



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.

16th March 2025

2nd Sunday of Lent

**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 16th

10.00am Holy Communion

Thursday 20th

9:30am Morning prayer

Our Lady & St Nicholas:

Sunday 16th

6pm BCP Evensong

What else is happening this week

Sunday 16th

11:10am Stuart Burns - Q&A about Minister Communities St James

Monday 17th

10am-12noon Mothers Union Meeting St James

Tuesday 18th

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

Wednesday 19th

2-4:30pm Welcome Space St James
 2-5pm Healing & Wellness event St James
 3-4pm Open Church & Private Prayer
 Our Lady & St Nicholas

Saturday 22nd

10am-12noon Visiting Bell Ringers St James

What's happening next week

Sunday 23rd

8:30am Holy Communion St James
 10am Holy Communion St James
 12:30pm Bring & Share Lunch Birstall Village Hall
 2-4pm Visiting Bell Ringers St James
 6pm BCP Evensong Our Lady & St Nicholas

Monday 24th

7pm PCC Meeting St James

Tuesday 25th

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

Wednesday 26th

2-4:30pm Welcome Space St James
 3-4pm Open Church & Private Prayer Our Lady & St Nicholas

Thursday 27th

9:30am Holy Communion St James

Notices

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

Rev Amanda Digman (Day off usually Friday)	251 Birstall Road	07803 625049 revamandadigman@me.com
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Stuart Burns Q&A Visit about Minister Communities - Today (16th)

Stuart Burns, Director of Parish Transition & Ministry Development is coming to St James' Today for coffee time Q&A about Minster Communities, the process, and any other questions around this. If you have any questions, please could you give them to Amanda (written on a piece of paper legibly!) or emailed, by midday on Wednesday 12th March.

There will be the opportunity to ask questions on the day too, but it would help Stuart to have time to look up anything he needs to find out beforehand. Please try to come to this even if you don't usually come to the 10am service. (So aim for about 11:10am.)

Mothers Union meeting - 17th March

The next M U meeting is on Monday 17th March at 10am in St James. Speaker Rev Amanda Digman on The Holy Land. Visitors welcome.

Birstall Health & Wellbeing Event - 19th March

Birstall Health & Wellbeing Event will be held at St James on Wednesday 19th March between 2pm - 5pm. Are you looking for support for yourself or someone you care about? Is so, come along to the and meet some of your local support services. Everyone welcome! *Janet Waters*

Change of date - Bring and Share Lunch - Now 23rd March

Please note the bring and share lunch in the village hall has been brought forward from the 30th March to the 23rd March. Lists are in both Churches for names. There will also be bring and share lunches on Sunday 29th June and Sunday 30th November. Please put these dates in your diary. Thank you. *Joan Folland*

APCM Reports

Please can you let us have your reports for the APCM by the end of February for 2024 (ie January to December 2024). We still need reports from the Churchwardens at St James and the following groups: Monday Group, Mothers' Union, Deanery Synod (Rose), Churches Together (Andrzej), Home Groups (Ladi). Thanks.

Same Sex Marriage debate

As requested, we have sourced someone, Elaine Sutherland, to speak on the other side of the debate about same sex marriage. The options will be Saturday 5th April, 10:30am or Thursday 10th April at 7pm. Thanks, Manda

Andy Kind

Date for your diaries: we have booked comedian Andy Kind to come again on 12th September. Now you know he's good, please invite more people! Funds raised will go to upgrading the sound system where needed and to fund other events.

Monthly tip for a less-plastic life - March

Buy loose fruit and veg.

The Collect for the 2nd Sunday of Lent

Almighty God, you show to those who are in error the light of your truth, that they may return to the way of righteousness: grant to all those who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion, that they may reject those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ, 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 2nd Sunday of Lent.

Almighty God, you see that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves: keep us both outwardly in our bodies, and inwardly in our souls; that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

BCP Evensong Collect for the 2nd Sunday of Lent

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Calendar

I've put a little calendar up in the entrance to St James' of anything I know is happening. Feel free to add other church events and edit changes, please! *Manda*

Reporting an accident in church

If you have had an accident in church in the past year, or do in the future, or are with someone who does, please ensure you fill in a report in the accident book in the kitchen at St James' or the clergy vestry at Wanlip.

Save the Children Lunch 30th April

The next Save the Children's Lunch will be at the White Horse on Wednesday 30th April, eating at 1pm. Information at the back of the church. Numbers are limited. *Josephine*

New Electoral Roll 2025

This year ALL members of St James the Great, Birstall and Our Lady & St Nicholas, Wanlip need to re-apply to be on the church's New Electoral Roll. Enrolment forms will be available from 22nd March - 26th April. *Christine Suffolk*

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.

RBL Quiz night

Several of us enjoy going to the quiz at the RBL on Wednesday evenings at 8:15pm. Please join us whenever you can. It's £1.50 per quizzier +£1 for non members. Text Amanda if you're coming just to double check we're going that evening. We can meet you outside if a bit nervous walking in alone - and who wouldn't be?!

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 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 16th 2nd Sunday of Lent
Reading 1: Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18
Reading 2: Philippians 3:17 - 4:1
Gospel : Luke 13:31-end

Evensong Readings

Reading 1: Jeremiah 22:1-9, 13-17
Reading 2: Luke 14:27-33
Psalm: 135

Mon 17th

Psalm: 32
Reading 1: Jeremiah 7:21-end
Reading 2: John 6:41-51

Tue 18th

Psalm: 50
Reading 1: Jeremiah 8:1-15
Reading 2: John 6:52-59

Wed 19th

Joseph of Nazareth
Psalm: 25
Reading 1: Isaiah 11:1-10
Reading 2: Matthew 13:54-end

Thu 20th

Psalm: 34
Reading 1: Jeremiah 9:12-24
Reading 2: John 7:1-13

Holy Communion Readings

Reading 1: Jeremiah 17:5-10
Gospel: Luke 16:19-end

Fri 21st

Psalm: 41
Reading 1: Jeremiah 10:1-16
Reading 2: John 7:14-24

Sat 22nd

Psalm: 25
Reading 1: Jeremiah 10:17-24
Reading 2: John 7:25-36

Sun 23rd 3rd Sunday of Lent

Reading 1: Isaiah 55:1-9
Reading 2: 1 Corinthians 10:1-13
Gospel : Luke 13:1-9

Evensong Readings

Reading 1: Genesis 28:10-19a
Reading 2: John 1:35-end
Psalm: 12

For our Prayers

For the persecuted church -Iran

Heavenly Father, guide Iran's new government according to Your will. We ask You to protect secret churches, granting believers both wisdom and courage. Would You strengthen Christian prisoners and their families, ensuring their mental and physical well-being. Please bless the growing church in Iran, allowing it to multiply safely. In Your name we pray, Amen.

For our Churches, this week especially for:

Old Nick's Coffee Shop & Our Children: Scarlett

What are we thankful for this week:

Being able to go for walks

For our Community, this week especially for:

Our Dentists

For those in need or unwell:

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

For those who have Holy Communion at home:

Sheila Skidmore, Monica Lucas, Freda Sowards, and Margery Orton

For those who have recently died

For 1st anniversary of death this week:

Lent Prayers

Over Lent, the Bishop has suggested the following daily pattern of prayers for the Church of England, so we have replaced the list of countries we are praying for, on the back of the notice sheet with these, just during Lent. We hope you might join in!

Mon: Pray for all victims & survivors of abuse, and for all those who work to make our churches safe for children & vulnerable adults.

Tues: Pray for all who are anxious or lonely, particular those who feel they can no longer be part of the Church of England.

Wed: Pray for the appointment of a new archbishop, & for all those dioceses seeking to appoint a new bishop, & for all bishops, priests, deacons & lay ministers that we may persevere in our calling.

Thurs: Pray for parish & diocesan finances, that God would supply all our needs & make us generous in giving to others.

Fri: Pray for the Living in Love & Faith process that we may learn to live well together in our differences.

Sat: Pray for all those exploring their vocation to ministry in the church – and for many more people to come forward in response to God's call.

Sun: Thanksgiving for all God's good gifts, particularly the gift of God's Son Jesus Christ – may we be formed in the character of Jesus Christ. Prayer for the Bishops' Lent Appeal for the Leprosy Mission.