

Lectionary Readings

Sun 11th 19th Sunday after Trinity

Birstall readings

Reading 1: Isaiah 25:1-9
 Reading 2: Philippians 4:1-9
 Gospel: Matthew 22:1-14

Wanlip Readings: BCP Evensong

Reading 1: Proverbs 3:1-18
 Reading 2: 1 John 3:1-15
 Psalm: 139:1-18

Mon 12th

Psalm: 98
 Reading 1: 2 Kings 17:24-end
 Reading 2: Philippians 1:1-11

Tue 13th

Psalm: 106
 Reading 1: 2 Kings 18:1-12
 Reading 2: Philippians 1:12-end

Wed 14th

Psalm: 111
 Reading 1: 2 Kings 18:13-end
 Reading 2: Philippians 2:1-13

Thu 15th

Psalm: 115
 Reading 1: 2 Kings 19:1-19
 Reading 2: Philippians 2:14-end

Fri 16th

Psalm: 139
 Reading 1: 2 Kings 19:20-36
 Reading 2: Philippians 3:1 – 4:1

Sat 17th

Psalm: 121
 Reading 1: 2 Kings 20
 Reading 2: Philippians 4:2-end

Sun 18th 20th Sunday after Trinity

Birstall readings

Reading 1: Isaiah 45:1-7
 Reading 2: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10
 Gospel: Matthew 22:15-22

Wanlip Readings: BCP Evensong

Reading 1: Proverbs 4:1-18
 Reading 2: 1 John 3:16 – 4:6
 Psalm: 142

11th October 2026

19th Sunday after Trinity

Collect

O God, forasmuch as without you we are not able to please you; mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; 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

Post Communion Prayer

Holy and blessed God, you have fed us with the body and blood of your Son and filled us with your Holy Spirit: may we honour you, not only with our lips but in lives dedicated to the service of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

BCP Collect

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Amen

This week we are grateful for....

Home baked cakes and biscuits

Additional Notices for the Week

Amanda

Amanda is off sick and then on holiday for the rest of October. Please could you direct any pastoral queries or questions about services to Kerry; admin queries to Sheryl and buildings to the PCC via Lynn.

Visiting Bell Ringers

There will be visiting bell ringers at St James today (11th) between 2-4pm

Monday Group – 12th October

Prize bingo with the “Great” Gregorio. Come and join us as we eagerly await for the numbers to be called. Held in the community area of St James. Visitors most welcome. *Joan*

Changes to Thursday 9:30am Services in October

The type of Thursday services for the remainder of October has been changed around due to Amanda's sick leave and a funeral. They are now:

15th October: Morning Prayer

22nd October: Holy Communion

29th October: TBC (either no service or Morning Prayer)

Please note

We are trying to get a handle on spending in the church. All purchases must be approved by Amanda (or if she's on holiday, Kerry). If not approved, the church will consider the purchase as a gift. We will purchase "fair trade" wherever possible.

Janet will buy cleaning products, food and drink, Sunday School and First Aid supplies. Sheryl will order office supplies. Amanda will order worship supplies (bread, wine, candles etc). Some items have been purchased recently that we do not need and we often have duplicates too!

First Aid!

Last year, Amanda bought a new pack to replenish the First Aid Kit in the kitchen. Somehow, that has gone missing and when the kit was last checked, everything was many years out of date. We have no idea how this happened and would love it if anyone can shed any light on it, please! It is now up to date again. We know it feels wrong that old bandages can't be used if they haven't been opened, but actually, we can donate them to Sea and Air Cadets for practising First Aid, meaning when they are here, you are safe to have an accident!

PCC Meeting Highlights

Easyfundraising has raised £368.79 for the church to date.

Parish Contribution to Diocese for 2027 agreed to be £30,000.

Minster Communities - awaiting update.

Seeking a volunteer to lead on church building issues, please speak to Amanda.

Handrails/access - in progress.

War Memorial Wanlip - quotation to remove and clean to be accepted.

St James Summer Fete 2027 - date to be Saturday 24th July.

Shoebox Appeal 2026

Once again, we are appealing as we hope to send lots of boxes. Many items can be bought wholesale, so gifts of money are very welcome. Last year the carriage bill was nearly £300 so help with that is useful. Evidently the old people like boiled sweets, so sweets and chocolates would be gratefully accepted. Thanks in advance for your generosity. *Sylvia and Doreen*