



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.

13th April 2025

Palm Sunday

**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 13th

8:30am Morning Prayer
 10.00am Holy Communion

Maundy Thursday - 17th

9:30am Holy Communion
 7pm Maundy Thursday Service

Good Friday - 18th

2pm Good Friday Service

Our Lady & St Nicholas:

Sunday 13th

6pm BCP Evensong

What else is happening this week

Sunday 13th

4pm Easter Egg Hunt & Crafts
 Hallam Fields Community Centre

Monday 14th

2:30-4:30pm Monday Group St James

Tuesday 15th

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

Wednesday 16th

10-12noon Save the Children Coffee Morning
 IA Hallam Ave
 2-4:30pm Welcome Space St James
 3-4pm Open Church & Private Prayer
 Our Lady & St Nicholas

Friday 18th

10am Churches Together Walk of Witness
 Outside Tesco

Saturday 19th

10am-12noon Open Church St James

What's happening next week

Sunday 20th	6am	Dawn Holy Communion Service	Our Lady & St Nicholas
		Followed by breakfast	Wanlip Hall
	10am	All Age Easter Holy Communion Service	St James
	6pm	BCP Evensong	Our Lady & St Nicholas
Tuesday 22nd	12:30-4:30pm	Welcome Space	St James
Wednesday 23rd	2-4:30pm	Welcome Space	St James
	3-4pm	Open Church & Private Prayer	Our Lady & St Nicholas
Thursday 24th	9:30am	Morning Prayer	St James
Saturday 26th	10am-12noon	Visiting Bell Ringers	St James

Notices

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

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Before locking the Church Office

As I live outside the parish I sometimes use the Office as a workspace throughout the week. If you come in during the week and notice the office door unlocked and the light on, could you please pop your head in to say hello so I know you are in, or if I am not at the desk double check that I have not just popped to the loo or the kitchen, so I don't get accidentally trapped in the church. Thankyou! *Rev'd. Rachael*

Holy Communion with Healing

The service planned for today (13th April) has been postponed until Sunday 11th May. *Kerry*

Monday Group - 14th April

Monday Group will meet on 14th April at 2:30pm in the community area of St James for a Church service and Talk by Rosie Houldsworth on Birstall Bags. Visitors welcome. *Joan Folland*

Save the Children Coffee Morning - 16th April

Come to 1A Hallam Avenue for a cup of coffee on Wednesday 16th April 10am-12:30pm. Donations will be in aid of the appeal for Save the Children's work in Myanmar. *Josephine*

Maundy Thursday - 9:30am Service

There will be a communion service on Maundy Thursday: 9:30am at St James. *Debbie*

Maundy Thursday service - 17th April

On Maundy Thursday (17th April) we will be washing feet as is the tradition. So please come with suitable foot based attire (not in tights!!) Foot washing is also one of our '99 things to do between here and heaven' so do please come along to share in this wonderful reminder of our call to serve each other.' *Rachael*

Good Friday - Walk of Witness

Please join us on Good Friday on our Walk of Witness through the village. As in previous years we start at 10 a.m. outside Tesco by the traffic lights with Sibson Road and Loughborough road. We then process down Sibson Road to St. Theresa's stopping at various points on the way for Readings Prayer and song. There will be a welcome of Hot cross buns waiting for us at St. Theresa's. I do hope you can join us. *Debbie*

Easter Breakfast at Wanlip

The usual bacon butties along with drinks will be served after the early morning service on Easter Sunday in the Hall. We would love to see you all there but to help with catering could you please put your name on the sheet at the back of either of the churches. *Julie Ward*

Easter is a'coming!

The Knitted chicks have their tummies filled with a chocolate cream egg. £1.50 each. Proceeds to M.U. projects. *Brenda & Joan*

The Collect for Palm Sunday

Almighty and everlasting God, who in your tender love towards the human race sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ to take upon him our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross: grant that we may follow the example of his patience and humility, and also be made partakers of his resurrection; 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**

The Post Communion Prayer for Palm Sunday

Lord Jesus Christ, you humbled yourself in taking the form of a servant, and in obedience died on the cross for our salvation: give us the mind to follow you and to proclaim you as Lord and King, to the glory of God the Father. **Amen**

BCP Evensong Collect for Palm Sunday

Almighty and everlasting God, who, of thy tender love towards mankind, hast sent thy Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ, to take upon him our flesh, and to suffer death upon the cross, that all mankind should follow the example of his great humility: Mercifully grant, that we may both follow the example of his patience, and also be made partakers of his resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

New Electoral Roll 2025

This year ALL members of St James the Great, Birstall and Our Lady & St Nicholas, Wanlip need to re-apply to be on the church's New Electoral Roll. Enrolment forms will be available from 22nd March - 26th April. *Christine Suffolk*

Security

We urgently need to improve the accuracy of our St James key register. This is mandated by our building insurance provider, and will greatly improve church security.

I - Everyone who holds any church key and no longer needs it should please submit it to Ladi.

II - Everyone who holds any church key and still needs it should please let Ladi know. *Ladi*

APM & APCM

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

Personal Information

If you are storing personal information of others on behalf of the church (eg a member's list of A group you are part of; names and addresses of church contacts etc), please could you let our General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) officer, Kev Burrows know. We just need a list of who in the Church holds people's personal data on behalf of the Church, in what context (why) and in what format hard copy or electronic . It needs please to include any other personal details you keep. We only need the titles of the data you keep not lists of names and addresses . This is for Data Protection purposes and to ensure we are only keeping Personal data in accordance with the law. Thank you.

Shoebox Appeals 2024 and 2025

25,633 boxes were delivered – a wonderful result. A big thank you to all who contributed with boxes, gifts and donations. Pictures are at the back of the church.

We are already collecting for 2025 and last week Sylvia and John put 17 bags of goods up in their loft, all goodies from our friends in Queniborough and, of course, Doreen likes to find parcels on her doorstep. This year, we are able to source even more from wholesalers, which means that we can buy even more for our money. Large shoeboxes are needed, so please collect trainer boxes from your grandchildren!

Please keep collecting - we are very happy to receive offerings! *Sylvia Simes and Doreen Wilson*

Lectionary Readings

Sun 13th Palm Sunday
Liturgy of the Palms
Reading 1: Luke 19:28-40
Reading 2: Psalm 118:1-2, 19-end
Evensong Readings
Reading 1; Isaiah 5:1-7
Reading 2: Luke 20:9-19
Psalm: 118:19-end.

Mon 14th
Psalm: 41
Reading 1: Lamentations 1:1-12a
Reading 2: Luke 22:1-23

Tue 15th
Psalm: 27
Reading 1: Lamentations 3:1-18
Reading 2: Luke 22:39-53

Wed 16th
Psalm: 102
Reading 1: Jeremiah 11:18-20
Reading 2: Luke 22:54-end

Thu 17th Maundy Thursday
Psalm: 42
Reading 1: Leviticus 16:2-24
Reading 2: Luke 23:1-25

Holy Communion Readings
Reading 1: Exodus 12:1-4, 11-14
Reading 2: 1 Corinthians 11:23-26
Gospel: John 13:1-17. 31b-35

Fri 18th Good Friday
Psalm: 69
Reading 1: Genesis 22:1-18
Reading 2: Hebrews 10:1-10

Sat 19th
Psalm: 142
Reading 1: Hosea 6:1-6
Reading 2: John 2:18-22

Sun 20th Easter Sunday
Reading 1: Acts 10:34-43
Reading 2: 1 Corinthians 15:19-26
Gospel; John 20:1-18

Evensong Readings
Reading 1; Isaiah 43:1-21
Reading 2: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11
Psalm: 105

For our Prayers

For the persecuted church - Myanmar

Father God, we lift the church in Myanmar to you. Thank you that you are the Prince of Peace (Isaiah 9:6); help Christians to be peacemakers even as they are caught between the military & the rebel groups. Protect vulnerable believers living in displacement camps – provide for their needs & heal their trauma. Please help believers who've converted from Buddhist, Hindu or Muslim backgrounds to learn more about you & meet with other Christians. May the church in Myanmar continue to be a light in the darkness.

For our Churches, this week especially for:

Our Services at Hallam Fields: Our children: Abigail & Joshua

What are we thankful for this week:

Hands that we hold, that support & help us

For our Community, this week especially for:

Our Councillors: Parish, Charnwood & County

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 Seward, 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: Sheila Ward

Lent Prayers

Over Lent, the Bishop has suggested the following daily pattern of prayers for the C of E, so we have replaced the list of countries we are praying for, with these. We hope you might join in!

Mon: Pray for all victims & survivors of abuse, and for all those who work to make our churches safe for children & vulnerable adults.

Tues: Pray for all who are anxious or lonely, particular those who feel they can no longer be part of the C of E.

Wed: Pray for the appointment of a new archbishop, & for all those dioceses seeking to appoint a new bishop, & for all bishops, priests, deacons & lay ministers that we may persevere in our calling.

Thurs: Pray for parish & diocesan finances, that God would supply all our needs & make us generous in giving to others.

Fri: Pray for the Living in Love & Faith process that we may learn to live well together in our differences.

Sat: Pray for all those exploring their vocation to ministry in the church – and for many more people to come forward in response to God's call.

Sun: Thanksgiving for all God's good gifts, particularly the gift of God's Son Jesus Christ – may we be formed in the character of Jesus Christ. Prayer for the Bishops' Lent Appeal for the Leprosy Mission.