



# 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.*

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

## 13<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity

### 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 Holy Communion  
10.00am Holy Communion -  
*Battle of Britain 80<sup>th</sup>*  
*Anniversary*

##### Thursday 18<sup>th</sup>

9:30am Holy Communion

#### Our Lady & St Nicholas:

##### Sunday 14<sup>th</sup>

6pm BCP Evensong

### What else is happening this week

#### Monday 15<sup>th</sup>

10-12noon Mothers Union Meeting St James  
5:30pm The Ven. Richard Worsfold's  
Farewell Service Leicester Cathedral

#### Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup>

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

#### Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup>

11am Funeral for Nicola Wood St James  
3-4pm Open Church & Private Prayer  
Our Lady & St Nicholas

#### Saturday 20<sup>th</sup>

10am-12noon Open Church St James  
2-4pm Visiting Bell Ringers  
Our Lady & St Nicholas

### What's happening next week

#### Sunday 21<sup>st</sup>

10am Holy Communion St James  
2-4pm Visiting Bell Ringers Our Lady & St Nicholas  
6pm BCP Evensong Our Lady & St Nicholas

#### Monday 22<sup>nd</sup>

1:30pm Funeral for Hazel Andrews St James

#### Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup>

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

#### Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup>

2pm Funeral for Janet Newall St James  
3-4pm Open Church & Private Prayer Our Lady & St Nicholas

#### Thursday 25<sup>th</sup>

9:30am Holy Communion St James  
2pm Funeral for Beryl McHugh St James

#### Saturday 27<sup>th</sup>

11am-4pm Wedding Fair Both Churches

# Notices

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

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## **Amanda's days off**

Amanda is off on both Friday 19<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> September.

## **Messy Church on Creationtide has been cancelled**

The Creationtide Messy Church event at Hallam Fields Hall on 14<sup>th</sup> September has been cancelled.

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

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

## **Wedding Festival - 27<sup>th</sup> September - Refreshments at Wanlip Hall**

Help is needed on the day. Donations of cakes would be appreciated. Please see Julie Ward.

## **September Funerals at St James**

Nicola Wood's funeral will be on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> September at 11am.

Hazel Andrew's will be on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> September at 1:30pm.

Janet Newall's will be on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> September at 2pm

Beryl McHugh's will be on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> September at 2pm.

## **2025 Shoebox Appeal**

We are short of bars of soap, toothpaste and shampoo (400ml max). Please do not donate liquid soap nor shower gel. Donations of money are also very welcome as we can buy a lot at wholesale prices, but not the three goods above. Link to Hope managed to deliver a lot of boxes to eastern Ukraine in 2024 where many people, who were quite comfortable, are now marginalised and have nothing. The shoeboxes are particularly welcome there. We hope to send approximately 80 boxes this year and this will mean at least £240, so donations towards carriage are gratefully received. Many thanks. *Sylvia and Doreen*

## **A Welcome Space at Wanlip – starting Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> October**

Please come and join us in the newly refurbished Wanlip village Hall from 2 until 4 pm to Enjoy light refreshments and friendly conversation. Look forward to seeing you from the Welcome Space team.

## **Recycling of plastic milk bottle tops**

Unfortunately, we have been advised by the charity concerned that they are no longer able to collect and recycle these to raise money for the hospice so I will removing the box from the back of church. They thank us for all the donations we have made. *Janet Waters*

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

Reuse bread and cereal bags as sandwich or freezer bags.

### **The Collect for the 13<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity**

Almighty God, who called your Church to bear witness that you were in Christ reconciling the world to yourself: help us to proclaim the good news of your love, that all who hear it may be drawn to you; through him who was lifted up on the cross, and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

### **The Post Communion Prayer for the 13<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity**

God our creator, you feed your children with the true manna, the living bread from heaven: let this holy food sustain us through our earthly pilgrimage until we come to that place where hunger and thirst are no more; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

### **BCP Evensong Collect for the 13<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity**

Almighty and merciful God, of whose only gift it cometh that thy faithful people do unto thee true and laudable service: Grant, we beseech thee, that we may so faithfully serve thee in this life, that we fail not finally to attain thy heavenly promises; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **Bible Book Club**

The book to read this month is Song of Songs! Let Amanda or Rachael know if you have any questions on it!

### **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.

### **Thank you to the Bakers**

We would like to say a big thank you to all who baked cakes for the Summer Fair. We Appreciate your skills and generosity. Many thanks. *Cynthia Chapman, Elaine & Steve Goodman*

### **Farewell Service for The Venerable Richard Worsfold - 15<sup>th</sup> September**

Richard's farewell Service will be Monday 15<sup>th</sup> September, 5.30pm – Leicester Cathedral. All Are invited to attend this service of thanks for Richard's 30 years of ministry in Leicestershire as he moves to be Area Dean of Salford and Leigh in the Diocese of Manchester.

### **RNLI Leicester Branch Coffee Morning - 20<sup>th</sup> September**

There will be a Coffee Morning on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> September at the Methodist Church Coffee Shop at 10am-12 noon. Raffle, Bring & Buy Stall & Cakes. Please come along and support the Lifeboats.

### **God, the Bible & Everything (in 60 minutes) - 27<sup>th</sup> September**

God, the Bible and Everything is the ultimate one-hour comedy charge through the whole Bible! 66 books, 12 tribes, 2 testaments and a snake in a pear tree. BBC sitcom writer and stand-up theologian James Cary explains iconic stories as Zadok, it's fast, furious, and laugh-out-loud funny. Faith or not, you'll love it!. Held at St Mary's Church Sileby on 27<sup>th</sup> September starting at 7pm. Tickets £5. Email [scsparishes@gmail.com](mailto:scsparishes@gmail.com) or go to Eventbrite.

### **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 leave a message on the office answer machine (0116 2671797) or contact Amanda or a Churchwarden. I will need to have received it **before 11am** on the Thursday to get your items included in that week's news sheet. Thanks. *Sheryl*

## Lectionary Readings

### **Sun 14<sup>th</sup> 13<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity**

Reading 1: Exodus 32:7-14

Reading 2: 1 Timothy 1:12-17

Gospel: Luke 15:1-10

#### Wanlip's Readings

Reading 1: 1 Kings 19:3-9

Reading 2: John 6:26-27, 32-40, 53-57

Psalm: 34:1-11

### **Mon 15<sup>th</sup> Holy Cross Day**

Psalm: 2

Reading 1: Genesis 3:1-5

Reading 2: John 12:27-36a

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

Psalm: 132

Reading 1: Proverbs 25:15-end

Reading 2: Mark 8:22-26

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

Psalm: 119:153-end

Reading 1: Proverbs 26:12-end

Reading 2: Mark 8:27 - 9:1

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

Psalm: 143

Reading 1: Proverbs 27:1-22

Reading 2: Mark 9:2-13

#### Holy Communion Readings

Reading 1: 1 Timothy 4:12-end

Gospel: Luke 7:36-end

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

Psalm: 144

Reading 1: Proverbs 30:1-9, 24-31

Reading 2: Mark 9:14-29

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

Psalm: 147

Reading 1: Proverbs 31:10-end

Reading 2: Mark 9:30-37

### **Sun 21<sup>st</sup> 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity**

Reading 1: Amos 8:4-7

Reading 2: 1 Timothy 2:1-7

Gospel: Luke 16:1-13

#### Wanlip's Readings

Reading 1: Amos 8:4-7 or 1 Tim 2:1-7

Reading 2: Luke 16:1-13

Psalm: 113

## For our Prayers

### [For the persecuted church - Democratic Republic of the Congo](#)

Heavenly Father, we lift up the people of DRC who are suffering from violence and displacement. Grant them Your comfort, stability and hope. Strengthen the faith of new believers and guide them in their discipleship. We pray for peace and for the hearts of extremists to turn towards You, **Amen.**

### [For our Churches, this week especially for:](#)

Our Pastoral Assistants: Gill & Doreen

Our Children: Joe & Raferty

### [What are we thankful for this week:](#)

Having a sense of humour

### [For our Community, this week especially for:](#)

Finance & Legal Workers

### [For those in need or unwell:](#)

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

### [For those who have Holy Communion at home:](#)

Sheila Skidmore, Monica Lucas, Freda Sowards, Margery Orton, Gillian Hinton, John Harrison, John Walters, Michael Webb & Dorothy Barsby

### [For those who have recently died](#)

Thomas Hendry, Beryl McHugh, Nicola Wood, Hazel Andrews & Janet Newall

### [For 1<sup>st</sup> anniversary of death this week:](#)

### [Every day - 9pm \(or another time!\)](#)

Praying for peace in Ukraine & Israel / Palestine / Iran. And a different area each day.

**Sun:** For an end to the Casamance Conflict ongoing since 1982

**Mon:** For an end to the Nagorno-Karabakh Conflict ongoing since 1988

**Tues:** For an end to the South Thailand Insurgency ongoing since 2004

**Wed:** For an end to the Insurgency in Paraguay ongoing since 2005

**Thurs:** For an end to the Insurgency in Northern Chad ongoing since 2016

**Fri:** For an end to the Ecuadorian Drug War ongoing since 2018

**Sat:** For an end to the Salvadoran Gang Crackdown ongoing since 2022