

## Lectionary Readings

### Sun 14<sup>th</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent

Reading 1: Isaiah 35:1-10  
 Reading 2: James 5:7-10  
 Gospel: Matthew 11:2-11

#### Wanlip Readings:

Reading 1: Isaiah 35:1-10  
 Reading 2: Matthew 11:2-11  
 Psalm: 146:4-10

### Mon 15<sup>th</sup>

Psalm: 40  
 Reading 1: Isaiah 38:1-8, 21-22  
 Reading 2: Matthew 16:13-end

### Tue 16<sup>th</sup>

Psalm: 70  
 Reading 1: Isaiah 38:9-20  
 Reading 2: Matthew 17:1-13

### Wed 17<sup>th</sup>

Psalm: 75  
 Reading 1: Isaiah 39  
 Reading 2: Matthew 17:14-21

### Thu 18<sup>th</sup>

Psalm: 76  
 Reading 1: Zephaniah 1:1 – 2:3  
 Reading 2: Matthew 17:22-end

#### Holy Communion Readings (Service now at Wanlip)

Reading 1: Jeremiah 23:5-8  
 Gospel: Matthew 1:18-24

### Fri 19<sup>th</sup>

Psalm: 146  
 Reading 1: Zephaniah 3:1-13  
 Reading 2: Matthew 18:1-20

### Sat 20<sup>th</sup>

Psalm: 46  
 Reading 1: Zephaniah 3:14-end  
 Reading 2: Matthew 18:21-end

### Sun 21<sup>st</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent

Reading 1: Isaiah 7:10-16  
 Reading 2: Romans 1:1-7  
 Gospel: Matthew 1:18-end

#### Wanlip Readings: Carols by Candlelight

Reading 1: Micah 5:2-4  
 Reading 2: Isaiah 35  
 Reading 3: Jeremiah 22:13-16 & 23:5,6  
 Reading 4: Isaiah 11:1-9  
 Reading 5: Isaiah 52:7-10  
 Reading 6: Philippians 2:5-11  
 Reading 7: Luke 2:1-20

## 14<sup>th</sup> December 2025

### Collect for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent

O Lord Jesus Christ, who at your first coming sent your messenger to prepare your way before you: grant that the ministers and stewards of your mysteries may likewise so prepare and make ready your way by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, that at your second coming to judge the world we may be found an acceptable people in your sight; for you are alive and reign with the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

### Post Communion prayer for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent

We give you thanks, O Lord, for these heavenly gifts; kindle in us the fire of your Spirit that when your Christ comes again we may shine as lights before his face; who is alive and reigns now and for ever. **Amen**

**This week we are grateful for....**

Our NHS - Dr, Nurses etc

Additional Notices for the Week:

**9:30am Communion Service on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December**

We now have a Riverside school visit on Thursday morning at St James, so the Holy Communion Service will be at Our Lady & St Nicholas.

**School Visit – 16<sup>th</sup> December**

We also have a school visit by Highcliffe on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December in the morning.

**Christingle service – Christmas Eve**

The Christingle service at St James' on Christmas Eve is at **4:30pm** as per the posters, not as in the diary. Sorry for any confusion this may have caused.

**Morning Prayer at the Rectory**

That there will be no morning prayer in the Rectory on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> December.

**Drinks & Nibbles at the Rectory – 22<sup>nd</sup> December**

We just can't give gifts to all the wonderful people who help and support Amanda in her role as Rector here, so please do come along to our "Thank you" Christmas Event "Drinks & Nibbles" on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> December from 7-10:30pm. Drop in for a short while or long - everyone welcome, no matter how small you think your help and support is - it all adds up! Even if it's 'only' praying at home - that is help too!

**Notices for January's Monthly Diary**

I will need any dates for January's monthly diary **before** Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December please to enable me to get it produced before Christmas. Thanks. *Sheryl*

**Information Sheets for 21<sup>st</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> December and 4<sup>th</sup> January**

I will be off for Christmas from Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December until Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January. The Information sheets for 21<sup>st</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup> Dec and 4<sup>th</sup> Jan will be produced on 18<sup>th</sup> December, so can you please let me have any notices to go in these **before** I am on Thursday. Thanks. *Sheryl*

**Warm Space**

Warm space in both churches will be closed for two weeks over Christmas and New Year. Birstall closed - Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> December and Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> December. Wanlip closed Friday 26<sup>th</sup> December and Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> January. *Janet & Team*

**Rotas for January – April 2026**

If you are a reader, intercessor, sidesperson, welcomer or on the tea/coffee rota etc, paper copies of the new rota are in your pigeon holes.

**Wanlip Christmas Fair**

Thank you to everyone who helped and supported the Wanlip Fair. The amount raised was £1377.67. *Julie*

**Ho Ho Ho – Santa is around**

Santa has been busy filling the knitted stockings with tubes of smarties. £2 each. Christmas decoration with a Ferrero Rocher chocolate £1.50 each. Proceeds to St James' handrail fund. Many thanks. *Brenda & Joan*

**Flowers at Our Lady & St Nicholas**

I wish to thank everyone who gave and arranged the flowers and also gave donations towards the flowers at Our Lady and St Nicholas Church at Wanlip during 2025, the new flowers rota will be in the church for new year 2026 wishing you all a merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. *love Marjorie*