



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



17th November 2024 2nd Sunday before Advent

Welcome to you all



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St James



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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 Morning Prayer
10.00am Holy Communion

Thursday 21st

9:30am Morning Prayer

Our Lady & St Nicholas:

Sunday 17th

6pm BCP Evensong

What else is happening this week

Monday 18th

10-12noon Mothers Union Meeting St James

Tuesday 19th

10-12noon Old Nick's Coffee Shop Wanlip Hall
12:30-4:30pm Welcome Space St James
4:30-6pm Capital Arts Choir rehearsal
St James

Wednesday 20th

2.00-4:30pm Welcome Space St James
3-4pm Open Church & Private Prayer
Our Lady & St Nicholas
4:30-6pm Capital Arts Choir rehearsal
St James

Saturday 23rd

10am-12noon Open Church St James
7pm The Big Quiz Night in aid of
Tearfund Birstall Scout HQ

What's happening next week

Sunday 24th

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| 8:30am | Holy Communion | St James |
| 10am | Holy Communion | St James |
| 2-4pm | Visiting Bellringers | St James |
| 6pm | BCP Evensong | Our Lady & St Nicholas |

Tuesday 26th

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| 12:30-4:30pm | Welcome Space | St James |
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Wednesday 27th

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| 2-4:30pm | Welcome Space | St James |
| 3-4pm | Open Church & Private Prayer | Our Lady & St Nicholas |
| 7pm | PCC Meeting | St James |

Thursday 28th

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| 9:30am | Holy Communion | St James |
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Saturday 30th

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| 10am-12noon | Open Church | St James |
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Notices

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

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| Rev Amanda Digman (Day off usually Friday) | 251 Birstall Road | 07803 625049 revamandadigman@me.com |
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| Debbie Shephard | 41 Roman Road | 2673262 |
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| Julie Ward | 28 Walker Road | 2677600 |
| Matthew Harvey | 56 Lambourne Road | 07957 170920 |

Contacting your clergy

A reminder, please, not to disturb your clergy before 9am or after 9pm unless it is an emergency (most likely example is someone is dying and would like prayers). It will always be considered to be a huge privilege to come and do this for / with you at any time of the day or night, so please let your relatives know.

Therefore please think about what time it is before sending messages / ringing because we don't want to have to have our phones on silent at night but we also do need down time and time to sleep. I have had several messages from various people again recently that really could have waited.

In the same vein, Sheryl is doing an amazing job in the office, but she sometimes gets disturbed for quite long periods of chat - please be aware that you might not be the only one popping in for a chat and she does need to get through her to-do list! Thank you. *Manda*

Parish Logo

We now have a parish logo with thanks to Rachael. Please could you run all church event / group posters by her, so she can help you add the logo. She can also give good advice on design as this was her job before. An excellent programme to use is "Canva" which is easy to Google online.

Break in

As you will probably know by now, we had a break in again on Friday night (9th). We had agreed that the poppy tin and card tin would be put away when no one is in church, but they weren't and the poppy tin was stolen and the card tin emptied. We don't know if there was any other cash about.

Please:

- If you get it out - whatever it is, please put it away after.
- If you switch it on, please switch it off once finished.
- If you use it and it runs out, please let the relevant person know.
- If you unlock it, lock it afterwards!

We are a busy church and there is a lot going on, so please help where you can but at the same time, we all make mistakes. We don't need to know if someone forgot as a one off - just sort it and it probably won't happen again (if someone is repeatedly forgetting something, perhaps they don't realise, then you might need to tell them, but be kind!) *manda*

Wanlip Christmas Fayre - 7th December

This happy social event will take place on Saturday 7th December in Wanlip Church and Hall. There will be a variety of stalls and a chance to visit Santa. Any offers of bottles, raffle prizes, cakes for refreshments, (No bric a brac or books thank you) etc. would be gratefully appreciated. Monies raised will help to finish refurbishing the Hall and works on the Church. Thank you. Please feel free to contact Julie Ward.

The Collect for the 2nd Sunday before Advent

Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son was revealed to destroy the works of the devil and to make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life: grant that we, having this hope, may purify ourselves even as he is pure; that when he shall appear in power and great glory we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he 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 before Advent

Gracious Lord, in this holy sacrament you give substance to our hope: bring us at the last to that fullness of life for which we long; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen**

BCP Collect for the 2nd Sunday before Advent

O God, who knowest us to be set in the midst of so many and great dangers, that by reason of the frailty of our nature we cannot always stand upright: Grant to us such strength and protection, as may support us in all dangers, and carry us through all temptations; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Mothers Union meeting - 18th November

The next Mothers Union meeting will be on Monday 18th November. We will be making Christmas decorations at this meeting, so please bring scissors and a thick / strong sewing needle. It would be appreciated if you could bring £1 to cover cost of materials. Visitors welcome to participate. *Rita Richards*

Shoe Box Appeal 2024

This year we sent 87 boxes! A wonderful result. Many, many thanks to all those who contributed with boxes, goods and donations. A special thank you to Wendy and the Queniborough ladies who are so generous, not only with goods, but ,also with the beautiful gifts that they make. It was great that we had so many large boxes this year, so keep buying trainers! If you could put empty shoe/trainer boxes under the pew in the old church, we will take them away to store until next year. We will let you know the grand total sent by Link to Hope when we receive the information after Christmas. Thank you again. *Sylvia Simes & Doreen Wilson*

Save the Children

A total of £645 was banked as a result of the latest lunch. Thank you to everyone who supported either by attending, sending a donation or giving a raffle prize, without the generosity of the White Horse the total would not be as great so many thanks to all.

Josephine Burgess

Emmaus Course - Starts 13th January

Please keep praying that people wanting to do the course will come forward. Posters are now displayed around the village. There are also some fliers at the back of church, so if you know of any people who might be interested, please take some and hand them out. *Clive Garner*

Advent book club

This advent I will be reading the Archbishops Advent book, Do not be Afraid by Rachael Mann (rrp £9.89 and orderable through church) 'These luminous meditations tell stories of God waiting with us when we're in fear or distress; of coming - bidden or unbidden - to relieve our loneliness; of disconcerting us, desiring us and surprising us with joy...' Please let me know if you would like to accompany me at a friendly relaxed book club meeting once a week through Advent, as we wait and reflect on the coming of Christ this Advent together. Please register your interest at the back of the church and I will organise a day, time and location that will work best to meet. *Revd. Rachael*

Lectionary & Theme Readings

Sun 17th 2nd Sunday before Advent

Readings used

Reading 1: Psalm 77

Reading 2: 2 Corinthians 9:6-15

Gospel: Luke 7:36-50

Lectionary readings: Daniel 12:1-3, Hebrews 10:11-14, 19-25 Mark 13:1-8 Psalm 16

BCP Evensong Readings:

Reading 1: 2 Corinthians 9:6-15

Reading 2: Luke 7:36-50

Psalm: 77

Mon 18th Theme: Exodus 35:4-29

Psalm: 47

Reading 1: Daniel 8:1-14

Reading 2: Revelation 10

Tue 19th Theme: 2 Corinthians 8:1-15

Psalm: 52

Reading 1: Daniel 8:15-end

Reading 2: Revelation 11:1-14

Wed 20th Theme: Mark 12:41-44

Psalm: 56

Reading 1: Daniel 9:1-19

Reading 2: Revelation 11:15-end

Thu 21st Theme: Philippians 4:10-23

Psalm: 62

Reading 1: Daniel 9:20-end

Reading 2: Revelation 12

Holy Communion Readings

Reading 1: Revelation 5:1-10

Gospel: Luke 19:41-44

Fri 22nd Theme: 1 Timothy 6:6-21

Psalm: 63

Reading 1: Daniel 10:1 - 11:1

Reading 2: Revelation 13:1-10

Sat 23rd Theme: 2 Corinthians 9:6-15

Psalm: 78:1-39

Reading 1: Daniel 10:1 - 11:1

Reading 2: Revelation 13:11-end

Sun 24th Christ the King

Readings used

Reading 1: TBC

Reading 2:

Gospel:

Lectionary readings: Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14, Revelation 1:4b-8, John 18:33-37, Psalm 93

BCP Evensong Readings:

Reading 1: TBC

Reading 2:

Psalm: Theme: Luke 7:36-50

For our Prayers

Theme for the week - Generosity

Our prayers should be freeing us from our self-centeredness and opening us up to others. Pray for specific direction to ways of generosity to others, for releasing, for sharing.

For the persecuted church - Ethiopia

Heavenly Father, we pray for our brothers and sisters in Ethiopia. We pray that You would protect and sustain Your people there – particularly those who are at risk because they've chosen to follow You. We pray for those Christians who have been rejected or abused by their families; help them to know that, in the Holy Spirit, they belong to a much bigger family. Amen.

For our Churches, this week especially for:

Our Sacristan, Servers & Communion Assistants

Our Children Rohaan & Jack

What are we thankful for this week:

The library for all it offers

For our Community, this week especially for:

Our Police, P.C.S.O's & Wardens

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

For those who have recently died

For 1st anniversary of death this week:

Raymond Merry & Thomas Ward

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 Jamaican Political Conflict ongoing since 1943,

Mon: For an end to the Korean Conflict ongoing since 1950.

Tues: For an end to the Papua Conflict in Indonesia ongoing since 1962.

Wed: For an end to Katanga insurgency in DR Congo ongoing since 1963.

Thurs: For an end to the Western Sahara conflict in Morocco and the Saharawi Republic ongoing since 1973.

Fri: For an end to the Cabinda War in Angola ongoing since 1975.

Sat: For an end to internal conflict in Peru ongoing since 1980.