

Lectionary Readings

Sun 15th Sunday next before Lent

Reading 1: Exodus 24:12-end
 Reading 2: 2 Peter 1:16-end
 Gospel: Matthew 17:1-9

Wanlip Readings

Reading 1: Exodus 24:12-end
 Reading 2: 2 Peter 1:16-end
 Gospel: Matthew 17:1-9

Mon 16th

Psalm: 44
 Reading 1: Genesis 37:1-11
 Reading 2: Galatians 1

Tue 17th

Psalm: 48
 Reading 1: Genesis 37:12-end
 Reading 2: Galatians 2:1-10

Wed 18th Ash Wednesday

Psalm: 38
 Reading 1: Daniel 9:3-6, 17-19
 Reading 2: 1 Timothy 6:6-19

Holy Communion Readings

Reading 1: Joel 2:1-2, 12-17
 Reading 2: 2 Corinthians 5:20b – 6:10
 Gospel: Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

Thu 19th

Psalm: 77
 Reading 1: Genesis 39
 Reading 2: Galatians 2:11-end

Fri 20th

Psalm: 3
 Reading 1: Genesis 40
 Reading 2: Galatians 3:1-14

Sat 21st

Psalm: 71
 Reading 1: Genesis 41:1-24
 Reading 2: Galatians 3:15-22

Sun 22nd 1st Sunday of Lent

Reading 1: Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7
 Reading 2: Romans 5:12-19
 Gospel: Matthew 4:1-11

Wanlip Readings

Reading 1: Deuteronomy 6:4-9, 16-25
 Reading 2: Luke 15:1-10
 Gospel: 119:1-16

15th February 2026

Collect for The Sunday next before Lent

Almighty Father, whose Son was revealed in Majesty before he suffered death upon the cross: give us grace to perceive his glory, that we may be strengthened to suffer with him and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

Post Communion Prayer for The Sunday next before Lent

Holy God, we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ: may we who are partakers at his table reflect his life in word and deed, that all the world may know his power to change and save. This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

BCP Collect for The Sunday next before Lent

O Lord, who hast taught us that all our doings without charity are nothing worth: Send thy Holy Ghost, and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of charity, the very bond of peace and of all virtues, without which whosoever liveth is counted dead before thee. Grant this for thine only Son Jesus Christ's sake. **Amen.**

This week we are grateful for....

We can turn on a tap
 and have clean (safe) water to drink

Additional Notices for the Week

Ash Wednesday Collect

Almighty and everlasting God, you hate nothing that you have made and forgive the sins of all those who are penitent: create and make in us new and contrite hearts that we, worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness, may receive from you, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive & reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now & for ever. **Amen**

Ash Wednesday Post Communion Prayer

Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us both a sacrifice for sin and also an example of godly life: give us grace that we may always most thankfully receive these his inestimable gifts, and also daily endeavour to follow the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Mothers Union Meeting – 16th February

Our next meeting is on Monday 16th February at 10am – 12noon at St James.

Show and Tell: Reminder to members to bring an item significant to them, relating to their faith or M.U. Visitors always welcome. *Rita Richards*

Ash Wednesday Services

There will be 3 services on Ash Wednesday: 9:30am at Our Lady & St Nicholas and 12:30pm (followed by lunch) and 7pm at St James.

Old Nick's Coffee Shop – 17th February

The next Old Nicks Coffee Shop will be on Tuesday at 10am - 12 noon, in Wanlip Hall.

Leaflets

The PCC has discussed leaflets that have been found in church. We have agreed that we cannot advertise for businesses as if something went wrong, we may be liable for advertising them. This does not apply to charities, mental health etc advertised by the NHS. If in doubt, please check with Amanda.

Annual Meeting (APCM) in May

Could all groups, gatherings and committees who are connected in any way with the church (Birstall and Wanlip) kindly email their annual report for 2025 to Amanda (with a copy to me lynnvanristell@hotmail.com) by the end of February please. This includes Home Groups, Monday Group, Mothers' Union, Old Nick's Coffee Shop, Churches Together, Cedar Mews, Welcome Space, Sunday School, etc etc. If you have any queries, please ask either Amanda or myself. Thank you. *Lynn*

World Day of Prayer - 6th March

This years' service has been prepared by the Christian women of Nigeria with the theme I will give you rest, come (Matthew 11:28-30). It will be held at Birstall Methodist Church starting with a light lunch in the coffee shop at 12 midday. This is free of charge but any donations towards the cost are welcome. A slide presentation about Nigeria will commence at 1pm and the service will be held in the main church starting at 2pm. A collection will be taken during the service for the work of the World Day of Prayer. Everyone is welcome to join us for all or part of the day. Please come and join us for this global wave of prayer starting in Samoa and ending, 146 countries later, in American Samoa. *Jackie Bryan*