



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



**13<sup>th</sup> October 2024**

**20<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity**

**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 13<sup>th</sup>**

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

**Thursday 17<sup>th</sup>**

9:30am Holy Communion

**Our Lady & St Nicholas:**

**Sunday 13<sup>th</sup>**

6pm BCP Evensong

**What else is happening this week**

**Sunday 13<sup>th</sup>**

4pm Faith, Friendship & Fun  
Hallam Fields Hall

**Monday 14<sup>th</sup>**

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

**Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup>**

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

**Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup>**

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

**Thursday 17<sup>th</sup>**

11am Funeral for Lynn Lynch St James

**Saturday 19<sup>th</sup>**

10am-12noon Open Church St James  
10am-12noon Mothers Union Coffee Morning  
Methodist Coffee Shop

**What's happening next week**

**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup>**

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

**Monday 21<sup>st</sup>**

10am-12noon Mothers Union Meeting St James

**Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup>**

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

**Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup>**

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

**Thursday 24<sup>th</sup>**

9:30am Morning Prayer St James

**Saturday 26<sup>th</sup>**

10am-12noon Open Church St James

# Notices

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

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## **Faith, Friendship & Fun - Creation Celebration - Today (13<sup>th</sup> October)**

An informal worship service celebrating our world and all our furry, feathery and scaly friends! Bring along a photo of your pet, favourite animal or your teddy! Starts at 4pm in Hallam Fields Hall. All Welcome.

## **Bible Chat Group - Cancelled for October**

We have a funeral on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October at 11am, so there will **not** be a Bible chat group that day, but there will still be the Communion service at 9:30am.

## **Monday Group - 14<sup>th</sup> October**

Do you like playing Bingo? Who doesn't? Come and join us on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October at 2:30pm as we eagerly await for numbers to be called by the 'Great' Gregorio. *Joan Folland*

## **Old Nick's Coffee Shop - 15<sup>th</sup> October**

The next Old Nick's Coffee Shop will be on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> October at 10am-12 noon, in Wanlip Hall

## **Mothers Union Coffee Morning - 19<sup>th</sup> October**

The Mothers Union will be holding a fundraising Coffee Morning in the Methodist Coffee Shop, on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> October 10am-12noon. Usual stalls and raffle. Everyone Welcome. *Rita Richards*

## **From John & Corrine**

Dear St James Family, we were overwhelmed by your very generous gifts and words of kindness and encouragement as we leave you and Birstall on Friday. M&S won't know what is about to hit them once I decide what our new home needs. The wine is very welcome, I promise not to drink it in one go! And the flowers are beautiful, thank you all so very much.

As I said, it has been a privilege and joy to serve you and be part of this lovely family. Your care and kindness to John and your help in caring for him, has been what we talk about, the hands and feet of Jesus. Thank you for such wonderful acts of love.

Please pray for him as we settle into our new home, change is very hard for dementia sufferers, please pray he will settle into a new routine quickly. Thank you. All our love and continued prayers for you all. Our new address: **The Annexe, 417 Hunts Pond Road, Titchfield Common, Fareham, PO14 4PA. We'd love to see you!** *Corinne and John xxx*

## **Shoebox Appeal 2024**

Thank you for all your donations so far. We still need chocolate and sweets, and shampoo, not over 400ml. We do not need shower gel, as the living conditions of many are so dreadful and they certainly do not have showers. We are hoping to send 85 boxes this time and the carriage for these will be £255, so donations towards this will be gratefully received. Many thanks.

*Sylvia Simes and Doreen Wilson*

## **Church Diary**

The 2025 diary is now in the office, please could you add your events for this December in both diaries please. I have added the events that are already in. Thanks. *Sheryl*

## **The Collect for the 20<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Trinity**

God, the giver of life, whose Holy Spirit wells up within your Church: by the Spirit's gifts equip us to live the gospel of Christ and make us eager to do your will, that we may share with the whole creation the joys of eternal life; 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 the 20<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Trinity**

God our Father, whose Son, the light unending, has come from heaven to deliver the world from the darkness of ignorance: let these holy mysteries open the eyes of our understanding that we may know the way of life, and walk in it without stumbling; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

## **BCP Collect for the 20<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Trinity**

O Almighty and most merciful God, of thy bountiful goodness keep us, we beseech thee, from all things that may hurt us; that we, being ready both in body and soul, may cheerfully accomplish those things that thou wouldest have done; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

## **Save the Children**

The next lunch to be held at the White Horse will be on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November. Details can be found at the back of the church. I have some religious Christmas cards but the choice is limited this year but if you are interested please let me know. *Josephine*

## **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)

## **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.

## **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.

## **Churches Together in Leicestershire Christmas Appeal 2024**

2024 is the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary for SHARP as an independent housing charity. We continue to help those who are homeless, at risk of homelessness or living in poor housing conditions. As housing in Leicester & Leicestershire continues to deteriorate our services are needed more than ever. If you are able to give to this charity, please see the poster on the blue pillar nearest the kitchen at St James, and on the notice board at Our Lady & St Nicholas. For those who receive our Information sheets via email, I have attached a copy to the email.

## **Monthly tip for a less-plastic life - October**

Don't buy individually wrapped sweets – go for those sold loose in boxes or jars.

## **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 before 11am on Thursday to either [stjames.birstall@btconnect.com](mailto:stjames.birstall@btconnect.com) and/or [sheryljupp@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:sheryljupp@hotmail.co.uk) Thanks.

*Sheryl*

## Lectionary & Theme Readings

Sun 13<sup>th</sup> 20<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity

### Readings used

**Reading 1:** Psalm 139: 1-18, 23-24

**Reading 2:** Galatians 6: 11-18

**Gospel:** Matthew 23: 1-12

*Lectionary readings: Amos 5:6-7, 10-15, Hebrews 4:12-end, Mark 10:17-31*

### BCP Evensong Readings:

**Reading 1:** Proverbs 15: 1-8, 19-33

**Reading 2:** Philippians 2:1-11

**Psalm:** 25

**Mon 14<sup>th</sup> Theme: Jeremiah 10:23-35**

**Psalm:** 126

**Reading 1:** 2 Kings 21:1-18

**Reading 2:** 1 Timothy 1:1-17

**Tue 15<sup>th</sup> Theme: Romans 1:1-17**

**Psalm:** 132

**Reading 1:** 2 Kings 22:1 - 22:3

**Reading 2:** 1 Timothy 1:18 - end of 2

**Wed 16<sup>th</sup> Theme: Isaiah 6:1-8**

**Psalm:** 119:153-end

**Reading 1:** 2 Kings 23:4-25

**Reading 2:** 1 Timothy 3

**Thu 17<sup>th</sup> Theme: Matthew 23:1-12**

**Psalm:** 143

**Reading 1:** 2 Kings 23:36 - 24:17

**Reading 2:** 1 Timothy 4

### Holy Communion Readings

**Reading 1:** Ephesians 1:1-10

**Gospel:** Luke 11:47-end

**Fri 18<sup>th</sup> Theme: Acts 10:1-48**

*Luke the Evangelist*

**Psalm:** 145

**Reading 1:** Isaiah 55

**Reading 2:** Luke 1:1-4

**Sat 19<sup>th</sup> Theme: Matthew 3:1-17**

**Psalm:** 147

**Reading 1:** 2 Kings 25:22-end

**Reading 2:** 1 Timothy 5:17-end

**Sun 20<sup>th</sup> 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Trinity**

### Readings used

**Reading 1:** Psalm 25

**Reading 2:** Deuteronomy 26:16-19

**Gospel:** Luke 1:26-38

*Lectionary readings: Isaiah 53:4-end, Hebrews 5:1-10, Mark 10:35-45 Psalm 91:9-end*

### BCP Evensong Readings:

**Reading 1:** Deuteronomy 26:16-19

**Reading 2:** Luke 1:26-38

**Psalm:** 25 Theme: Galatians 6:11-18

## For our Prayers

### Theme for the week - Humility

Pray this week that God will free you of all thoughts of precedence. Rejoice in the thought that he has made you an equal brother or sister in Christ. Be careful of titles & positions that would cause you to think you are either above or below others. Strive to make all those you meet also sense their special standing.

### 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:

School visits and Assemblies Our Children: Robin & Violet

### What are we thankful for this week:

Our Family and Friends

### For our Community, this week especially for:

The Canal & River Trust

### 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

Lynn Lynch & Ann Clinton

### For 1<sup>st</sup> 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 communal conflicts in Nigeria ongoing since 1998.

**Mon:** For an end to Ituri Conflict in DR Congo ongoing since 1999.

**Tues:** For an end to insurgency in the Maghreb (Algeria, Burkina Faso, Chad, Libya, Mali, Niger, Tunisia, Togo, Benin, Ivory Coast) ongoing since 2002.

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

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

**Fri:** For an end to the Mexican Drug War ongoing since 2006

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