



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



**17<sup>th</sup> March 2024**

**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent**

**Welcome  
to you all**



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## Our Services this week

### St James:

#### Sunday 17<sup>th</sup>

8:30am Holy Communion

10:00am Holy Communion

#### Thursday 21<sup>st</sup>

9:30am Holy Communion

### Our Lady & St Nicholas:

#### Sunday 17<sup>th</sup>

6pm BCP Evensong

## What else is happening this week

#### Monday 18<sup>th</sup>

10am-12noon Mother Union St James

7:30pm PCC Meeting St James

#### Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup>

10am-12noon Old Nick's Coffee Shop Wanlip Hall

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

2pm Lent Course St Theresa's

#### Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup>

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

3-4pm Open Church & Private Prayer Our Lady & St Nicholas

7pm Lent Course St James

#### Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup>

10am-Noon Open Church St James

## What's happening next week

#### Sunday 24<sup>th</sup>

8:30am Holy Communion St James

10am Holy Communion St James

6pm BCP Evensong Our Lady & St Nicholas

#### Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup>

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

#### Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup>

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

3-4pm Open Church & Private Prayer Our Lady & St Nicholas

#### Thursday 28<sup>th</sup>

9:30am Maundy Thursday Holy Communion St James

7:30pm Maundy Thursday Holy Communion St James

#### Friday 29<sup>th</sup>

2pm Good Friday Holy Communion Service St James

#### Saturday 30<sup>th</sup>

10am-Noon Open Church St James

# Notices

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

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A couple of gentle reminders, please...

- Please could you keep WhatsApp and text messages etc to between 9am and 9pm and not on her day off (usually Friday) A 12 hour working day should be enough. The reason is that then she doesn't have to have her phone on silent overnight. She really wants to be available if needed in the night. You can email her outside these times, though - her phone doesn't ping for emails.
- You know she is busy, but please don't let that stop you from contacting Amanda if you need her for urgent prayers, spiritual help, hospital visits, end of life prayers, confession, etc. She will make time. We also have a wonderful team of pastoral visitors for regular calls to those who can't get out.
- Please could you leave any conversations with Amanda until after the service. She really needs the time beforehand to do any setting up and to prepare herself spiritually and mentally to lead well.

## **Easter Morning Breakfast at Our Lady and St. Nicholas Wanlip**

Bacon / sausage or both, cobs and drinks will be available after the vigil / communion service. To help with catering would you please add your name to the list at the back of one of the churches. Looking forward to seeing you all again on this joyous occasion. *Julie*

## **Bring & Share Lunch – 31<sup>st</sup> March**

A reminder to ask if you could please sign up at the back of church if you are coming to the next Bring and Share lunch on Easter Sunday (31<sup>st</sup> March)

## **Old Nick's Coffee Shop - 19<sup>th</sup> March**

The next Old Nicks Coffee Shop will be on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March at 10am-12 noon, in Wanlip Hall.

## **Thank you**

Many thanks to all who contributed to my retirement gifts as organist, on Mothering Sunday. I have enjoyed a long journey from a 17-year-old in Birmingham to now - some 60+ years later. (Apologies for any 'bum notes' along the way!) I shall still continue to keep in practice. Wishing you all the very best, Andy (*Andy White: Organist at St. James 1999-2014 & 2015-2024*)

## **Church Diary**

If you write an event in the church diary, or send me an email, please could you also put a finish time and which part of the church you will be using, for heating reasons. Thanks. *Sheryl*

## **Lourdes Cake Sale – 17<sup>th</sup> March**

Hi my name is Kim, I am Theresa's Granddaughter. I am selling some cakes on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> March after the service to help towards the costs of my pilgrimage to Lourdes.

## **Easter Egg Hunt – 31<sup>st</sup> March**

There will be an Easter Egg Hunt on Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> March at 11:30am at St James following our 10am service.

### **A Collect for the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent**

Most merciful God, who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ delivered and saved the world: grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross we may triumph in the power of his victory; 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**

### **A Post Communion Prayer for the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent**

Lord Jesus Christ, you have taught us that what we do for the least of our brothers and Sisters we do also for you: give us the will to be the servant of others as you were the servant of all, and gave up your life and died for us, but are alive and reign, now and for ever. **Amen**

### **BCP Collect for the 5th Sunday of Lent**

We beseech thee, Almighty God, mercifully to look upon thy people; that by thy great goodness they may be governed and preserved evermore, both in body and soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

### **Mothers Union – 18<sup>th</sup> March**

We will be making Easter cards at our meeting on Monday. Please bring scissors & tweezers. Visitors always welcome

### **Church garden**

Sylvia and her husband have kindly offered to tidy up the garden to the right of the main entrance to St James' door as you go in. However, Amanda thinks someone else may have offered! Was it you - if so, please remind Amanda and let her know if you want to do it or are happy for Sylvia to do it! Thank you.

### **Portable ramp**

If anyone uses the portable ramp, please could you ensure it is put away afterwards as it's a potential trip hazard for others. Thank you.

### **Keep in Touch**

Anne is stepping down from editing our Keep in Touch magazine. If you would like to volunteer to take over from her or would like more information, can you please let Amanda or one of the church wardens know.

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

Buy loose fruit and veg.

### **Beer and Hymns Night – 22<sup>nd</sup> April**

Amanda will be leading a Beer and Hymns Night on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> April from 7-8pm at the White Horse. There will be live music, provided by St Theresa's, and classic hymns to sing along to. St George food specials available.

### **Passover Supper**

Unfortunately the Passover Supper at St Theresa's has been cancelled.

### **Fr Robin Martin**

To the people of St James' Birstall and Our Lady & St Nicholas Wanlip. After much prayer and reflection, Jo and I have decided to make St Andrew's, Jarrom Street our primary place for worship. I have therefore also decided that I will withdraw gracefully from the early Sunday and Thursday Eucharists at St James'. I will no doubt see many of you from time to time and I assure you of my intercessions for you all. With love and prayers, *Fr Robin*

## Lectionary Readings

### **Sun 17<sup>th</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent**

Reading 1: Jeremiah 31:31-34  
Reading 2: Hebrews 5:5-10  
Gospel: John 12:20-33  
Psalm: 51:1-13

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

Psalm: 73  
Reading 1: Exodus 8:1-19  
Reading 2: Hebrews 11:17-31

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

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

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

Psalm: 55  
Reading 1: Exodus 9:1-12  
Reading 2: Hebrews 12:3-13

### **Thu 21<sup>st</sup>**

Psalm: 40  
Reading 1: Exodus 9:13-end  
Reading 2: Hebrews 12:14-end

### Holy Communion Readings

Reading 1: genesis 17:3-9  
Gospel: John 8:51-end

### **Fri 22<sup>nd</sup>**

Psalm: 22  
Reading 1: Exodus 10  
Reading 2: Hebrews 13:1-16

### **Sat 23<sup>rd</sup>**

Psalm: 23  
Reading 1: Exodus 11  
Reading 2: Hebrews 13:17-end

### **Sun 24<sup>th</sup> Palm Sunday**

### Birstall - Liturgy of the Palms

Reading 1: Mark 11:1-11  
Psalm: 118:1-2, 19-end

### Wanlip - Liturgy of the Passion

Reading 1: Isaiah 50:4-9a  
Reading 2: Mark 14:1 - end of 15  
Psalm: 31:9-16

## For our Prayers

### **For the persecuted church - Laos**

Dear God, we are heartbroken by the amount of violence our brothers & sisters in Laos have endured this year. We mourn with all of those who have lost a loved one or endured the hatred of a community, or seen a loved one put in jail just because they follow Jesus. We ask that You would be with Your people & comfort them. We ask that You would bring peace & help Your people. Amen.

### **For our Churches, this week especially for:**

Our PCC  
Our Children: Scarlett & Kemzi

### **What are we thankful for this week:**

Our children have the right to free education

### **For our Community, this week especially for:**

Our Vets

### **For those in need or unwell:**

Nicky Hardy, David Bark, Dorothy Barsby, John Walton, Michael Webb, Tricia Emmett, Ray Folland & 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:**

### **For 1<sup>st</sup> anniversary of death this week:**

John Fowler

### **Every day - 9pm (or another time!)**

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

**Sun;** For an end to the Naxalite-Maoist insurgency in India ongoing since 1967.

**Mon:** For an end to the Moro Conflict in The Philippines ongoing since 1968.

**Tues:** For an end to the New People's Army rebellion in the Philippine, ongoing since 1969.

**Wed:** For an end to Kurdish-Turkish Conflict in Turkey, Iraq and Syria ongoing since 1984.

**Thurs:** And for an end to the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict in Artsakh, Azerbaijan and Armenia ongoing since 1988.

**Fri:** For an end to insurgency in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa in Pakistan ongoing since 2004.

**Sat:** For an end to The Libyan Crisis ongoing since 2011.