be accompanied by an adult. Light refreshments will be served at the Village Hall in Hambleton. Please contact Guy Willcock 07940 721179 GuyW@TLMEW.org.uk if you would like to join them

Coffee Morning - 4th May

We will be holding a coffee morning on Saturday 4th May 10 - 12 at Birstall Methodist coffee shop to include a Bring and Buy and Raffle for R.N.L.I. (Lifeboats). Do hope you will be able to come and support us. *Jane Scott*

Electoral Roll 2024

Please check that your name is on the current Electoral Roll at the back of church. if you are a new church member and wish to join the Electoral Roll then please see Christine Suffolk for a form.

A Collect for the 5th Sunday of Easter

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: grant that, as by your grace going before us you put into our minds good desires, so by your continual help we may bring them to good effect; through Jesus Christ our risen 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 5th Sunday of Easter

Eternal God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life: grant us to walk in his way, to rejoice in his truth, and to share his risen life; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen**

BCP Collect for 5th Sunday of Easter

O Almighty God, who alone canst order the unruly wills and affections of sinful men; Grant unto thy people, that they may love the thing which thou commandest, and desire that which thou dost promise; that so, among the sundry and manifold changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed, where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Summer Fair

Is anyone willing to organise this years Summer Fair please? Please let Amanda or a warden know.

Rota - May - August

If you are a Sides Person, Welcomer, Intercessor etc the rota for May - August is in your pigeon hole at St James and at the back of church at Wanlip. If you would like to receive it digitally and haven't already received it, can you let me know please. Thanks. *Sheryl*

Church Storyboards

Please remember to give your filled in Storyboards about the church to the wardens at Wanlip or put in the box provided at St James. Thank you.

Monthly tip for a less-plastic life - April

Reuse small soft-fruit punnets as seed trays or use cardboard loo roll tubes for planting seedlings instead of little plastic pots

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.

Saving Paper

In an effort to save paper please could all the paper BIBLE READINGS be put into my pigeon hole after use as it is proposed that a file will be made of these readings and eventually it will be placed in the Parish Office so they can be reused. Thank you. *Josephine Burgess*

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 I am** on the Thursday to get your items included in that week's news sheet. Thanks. *Sheryl*

Lectionary & Theme Readings

Sun 28th **5th Sunday of Easter**

Readings used today:

Reading 1: Proverbs 2:1-22

Reading 2 Philippians 4:8-9

Gospel : Luke 8:16-18

Psalm: 119:1-16

Lectionary Readings:

Acts 8:26-end, 1 John 4:7-end, John 15:1-8, P 22:25-end

Mon 29th **Theme: Philippians 4:8-9**

Psalm: 145

Reading 1: Numbers 9:15-end, 10:33-end

Reading 2: Luke 4:38-end

Tue 30th **Theme: 1 Timothy 4:6-16**

Psalm: 19

Reading 1: Numbers 11:1-33

Reading 2: Luke 5:1-11

Wed 1st **Theme: Deuteronomy 17:18-20**

Philip & James, Apostles

Psalm: 139

Reading 1: Proverbs 4:10-18

Reading 2: James 1:1-12

Thu 2nd **Theme: 2 Peter 1:3-8**

Mark the Evangelist

Psalm: 57

Reading 1: Numbers 13:1-3, 17-end

Reading 2: Luke 5:27-end

Holy Communion Readings

Reading 1: Acts 15:7-21

Gospel: John 15:9-11

Fri 3rd **Theme: Psalm 119:97-104**

Psalm: 138

Reading 1: Numbers 14:1-25

Reading 2: Luke 6:1-11

Sat 4th **Theme: Luke 8:16-18**

Psalm: 146

Reading 1: Numbers 14:26-end

Reading 2: Luke 6:12-26

Sun 5th **6th Sunday of Easter**

Readings used today:

Reading 1: 2 Timothy 3:10-17

Reading 2

Gospel :

Lectionary Readings:

Acts 10:44-end, 1 John 5:1-6, John 15:9-17, Psalm 98

Theme: Proverbs 2:1-22

For our Prayers

Theme for the week - Invocation

Jesus said, "You will know the truth & the truth will set you free." Our problem is not in believing his statement, but in knowing the truth. Pray that your capacity to receive the truth is not blocked by pride or by the ungodly thought that you already know enough truth.

For the persecuted church - Niger

Lord Jesus, restore peace & stability to Niger & bring good from the upheaval & pain caused by last year's military coup. Keep our family encouraged, faithful & passionate for You amid rising challenges, & protect them from all evil & harm. Frustrate the plans of those who want to stir up violence & division, & lead them to You. Heal our brothers & sisters who are carrying pain, meet every need, & help Your children to keep their eyes fixed on You during difficult moments. May Your face shine powerfully on Your people, giving them strength & drawing others to You. Spirit of the living God, have Your way in Niger. Amen.

For our Churches, this week especially for:

Our Intercessors & Readers

Our Children: Thomas, Isabella & Charlie

What are we thankful for this week:

We have access to free medical care

For our Community, this week especially for:

Our shop workers & owners

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

Sheila Ward

For 1st anniversary of death this week:

Every day - 9pm (or another time!)

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

Sun: For an end to Islamic State conflict in Iraq ongoing since 2003.

Mon: For an end to the Kivu conflict (DR Congo, Rwanda, Burundi) ongoing since 2004.

Tues: For an end to the Mexican Drug War ongoing since 2006.

Wed: For an end to the Sudanese nomadic conflicts ongoing since 2008.

Thurs: For an end to Boko Haram Insurgency in Nigeria, Cameroon, Niger, Chad, ongoing since 2009.

Fri: For an end to the Syrian Civil War ongoing since 2011.

Sat: For an end to the Nigerian Bandit Conflict ongoing since 2011.