



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



10th November 2024

Remembrance Sunday

Welcome to you all



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St James



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Our Services this week

Service type is subject to change due to illness or other unforeseen circumstances

St James:

Sunday 10th

8:30am Morning Prayer
10.00am Remembrance Service

Thursday 14th

9:30am Holy Communion

Our Lady & St Nicholas:

Sunday 10th

6pm Evensong with Act of Remembrance

What else is happening this week

Sunday 10th

4pm Praying for Peace Service
Hallam Fields Hall

Monday 11th

10:50am Remembrance Day Service
War Memorial
2:30-4:30pm Monday Group St James

Tuesday 12th

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

Wednesday 13th

2.00-4:30pm Welcome Space St James
3-4pm Open Church & Private Prayer
Our Lady & St Nicholas

Thursday 14th

10:30am Bible Book Club St James

Saturday 16th

10am-12noon Open Church St James

What's happening next week

Sunday 17th

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

Monday 18th

10-12noon Mothers Union Meeting St James

Tuesday 19th

10-12noon Old Nick's Coffee Shop Wanlip Hall

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

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

Wednesday 20th

2-4:30pm Welcome Space St James

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

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

Thursday 21st

9:30am Morning Prayer St James

Saturday 23rd

10am-12noon Open Church St James

7pm The Big Quiz Night in aid of Tearfund Birstall Scout HQ

Notices

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

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Remembrance Services - 10th/11th November

Our Remembrance Sunday service is today (Sunday 10th) at St James, starting at 10am. There will also be a short Act of Remembrance during Evensong at Our Lady and St. Nicholas, Wanlip. Also there will be a service on Remembrance Day, (Monday 11th) at the War Memorial at St James starting at 10:50am. All are welcome at all three services.

Deanery Synod

We have two vacancies for Goscote Deanery for Lay members of Diocesan Synod. They need to be over 16, on the electoral roll and communicant members of the C of E. They need to be nominated by two lay members of the Deanery Synod and the voted on by Deanery Synod. Please contact Amanda or Rachael for more info about synod.

St James Monday Group - 11th Nov

Do come and enjoy a relaxing afternoon as Kevin and Peter show their lovely slides, set to accompanying music. All welcome. Held in the community area. *Joan Folland*

Bible Book Club - 14th November

The next Bible Book Club will be on Thursday 14th November starting at about 10:30am following the Holy Communion Service. The book we will be studying is 2 Timothy. All welcome.

Winter Services at St James

Some people have asked if we are going to be in the old church for some winter services, but I have been told a few people won't come due to fears of germ spreading. If this would affect you, please let Amanda or Ladi know, before we make our decision in the next 2 weeks.

Wanlip Christmas Fayre - 7th December

This happy social event will take place on Saturday 7th December in Wanlip Church and Hall. There will be a variety of stalls and a chance to visit Santa. Any offers of bottles, raffle prizes, cakes for refreshments, (No bric a brac or books thank you) etc. would be gratefully appreciated. Monies raised will help to finish refurbishing the Hall and works on the Church. Thank you. Please feel free to contact Julie Ward

The Big Quiz Night in aid of Tearfund - 23rd November

Tearfund is a charity which Amanda likes to support and this is a fun way to help. The Big Quiz Night will be held at Birstall Scout HQ, starting at 7pm. The evening is free of charge but we will ask you to make a donation on the night, bring your own drinks and snacks and a team of up to six people there will also be a small raffle. The information is at the back of the church and a sign up sheet or if you wish email vic.dolby@btinternet.com with your team name and number attending. *Vic Dolby*

The Collect for Remembrance Sunday

Almighty and eternal God, from whose love in Christ we cannot be parted, either from death or life: Here our prayers and thanksgivings for all whom we remember this day; fulfil in them the purpose of your love; and bring us all, with them, to your eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Advent book club

This advent I will be reading the Archbishops Advent book, Do not be Afraid by Rachael Mann (rrp £9.89 and orderable through church) 'These luminous meditations tell stories of God waiting with us when we're in fear or distress; of coming - bidden or unbidden - to relieve our loneliness; of disconcerting us, desiring us and surprising us with joy...'

Please let me know if you would like to accompany me at a friendly relaxed book club meeting once a week through Advent, as we wait and reflect on the coming of Christ this Advent together. Please register your interest at the back of the church and I will organise a day, time and location that will work best to meet. *Revd. Rachael*

Volunteer vacancies!

We are looking for the following volunteers for church - if you might be interested, please speak to whoever is named next to the role ASAP. Thank you!

- Eco Church (Amanda)
- Light cleaning duties (Tony Luxton)
- Flower arranging (Sylvia)
- Intercessors (Alan & Cynthia Chapman) or Amanda for help
- People for the prayer team (Kerry)

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.

Bring and Share Lunch - Sunday 1st December

Please sign the list in the community area of St. James or Our Lady & St Nicholas. Tea & Coffee provided. Please feel free to bring your own drinks. Please be at Birstall Village Hall by 12:30pm. *Joan Folland*

Monthly tip for a less-plastic life - November

If you can afford it, order milk online for delivery in glass bottles.

Electoral Role

If you are not yet on our church electoral role, please do ask for a form and join! It's the official membership list of the church and everyone who comes is welcome to be on the list, if they are baptised and are aged 16 or over.

New Facebook page

If you are on Facebook, you will be getting a follow request to our new page - St James the Great, Birstall & Our Lady and St Nicholas, Wanlip

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 10th Remembrance Sunday

Readings used

Reading 1: Psalm 51:6-14

Reading 2: 1 John 1:5-10

Gospel :

Lectionary readings: *Jonah 3:1-5,10, Hebrews 9:24-end, Mark 1:14-20 Psalm 62:5-end*

BCP Evensong Readings:

Reading 1: Isaiah 10:33-34, 11:1-9

Reading 2: 1 John 3:16-22

Psalm: 34:1-14

Mon 11th Theme: Proverbs 12:19

Psalm: 20

Reading 1: Daniel 4:19-end

Reading 2: Revelation 5

Tue 12th Theme: Deut. 32:1-4

Psalm: 21

Reading 1: Daniel 5:1-12

Reading 2: Revelation 6

Wed 13th Theme: Matthew 7:1-6

Psalm: 23

Reading 1: Daniel 5:13-end

Reading 2: Revelation 7:1-4, 9-end

Thu 14th Theme: Luke 16:1-13

Psalm: 26

Reading 1: Daniel 6

Reading 2: Revelation 8

Holy Communion Readings

Reading 1: Philemon 7-20

Gospel: Luke 17:20-25

Fri 15th Theme: 2 Corinthians 4:1-6

Psalm: 32

Reading 1: Daniel 7:1-14

Reading 2: Revelation 9:1-12

Sat 16th Theme: Romans 9:1

Psalm: 33

Reading 1: Daniel 7:15-end

Reading 2: Revelation 9:13-end

Sun 17th 2nd Sunday before Advent

Readings used

Reading 1: TBC

Reading 2:

Gospel :

Lectionary readings: Daniel 12:1-3, Hebrews 10:11-14, 19-25 Mark 13:1-8 Psalm 16

BCP Evensong Readings:

Reading 1: TBC

Reading 2:

Psalm: Theme: Luke 18:15-17

For our Prayers

Theme for the week - Truthfulness

It's a characteristic of human nature to be semi-transparent with other people. And we reveal only what we want to reveal. And we don't really do much better before God either. What good is there to be gained by being dishonest with God? How do we ever expect to be transformed into His image if we continually cover those things we don't want God to know about? Ask God to help you be truthful both to Him and to others.

For the persecuted church - Oman

Lord Jesus, thank You for the relative freedom given to foreign Christians in Oman & that church services are drawing people in. Use their influence to lead others to You & soften the hearts of the authorities towards the wider Christian population. Strengthen all believers who under pressure for knowing You – may they feel Your Holy Spirit, the Comforter, empowering them to stand strong & even boldly share their faith with others. Guard Your people from harm & give Your children wisdom as they navigate opposition from their communities. Grow Your church in Oman, we pray. Amen.

For our Churches, this week especially for:

Our PCC Treasurer & Secretary Our Children Finney & Emily

What are we thankful for this week:

The gift of life

For our Community, this week especially for:

School pupils, Teachers & Governors

For those in need or unwell:

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

For those who have Holy Communion at home:

Sheila Skidmore, Monica Lucas, Freda Sowards, Margery Orton

For those who have recently died

For 1st anniversary of death this week:

Raymond Merry

Every day - 9pm (or another time!)

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

Sun: For an end to the Philippine Drug War ongoing since 2016.

Mon: For an end to Insurgency in Cabo Delgado (Mozambique & Tanzania) ongoing since 2017.

Tues: For an end to the Anglophone Crisis in Cameroon ongoing since 2017.

Wed: For an end to the Bangladesh drug war ongoing since 2018.

Thurs: For an end to the FRG9 insurgency in Haiti ongoing since 2020.

Fri: For an end to the Salvadoran gang crackdown ongoing since 2022.

Sat: For an end to the Las Anod conflict in Somaliland ongoing since 2023.