



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



15th September 2024

16th 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 15th

8:30am Morning Prayer
10.00am Holy Communion

Thursday 19th

9:30am Morning Prayer

Our Lady & St Nicholas:

Sunday 15th

6pm BCP Evensong

What else is happening this week

Monday 16th

10am-12noon Mothers Union Meeting St James

Tuesday 17th

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

Wednesday 18th

2.00-4:30pm Welcome Space St James
3-4pm Open Church & Private Prayer
Our Lady & St Nicholas
7pm PCC Meeting St James

Saturday 21st

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

What's happening next week

Sunday 22nd	8:30am	Holy Communion	St James
	10am	Holy Communion	St James
	6pm	BCP Evensong	Our Lady & St Nicholas
	2-4pm	Visiting Bell Ringers	St James
	7:30pm	Drinks & Nibbles	251 Birstall Road
Monday 23rd	5pm	Microphone Training	St James
Tuesday 24th	12:30-4:30pm	Welcome Space	St James
Wednesday 25th	2-4:30pm	Welcome Space	St James
	3-4pm	Open Church & Private Prayer	Our Lady & St Nicholas
Thursday 26th	9:30am	Holy Communion	St James
	10:30am	Bible Book Club	St James
	1pm	Funeral for Patricia Ayres	St James
Friday 27th	7pm	Quiz night	St Theresa's
	7:30-8:30pm	Visiting Bell Ringers	St James
Saturday 28th	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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Mothers Union Meeting - 16th September

This month's M U meeting is on Monday 16th September at 10 - 12 noon. We will be inducting a new member & then our Speaker is Helen Tarry. Visitors are welcome to attend. *Rita*

Drinks & nibbles - 22nd September

Join us at the Rectory from 7:30pm on 22nd September for drinks and nibbles! 251 Birstall Road. EVERYONE very welcome! *Amanda*

Use of Microphones Practice - 23rd September

Please could everyone who uses the microphones in church on any rota (eg reads, leads intercessions); those who are on the welcome team; and those who are in the altar party; or might like to be, please join us for practice and a discussion on Monday 23rd September at 5pm for a max of 1 hour, even if you have been doing it for years! If you can't make it, please let me know and we can find another time for anyone left out! Thanks, *manda*

Bible Book Club - 26th September

The next Bible Book Club will be on Thursday 26th September starting at about 10:30am following the Holy Communion Service. The book we will be studying is 1 Timothy. All welcome.

Shoebox Appeal 2024

We are grateful for any contributions, but we particularly need toothpaste, toothbrushes, soap and sweets. If you would rather give a donation, we can buy what is needed. Many thanks. *Sylvia Simes and Doreen Wilson*

Prayer Ministry & Healing Team

There has been a Prayer Ministry team at St James for many years. Recently the team has shrunk considerably due to illness, death, age and people moving away. A few months ago we reduced prayer for healing to twice a month. At the last Healing Service we only had one station. We are struggling. We really do need more team members. Is it something you might consider? Remember it is God who does the healing- we are channels through whom he works. Training will be given. If you are interested please speak to me or one of the 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.

Candles for Ukraine

We have been asked to start collecting candles for Ukraine again so please add them to the box in the Old Church by the candle stand. Thank you for your contributions in the past and hopefully for some more. *Josephine*

The Collect for the 16th Sunday of Trinity

O Lord, we beseech you mercifully to hear the prayers of your people who call upon you; and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil them; 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 16th Sunday of Trinity

Almighty God, you have taught us through your Son that love is the fulfilling of the law: grant that we may love you with our whole heart and our neighbours as ourselves; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

BCP Collect for 16th Sunday after Trinity

O Lord, we beseech thee, let thy continual pity cleanse and defend thy Church; and, because it cannot continue in safety without thy succour, preserve it evermore by thy help and goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Old Nick's Coffee Shop

There will NOT be a coffee shop in September. Please pass message on to people you may know. Sorry for any inconvenience. *Julie*

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.

Monthly tip for a less-plastic life - September

Reuse bread and cereal bags as sandwich or freezer bags.

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 - are you passionate about the environment? If so, could you help us work towards Eco Church Awards? There is a list of goals online, and we need someone just to keep an eye on what needs to be included in our church life and tick off what we have achieved. I think we are already at bronze level, so you could do lots of ticking straight away! There is an information day on Saturday, September 14, from 10am-2pm, at Holy Trinity Church in Leicester, which you would not have to attend but might wish to! (Amanda)
- Light cleaning duties - Light cleaning duties - every 7 weeks. The duties : dusting (no steps), vacuuming carpets and tidying up as required in both the old & new parts of St James. It takes between 60 and 90 minutes (*Tony Luxton*)
- Flower arranging - lessons provided, if needed! (*Sylvia*)
- Someone to accompany Rachael on Parish visits to introduce her to people (*Rachael*)
- Readers - (Contact: *Alan & Cynthia Chapman*)
- Intercessors (Contact: *Alan & Cynthia Chapman or Amanda*)

Forthcoming events at St. Theresa's

Friday 27th September at St Theresa's: Quiz night £3 at door proceeds to Rainbows. 7pm.

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, or sheryljupp@hotmail.co.uk, 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 & Theme Readings

Sun 15th 16th Sunday after Trinity

Readings used

Reading 1: Isaiah 50:4-9a

Reading 2 Philippians 2:1-11

Gospel : Luke 22:14-22

Lectionary readings: Isaiah 50:4-9a, James 3:1-12, Mark 8:27-end

BCP Evensong Readings:

Reading 1: 1 Corinthians 11:23-34

Reading 2: Matthew 26:17-30

Psalm: 22:1-8

Mon 16th Theme: Mark 8:1-21

Psalm: 44

Reading 1: 1 Kings 12:25 - 13:10

Reading 2: Acts 19:8-20

Tue 17th Theme: Matthew 26:17-30

Psalm: 48

Reading 1: 1 Kings 13:11-end

Reading 2: Acts 19:21-end

Wed 18th Theme: John 6:25-58

Psalm: 119:57-80

Reading 1: 1 Kings 17

Reading 2: Acts 20:1-16

Thu 19th Theme: 1 Cor. 11:17-34

Psalm: 57

Reading 1: 1 Kings 18:1-20

Reading 2: Acts 20:17-end

Holy Communion Readings

Reading 1: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Gospel: Luke 7:36-end

Fri 20th Theme: Philippians 2:1-11

Psalm: 51

Reading 1: 1 Kings 18:21-end

Reading 2: Acts 21:1-16

Sat 21st Theme: Matthew 27:32-56

Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist

Psalm: 49

Reading 1: 1 Kings 19:15-end

Reading 2: 2 Timothy 3:14-end

Sun 22nd 17th Sunday after Trinity

Readings used

Reading 1: TBA

Reading 2

Gospel :

Lectionary readings: Jeremiah 11:18-20, James 3:13 - 4:3, 7-8a, Mark 9:30-37

BCP Evensong Readings:

Reading 1: TBA

Reading 2:

Psalm:

Theme: Luke 22:14-22

For our Prayers

Theme for the week - The Lord's Supper

Your focus in prayer this week could be on the coming of God into the affairs of men in the sacraments. In the waters of baptism, In the waters of baptism, in the bread & the wine of communion, in the laying on of hands in ordination.. And in believing that all he touches is sacramental.

For the persecuted church - Mauritania

Heavenly Father, thank You for the bold faith of our Mauritanian family. Surround all believers with Your love, & give each one a glimpse into the deep & precious work You are doing in & through them. We pray especially for those experiencing severe pressure for knowing You – empower them to persevere in their faith & witness. Provide fresh opportunities for believers to gather & even tell others about You. Soften the staunchly Islamic views that shape Mauritanian society, that the country may move towards greater religious freedom. Pour Your Holy Spirit into every corner of Mauritania; may today be the day of salvation for many (2 Corinthians 6:2) Amen.

For our Churches, this week especially for:

A Welcome Space & Our Children: Jake & Eve

What are we thankful for this week:

Living near Watermead Park

For our Community, this week especially for:

Commuters in and out of our villages

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 & Pat Wilby

For those who have recently died

John Williams, Patricia Ayres

For 1st 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 Insurgency in Cabo Delgado (Mozambique and Tanzania) ongoing since 2017.

Mon: For an end to the Anglophone Crisis in Cameroon ongoing since 2017.

Tues: For an end to the Bangladesh drug war ongoing since 2018.

Wed: For an end to the FRG9 insurgency in Haiti ongoing since 2020.

Thurs: For an end to the Salvadoran gang crackdown ongoing since 2022.

Fri: For an end to the Las Anod conflict in Somaliland ongoing since 2023.

Sat: For an end to the Jamaican Political Conflict ongoing since 1943,