



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.

17th August 2025

9th 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 17th

8:30am Holy Communion

10.00am Holy Communion

Thursday 21st

9:30am Holy Communion

Our Lady & St Nicholas:

Sunday 17th

6pm BCP Evensong

What else is happening this week

Tuesday 19th

12:30-4:30pm Welcome Space

St James

Wednesday 20th

3-4pm

Open Church & Private Prayer

Our Lady & St Nicholas

What's happening next week

Sunday 24th

8:30am

Holy Communion

St James

10am

Holy Communion

St James

2-4pm

Visiting Bell Ringers

St James

6pm

BCP Evensong

Our Lady & St Nicholas

Monday 25th

12-3:30pm

St James' Summer Fete

St James

Tuesday 26th

12:30-4:30pm

Welcome Space

St James

Wednesday 27th

3-4pm

Open Church & Private Prayer

Our Lady & St Nicholas

Thursday 28th

9:30am

Holy Communion

St James

Notices

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

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Summer Fete - 25th August

Please see the separate sheet for the Summer Fete notices.

Old Nick's Coffee Shop

There will be NO COFFEE SHOP in August due to refurbishment in the Hall. See you all in September. Thank you. *Julie*

Monthly Wednesday Holy Communion service followed by lunch

Would anyone be happy to provide lunch, (soup & roll) set up and clear away for lunch following our monthly Wednesday Holy Communion Service. If you can, please let Amanda or Rachael know.

Amanda's Sermons on the Eucharist

If anyone would like a copy of any of Amanda's sermons on aspects of the Eucharist please let her know by email and she will send them a copy.

Advance Notice - Bring and Share Lunch - 31st August

The next bring & share lunch will be on Sunday 31st August at the Village Hall. A list will be at both churches for names. Please make a note in your diary. Thank you. *Joan Folland*

Return of the Kind: Comedy night – 12th September

Andy Kind will be returning on Friday 12th September at St James, starting at 7:30pm

A good laugh about everyday events (suitable for anyone). £10.00 per ticket or 2 for £18.00.

Tickets@ ticketsource.co.uk (digital -pay online) or physical tickets for cash after church services /welcome space/open church. (we will keep the money tin/tickets in the Church Office and request it goes back to keep money secure). All tickets must be paid for and shown on entry. A great night, bring your own drinks, (glasses provided) and light refreshments (crisps, snacks etc) will be served. Look forward to seeing you there. Queries/ticket orders please speak to Rose (07811662235) or Kevin Burrows.

St James' Church Flowers

Our grateful thanks to Rose Parrot who has donated the flowers in memory of Lily and Eleanor Marriott. *Sylvia*

Monthly tip for a less-plastic life - August

Make your own ice lollies in reusable freezer moulds.

Wanlip Hall & Community Centre celebration - 5th September

As you may be aware we are having a final push to finish the total internal refurbishment of the Wanlip Hall and Community Centre. To celebrate this achievement and to show you where our fund raising money has been used we would like to invite you all to share in our celebrations with food and drinks & chat on Friday 5th September, 7.30 - 9.00pm If possible please let us know if you are able to join us. There will be a display of 'before and after' photographs including ones of the work in progress. *Julie and Debbie*

The Collect for the 9th Sunday after Trinity

Almighty God, who sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your Church: open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit in love and joy and peace; 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 9th Sunday after Trinity

Holy Father, who gathered us here around the table of your Son to share this meal with the whole household of God: in that new world where you reveal the fullness of your peace, gather people of every race and language to share in the eternal banquet of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

BCP Evensong Collect for the 9th Sunday after Trinity

Grant to us, Lord, we beseech thee, the spirit to think and do always such things as be rightful; that we, who cannot do any thing that is good without thee, may by thee be enabled to live according to thy will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

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.

APCM 2026

We have pencilled in Monday 18th May for our next APCM, but please note that the date could change, we are just letting you know what we hope for in advance.

Also, with regards to the APCM, we will be asking for reports at the beginning of January for 2025 activities. The report needs to come from each church group so the group continues to be insured by the church and comes under church safeguarding. But mainly, we do love to read what the groups have been up to and what fun they have had, what God has been up to in their group, what they have learned and what funny things have happened! Please get these in as soon as you possibly can in the new year, but by the end of February, so that those who will be putting the report books together have a reasonable time to do this. Thank you so much.

Farewell Service for The Venerable Richard Worsfold - 15th September

Richard's farewell Service will be Monday 15th 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.

Flowers for special occasions

We are fortunate to have two hugely experienced and professional flower arranging teams at Birstall & Wanlip who are willing to receive requests for flower arrangements to be placed in Church to mark your special occasion. Donations for the cost of the flowers are always welcome, but not always necessary. If you would like the teams to arrange a flower display with your special occasion in mind, please contact Sylvia Simes on 2674206 or email: sylviasimes66@gmail.com (Birstall) and Marjorie Bonshor on 2207964 (Wanlip)

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 I am** on the Thursday to get your items included in that week's news sheet. Thanks. *Sheryl*

Lectionary Readings

Sun 17th 9th Sunday after Trinity

Reading 1: Jeremiah 23:23-29
Reading 2: Hebrews 11:29 - 12:2
Gospel: Luke 12:49-56

Wanlip Readings

Reading 1: Jeremiah 23:23-29
Reading 2: Luke 12:49-56
Psalm: 82

Mon 18th

Psalm: 44
Reading 1: Ezekiel 37:1-14
Reading 2: Mark 1:1-13

Tue 19th

Psalm: 48
Reading 1: Ezekiel 37:15-end
Reading 2: Mark 1:14-20

Wed 20th

Psalm: 119:57-80
Reading 1: Ezekiel 39:21-end
Reading 2: Mark 1:21-28

Thu 21st

Psalm: 57
Reading 1: Ezekiel 43:1-12
Reading 2: Mark 1:29-end

Holy Communion Readings

Reading 1: Judges 11:29-end
Gospel: Matthew 22:1-14

Fri 22nd

Psalm: 51
Reading 1: Ezekiel 44:4-16
Reading 2: Mark 2:1-12

Sat 23rd

Psalm: 68
Reading 1: Ezekiel 47:1-12
Reading 2: Mark 2:13-22

Sun 24th 10th Sunday after Trinity

Reading 1: Isaiah 58:9b-end
Reading 2: Hebrews 12:18-end
Gospel: Luke 13:10-17

Wanlip Readings

Reading 1: Genesis 9:8-17
Reading 2: 2 Corinthians 9
Psalm: 119:49-72

For our Prayers

For the persecuted church - Mexico

Heavenly Father, thank You for our brothers and sisters in Mexico, and for their courage in standing up to the violence and crime that is so rife in the country. Strengthen them and fill them with Your Holy Spirit; give them the right words to say as they continue to stand against injustice. Protect believers from being recruited by criminal gangs and bring an end to the hold that these groups have over the nation. Help believers from indigenous backgrounds to find safe places to meet and worship – may their testimonies shine Your light in dark places, **Amen.**

For our Churches, this week especially for:

Our Church Gardeners
Our Children: George, Marissa & Zachery

What are we thankful for this week:

My Faith

For our Community, this week especially for:

Students receiving exam results.

For those in need or unwell:

Nicky Hardy, David Bark, Dorothy Barsby, John Walton, Michael Webb, Tricia Emmett, Lesley Walton & 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

For 1st 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 Syrian Civil War ongoing since 2011

Mon: For an end to the Yemeni Civil War ongoing since 2014

Tues: For an end to the Anglophone Crisis ongoing since 2017

Wed: For an end to the Gang War in Haiti ongoing since 2020

Thurs: For an end to the Kurdish Separatism in Iran ongoing since 1918

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

Sat: For an end to the Indo-Pakistani Wars ongoing since 1947