



St James the Great • Birstall Our Lady and St Nicholas • Wanlip



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

11th May 2025

4th 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 11th

8:30am Morning Prayer
10.00am Holy Communion with Healing

Wednesday 14th

12:30pm Holy Communion

Thursday 15th

9:30am Morning Prayer

Our Lady & St Nicholas:

Sunday 11th

6pm BCP Evensong

What else is happening this week

Sunday 11th

4pm Prayer Walk for Peace
Starting at Hallam Fields Hall
4pm Evensong & Fundraising Concert
St Peter & St Paul's, Syston

Monday 12th

2:30-4:30pm Monday Group St James
7pm APM & APCM St James

Tuesday 13th

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

Wednesday 14th

2-4:30pm Welcome Space St James
3-4pm Open Church & Private Prayer
Our Lady & St Nicholas

Saturday 17th

10am-12noon Open Church St James
2-4pm Wanlip May Fair
Wanlip Hall & Church

What's happening next week

Sunday 18th

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

Monday 19th

10-12noon Mothers Union St James

Tuesday 20th

10-12noon St Nick's Coffee Shop Wanlip Hall
12:30-4:30pm Welcome Space St James

Wednesday 21st

2-4:30pm Welcome Space St James
3-4pm Open Church & Private Prayer Our Lady & St Nicholas

Thursday 22nd

9:30am Holy Communion St James
10:30am Bible Book Club St James

Notices

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

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Prayer Walk for Peace - Today (11th May)

Today, Sunday 11th we are holding a Prayer Walk for peace on the Hallam Fields estate starting from the hall on the estate at 4.00 pm. We will be covering lots of aspects of peace including international, national, community, domestic, personal etc. Do join us. *Kerry and Rachael*

APM & APCM - Tomorrow (12th May)

This year's APM & APCM will be on Monday 12th May starting at 7pm.

Stained glass museum visit to St James the Great

Earlier this year we were delighted to be selected as one of the Leicestershire churches as part of the three-day study tour that the stained-glass museum based at Ely cathedral organises each year. So, we welcomed 47 visitors and their guides to Our Welcome Space on Wednesday afternoon.

They were generous in their praise of the genuine loving hospitality they received, commenting on the busyness of our church and of course the beautiful range of stained-glass windows. They donated £100, plus money via the card machine and the museum will also donate. A big thankyou to our wonderful bakers/hostesses for the mouthwatering array of cakes and serving up a continuous flow of tea and coffee throughout the hour-long visit.

Thanks also to the Parish Council for parking the coach and contributing to the funding of our warm space. Thanks to Sheryl for producing leaflets about the church and the windows. There a few left at the back of church by the card machine if you are interested in knowing more about our heritage. Why not come and visit us on a Tuesday or Wednesday afternoon? *Janet & all the warm space volunteers*

Monday Group - 12th May

We meet on the 12th May in the community area of St. James, at 2.30pm. Our speaker is Mr Paul Reynolds, 'My Fire Service Experiences' Visitors welcome. *Joan Folland*

Save the Children

The lunch at the White Horse was a great success and thanks to their generosity and people coming from far and wide so I was able to bank £475. *Josephine*

Bible Book Club - 22nd May

The next Bible Book Club will be on Thursday 22nd May starting at about 10:30am following the Holy Communion Service. The book we will be studying is James. All welcome.

Wanlip May Fair - 17th May

This years Wanlip May Fair will be on Saturday 17th May 2pm - 4 pm in Wanlip Hall and Church.

We urgently needed offers of CAKES, any spare PLANTS, TOMBOLA items etc....

As always we look forward to seeing you for this Social Afternoon out. Any offers or queries please see or phone Julie Ward.

The Collect for the 4th Sunday of Easter

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life: raise us, who trust in him, from the death of sin to the life of righteousness, that we may seek those things which are above, where he reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen

The Post Communion Prayer for the 4th Sunday of Easter

Merciful Father, you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd, and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again: keep us always under his protection, and give us grace to follow in his steps; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

BCP Evensong Collect for the 4th Sunday of Easter

Almighty God, who shewest to them that be in error the light of thy truth, to the intent that they may return into the way of righteousness: Grant unto all them that are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion, that they may eschew those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen**

What are we thankful for

Bearing in mind all that is going on in the world I am sure we all have much to be thankful for so please would you add some thoughts for the list which each week appears on the news sheet and send some suggestions to Sheryl at sheryljupp@hotmail.co.uk or the church email stjames.birstall@btconnect.com or leave them in the Church Office. Please remember these are not related to personal events but general thanks. If you aren't sure have a look at the ideas of the past few weeks. *Josephine*

Monthly tip for a less-plastic life - May

Use paper tape, reused bubble wrap and cardboard boxes for packaging.

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.

Trench Candles for Ukraine

Over the last 3 years there has been an appeal for the collection of candles so that Trench Candles could be made and sent to the soldiers on Ukraine's front line. They are used for low level lighting and to keep their hands warm in the bitter winter there. Also thank you to all those who have responded with several loads of candles over this 3rd year, which have been taken to St Mary's Church in Arnold near Nottingham. We shall be delivering a further 25kg of wax to the Ukrainian Centre in Nottingham, making a total of well over 4,000 Trench Candles made so far. Volunteers create the candles by rolling corrugated cardboard into old baked bean tins, placing a splint into the middle, and melting the candle wax to fill the tin. Every few weeks, hundreds of candles are being sent by lorry to Ukraine, they are so very much appreciated by the Ukrainians. We all pray that this most unusual way to spread the Light of Christ to those in need of His love and care will not have to continue for too much longer. The collections are now suspended over the summer months and hopefully, the situation in Ukraine will be resolved soon.

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 and/or sheryljupp@hotmail.co.uk before I am on Thursday. Thanks. *Sheryl*

Lectionary Readings

Sun 11th **4th Sunday of Easter**

Reading 1: Acts 9:36-end

Reading 2: Revelation 7:9-end

Gospel: John 10:22-30

Wanlip Readings

Reading 1: Isaiah 63:7-14

Reading 2: Luke 24:36-49

Psalms: 46

Mon 12th

Psalm: 103

Reading 1: Deuteronomy 9:1-21

Reading 2: Ephesians 4:1-16

Tue 13th

Psalm: 139

Reading 1: Deuteronomy 9:23 - 10:5

Reading 2: Ephesians 4:17-end

Wed 14th *Matthias the Apostle*

Psalm: 16

Reading 1: 1 Samuel 2:27-35

Reading 2: Acts 2:37-end

Holy Communion Readings

Reading 1: Acts 1:15-end

Gospel: John 15:9-17

Thu 15th

Psalm: 118

Reading 1: Deuteronomy 11:8-end

Reading 2: Ephesians 5:15-end

Holy Communion Readings

Reading 1: Acts 13:13-25

Gospel: John 13:16-20

Fri 16th

Psalm: 33

Reading 1: Deuteronomy 12:1-14

Reading 2: Ephesians 6:1-9

Sat 17th

Psalm: 34

Reading 1: Deuteronomy 15:1-18

Reading 2: Ephesians 6:10-end

Sun 18th **5th Sunday of Easter**

Reading 1: Acts 11:1-18

Reading 2: Revelation 21:1-6

Gospel: John 13:31-35

Wanlip Readings

Reading 1: Acts 11:1-18

Reading 2: John 13:31-35

Psalms: 148

For our Prayers

For the persecuted church - Iraq

Dear God, we pray for our brothers and sisters in Iraq. They risk so much and experience so much discrimination and pressure all because they follow You. We ask that Your healing Spirit remain in the midst of Your people, particularly as they continue to heal from the trauma inflicted by so-called Islamic State. Please God, bring refreshment and hope to our family in Iraq and rebuild Christians' churches, lives and communities. Amen.

For our Churches, this week especially for:

Our School visits and Assemblies

Our children: Ruben, Charlotte & Andrew

What are we thankful for this week:

For those who gave their lives in the cause of freedom.

For our Community, this week especially for:

Social Workers

For those in need or unwell:

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

For those who have Holy Communion at home:

Sheila Skidmore, Monica Lucas, Freda Sowards, Margery Orton, Margery Orton, Gillian Hinton, John Harrison, John Walters, Michael Webb & Dorothy Barsby

For those who have recently died

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 the Insurgency in Balochistan ongoing since 1948

Mon: For an end to the Insurgency in Northeast India ongoing since 1954

Tues: For an end to the Papua Conflict ongoing since 1962

Wed: For an end to the Naxalite-Maoist insurgency ongoing since 1967

Thurs: For an end to the Civil Conflict in the Philippines ongoing since 1969

Fri: For an end to the Cabinda War ongoing since 1975

Sat: For an end to the Ethnic Violence in Papua New Guinea ongoing since 1988