



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



**14<sup>th</sup> April 2024**

**3<sup>rd</sup> 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 14<sup>th</sup>**

8:30am Morning Prayer  
10.00am Holy Communion

**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup>**

9:30am Morning Prayer

**Our Lady & St Nicholas:**

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup>**

6pm BCP Evensong

**What else is happening this week**

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup>**

4pm Creation Family Service  
Hallam Fields Hall

**Monday 15<sup>th</sup>**

10am-Noon Mothers Union St James

**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup>**

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

**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup>**

12:30-4:30pm Welcome Space St James  
3-4pm Open Church & Private Prayer  
Our Lady & St Nicholas

**Saturday 20<sup>th</sup>**

10am-Noon Open Church St James

**What's happening next week**

**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup>**

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

**Monday 22<sup>nd</sup>**

7-8pm Beer and Hymns Night The White Horse

**Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup>**

12:30-4:30pm Welcome Space St James  
4:30-6pm Capital Arts choir St James  
7pm Minister Community meeting St Martins House

**Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup>**

12:30-4:30pm Welcome Space St James  
3-4pm Open Church & Private Prayer Our Lady & St Nicholas

**Thursday 25<sup>th</sup>**

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

**Saturday 27<sup>th</sup>**

10am-Noon Open Church St James

# Notices

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

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## Time off

Amanda is off until Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> April. Please do not disturb! Thank you. (Queries to the wardens, please.)

## Healing Service

Unfortunately we have had to postpone this week's Healing Service as most of the healing team are unavailable. We hope to rearrange soon. Our apologies. So today will be our usual service of Holy Communion. Kerry

## "Creation" Family Service - Today (14<sup>th</sup> April)

You are invited to our "Creation" family friendly Informal service at 4pm in Hallam Fields Hall.

## Next weeks Information Sheets

The information sheets for 21<sup>st</sup> April have already been produced, if you have any notices they will not appear until the following week. Sheryl

## Old Nick's Coffee Shop - 16<sup>th</sup> April

The next Old Nicks Coffee Shop will be on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> April at 10am - 12 noon, in Wanlip Hall.

## Bible Book Club - 25<sup>th</sup> April

The next Bible Book club will be on the 25<sup>th</sup> April from about 10:30am after the Communion Service, and we'll be looking at Zephaniah.

## Minister Community meeting - 23<sup>rd</sup> April

For the next stage of the Minster Community plan in the Diocese, we need 2 reps to attend the first meeting, on the 23<sup>rd</sup> April at 7pm at St Martin's House, as well as Amanda.

Whoever goes to this meeting does not commit themselves to future meetings, but they will need to feed back to the PCC. It's fine to have different people each time. Amanda will explain more about this in the services today. We will also be giving out "storyboard sheets" for everyone to put their opinions down - this is about the church not yourself! So one question says "Where have you come from?" which means "Where has the church come from?" for example. We will collate everyone's answers to feedback to the Minster Community meetings and everyone's opinions are important. Please return these by 14<sup>th</sup> April. Does anyone feel like they could do the collating job, please? So 2 reps and a collator are required, please!

## Beer and Hymns Night – 22<sup>nd</sup> April

Amanda will be leading a Beer and Hymns Night on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> April from 7-8pm at the White Horse. There will be live music, provided by St Theresa's, and classic hymns to sing along to. St George food specials available.

## Church Storyboards

Please remember to give your filled in Storyboards about the church to the wardens at Wanlip or put in the box provided on the table at the back of church at St James. Thank you.

### **A Collect for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter**

Almighty Father, who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples with the sight of the risen Lord: give us such knowledge of his presence with us, that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life and serve you continually in righteousness and truth; 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**

### **A Post Communion Prayer for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter**

Living God, your Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in all his redeeming work; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen**

### **BCP Collect for 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter**

Almighty God, who hast given thine only Son to be unto us both a sacrifice for sin, and also an ensample of godly life: Give us grace that we may always most thankfully receive that his inestimable benefit, and also daily endeavour ourselves to follow the blessed steps of his most holy life; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

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

Reuse small soft-fruit punnets as seed trays or use cardboard loo roll tubes for planting seedlings instead of little plastic pots

### **Wanlip May Fair - 18<sup>th</sup> May**

This years Wanlip's May Fair is on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May starting at 2pm-4pm. In Our Lady & St Nicholas Church and the Community Hall. Cakes, Plants, Bric-a-Brac, Refreshments and more!

### **Circular Saw & JCB Drill**

Does anyone own the Black & Decker Circular Saw and the JCB Drill in the cupboard in the office. Is they are yours, can you collect it by the end of the month please.

### **Duck Race**

We will have a stall at the Duck Race this year. At the moment, I'm thinking of offering prayer and chat, but if anyone has any good ideas, and wants to help, please let me know! Thanks, manda

### **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.

### **Saving Paper**

In an effort to save paper please could all the paper BIBLE READINGS be put into my pigeon hole after use as it is proposed that a file will be made of these readings and eventually it will be placed in the Parish Office so they can be reused. Thank you. *Josephine Burgess*

### **Summer Fair**

Is anyone willing to organise this years Summer Fair please? Please let Amanda or a warden know.

### **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](mailto:stjames.birstall@btconnect.com), or [sheryljupp@hotmail.co.uk](mailto: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 14<sup>th</sup>** 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter

Readings used today:

**Reading 1:** Genesis 18:16-33

**Reading 2** 2 Thessalonians 1:1-12

**Gospel:** John 14:1-14

Lectionary Readings

Reading 1: Philippians 4:1-9

Reading 2: Matthew 7:7-12

Psalm: 5

Lectionary Readings:

Acts 3:12-19, 1 John 3:1-7, Luke 24:36b-48

**Mon 15<sup>th</sup>** Theme: 2 Thessalonians 1:1-12

Psalm: 96

Reading 1: Exodus 19

Reading 2: Luke 1:1-25

**Tue 16<sup>th</sup>** Theme: Colossians 1:1-13

Psalm: 98

Reading 1: Exodus 20:1-21

Reading 2: Luke 1:26-38

**Wed 17<sup>th</sup>** Theme: Matthew 7:7-12

Psalm: 105

Reading 1: Exodus 24

Reading 2: Luke 1:39-56

**Thu 18<sup>th</sup>** Theme: James 5:13-20

Psalm: 136

Reading 1: Exodus 25:1-22

Reading 2: Luke 1:57-end

Holy Communion Readings

Reading 1: Acts 8:26-end

Gospel: John 6:44-51

**Fri 19<sup>th</sup>** Theme: Genesis 18:16-33

Psalm: 107

Reading 1: Exodus 28:1-4a, 29-38

Reading 2: Luke 2:1-20

**Sat 20<sup>th</sup>** Theme: John 14:1-14

Psalm: 110

Reading 1: Exodus 29:1-9

Reading 2: Luke 2:21-40

**Sun 21<sup>st</sup>** 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

Readings used today:

**Reading 1:** Joshua 1:1-9

**Reading 2** Psalm 1

**Gospel:** Mark 12:28-34

Lectionary Readings:

Acts 4:5-12, 1 John 3:16-end, John 10:11-18

**Theme:** 1 John 5:13-21

## For our Prayers

Theme for the week - Petition & Intercession

Petition: Jesus reminded us to bring our needs to the Father, bread for today, forgiveness for past trespasses & deliverance for the days that are ahead. Bring those needs, for yourself & others, to him this week. Remember also to pray for your requests to grow out of a deep desire to be in his will. Intercession: Lift up to God those persons who have asked you to pray for them. Try to visualize your becoming strength in their weakness, courage in their fear, freedom in their guilt & hope in their despair.

For the persecuted church - Uzbekistan

Heavenly Father, You know the price that many believers in Uzbekistan pay for following You. May they know deeply today that You see their pain & You honour their sacrifice. Protect church gatherings from raids, watch over those who are under surveillance, & soften the hearts of those who persecute Your people. Heal those who are carrying pain, & may the comfort they receive from You overflow to those around them, including those who don't yet know You.

For our Churches, this week especially for:

Our Organist, Our Children: Abigail, Joshua & Evie

What are we thankful for this week:

Our NHS - Dr, Nurses etc

For our Community, this week especially for:

Addicts: their families & carers

For those in need or unwell:

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

For those who have Holy Communion at home:

Sheila Skidmore, Monica Lucas, Freda Sowards, Margery Orton & Pat Wilby

For those who have recently died

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 South Thailand insurgency ongoing since 2004.

**Mon:** For an end to the insurgency in Paraguay ongoing since 2005.

**Tues:** For an end to the armed conflict for control of the favelas in Greater Rio de Janeiro, ongoing since 2006.

**Wed:** For an end to the Insurgency in Egypt ongoing since 2013.

**Thurs:** For an end to the ISIL insurgency in the North Caucasus ongoing since 2017.

**Fri:** For an end to the Internal Conflict in Myanmar (Kachin, Karen, Rohingya, Rakhine, protests & insurgency) ongoing since 1948.

**Sat:** For or an end to the Ethiopian Civil Conflict (Ethiopia, Eritrea, Sudan) ongoing since 2018.