



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



18th August 2024

12th Sunday after Trinity

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 18th

8:30am Holy Communion

10.00am Holy Communion

Thursday 22nd

9:30am Holy Communion

Our Lady & St Nicholas:

Sunday 18th

6pm Holy Communion for The Blessed Virgin Mary

What else is happening this week

Tuesday 20th

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

Wednesday 21st

2.00-4:30pm Welcome Space
St James
3-4pm Open Church & Private Prayer
Our Lady & St Nicholas
7pm Musical Acoustic Evening
St Theresa's

Saturday 24th

10am-12noon Open Church
St James

What's happening next week

Sunday 25th	8:30am	Morning Prayer	St James
	10am	Holy Communion	St James
	6pm	BCP Evensong	Our Lady & St Nicholas
Monday 26th	12-3:30pm	St James' Summer Fete	St James
Tuesday 27th	12:30-4:30pm	Welcome Space	St James
Wednesday 28th	2-4:30pm	Welcome Space	St James
	3-4pm	Open Church & Private Prayer	Our Lady & St Nicholas
Thursday 29th	9:30am	Morning Prayer	St James
Saturday 31st	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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Old Nick's Coffee Shop - 20th August

Coffee shop as usual in August. (20th) Sorry to say but there will **NOT be a coffee shop in September**. Please pass message on to people you may know. Sorry for any inconvenience.

Julie

Summer Fete - Monday 26th August

Please, we would be most grateful for donations of:

- Cakes for the Refreshment Stall and for the Cake Stall
- Bottles for the Bottle Tombola
- Books for the Book Stall
- Donations of items for our Food Hamper Raffle Prize (there is a list of items to sign your name against at the back of the church).
- Volunteers on the day to enable our stallholders to have a break and look around the fete themselves - thank you

We would really appreciate any help you can give. Thank you very much for your support

Summer Fete - 26th August: 12 noon - 3.30pm

Raffle tickets are at the back of the church for the Summer Fete - please take and sell as many as you can to friends, family and acquaintances. Raffle ticket stubs and monies to be handed to Lynn Van Ristell.

Surprise Parcel Stall, Church Fete - 26th August.

We are once again hoping to run this stall. We would be most grateful for any items from tins to toiletries, purses to pearls or anything new or nearly new, including books but please nothing HUGE, thank you. Items for children are very welcome. There is a box at the back of the Church for the parcels, or these can be given to Joan or delivered to Jane at 458 Loughborough Road. Many thanks, *Joan Folland, Jane Scott.*

Parish Lunch Update - 8th September.

Please, I would like all lunch money to me by Tuesday 27th August. It would be helpful if I received a £20 note and a £1 coin from each person. The list is now closed, but I do have a reserve list should there be any cancellations. If you wish me to collect your money tel 2672010. Thank you, *Joan Folland*

Monthly tip for a less-plastic life - August

Make your own ice lollies in reusable freezer moulds.

Forthcoming events at St. Theresa's

Wednesday 21st August at St Theresa's: Musical Acoustic Evening at 7pm.

Saturday 7th September at Sacred Heart Rothley: Summer Fete 10.30 am - 2.30 pm.

Saturday 14th Mass and Afternoon Tea for the elderly and housebound & their carers 2-4pm

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

The Collect for the 12th Sunday of Trinity

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray and to give more than either we desire or deserve: pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask but through the merits and mediation of 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 12th Sunday of Trinity

God of all mercy, in this eucharist you have set aside our sins and given us your healing: grant that we who are made whole in Christ may bring that healing to this broken world, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

The Collect for The Blessed Virgin Mary

Almighty God, who looked upon the lowliness of the Blessed Virgin Mary and chose her to be the mother of your only Son: grant that we who are redeemed by his blood may share with her in the glory of your eternal kingdom; 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 Blessed Virgin Mary

God most high, whose handmaid bore the Word made flesh: we thank you that in this sacrament of our redemption you visit us with your Holy Spirit and overshadow us by your power; strengthen us to walk with Mary the joyful path of obedience and so to bring forth the fruits of holiness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Church parking

The Royal British Legion have kindly agreed that we can park in their car park on Sunday mornings until they open at midday.

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

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)
- Ride & Stride - Saturday 14th September - we need people to church sit for 1-2 hours (you will be in pairs) and to welcome and give drinks to visitors. (John Borrajo - Birstall; Debbie Shepard - Wanlip)
- 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)

Lectionary & Theme Readings

Sun 18th **12th Sunday after Trinity**

Readings used for all services

Reading 1: **Genesis 13 1-18**

Reading 2 **Acts 1:1-11**

Gospel : **Matthew 6:5-14**

Lectionary readings: Proverbs 9:1-6, Ephesians 5:15-20, John 6:51-58

Mon 19th **Theme: Hebrews 10:19-27**

Psalm: 98

Reading 1: 2 Samuel 11

Reading 2: Acts 8:26-end

Tue 20th **Theme: Mark 1:35-39**

Psalm: 106

Reading 1: 2 Samuel 15:1-12

Reading 2: Acts 9:1-19a

Wed 21st **Theme: Acts 1:1-11**

Psalm: 111

Reading 1: 2 Samuel 15:1-12

Reading 2: Acts 9:19b-31

Thu 22nd **Theme: Genesis 13:1-18**

Psalm: 115

Reading 1: 2 Samuel 15:13-end

Reading 2: Acts 9:32-end

Holy Communion Readings

Reading 1: Ezekiel 36:23-28

Gospel: Matthew 22:1-14

Fri 23rd **Theme: 2 Samuel 24:18-25**

Psalm: 139

Reading 1: 2 Samuel 16:1-14

Reading 2: Acts 10:1-16

Sat 24th **Theme: Luke 14:7-14**

Bartholomew the Apostle

Psalm: 86

Reading 1: Genesis 28:10-17

Reading 2: John 1:43-end

Sun 25th **13th Sunday after Trinity**

Readings used

Reading 1: **1 Samuel 3:1-10**

Reading 2 **Acts 11:1-18**

Gospel : **John 16:5-15**

*Lectionary readings: Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18
Ephesians 6:10-20, John 6:56-69*

BCP Evensong readings

Reading 1: **TBC**

Reading 2:

Psalm:

Theme: Matthew 6:5-14

For our Prayers

Theme for the week - Place

Let your prayers this week be that God will direct you to some particular place for your regular prayer and that he will make it a sacred and holy place for you.

For the persecuted church - Tajikistan

Lord God, we praise You for the wonderful things You're doing in & through Your people in Tajikistan. Refresh the spirits of weary & discouraged believers, & heal all those feeling the pain of rejection or abuse. Meet the needs of Christians who've lost their jobs or been fined for their faith, & protect the families of leaders who are facing the pressures of serving churches in a climate of persecution. Help Your children to keep their eyes fixed on You, & may joy fill the homes of believers & the places where they gather. Soften the hearts of local community leaders towards Your church, & may this influence the way that others treat Christians. Amen.

For our Churches, this week especially for:

Those who are housebound

Our Children: George, Marissa & Zachery

What are we thankful for this week:

A cooling breeze after a sultry hot day

For our Community, this week especially for:

Social Workers

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

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 Ituri Conflict in DR Congo ongoing since 1999.

Mon: For an end to insurgency in the Maghreb (Algeria, Burkina Faso, Chad, Libya, Mali, Niger, Tunisia, Togo, Benin, Ivory Coast) ongoing since 2002.

Tues: For an end to Islamic State conflict in Iraq ongoing since 2003.

Wed: For an end to the Kivu conflict (DR Congo, Rwanda, Burundi) ongoing since 2004.

Thurs: For an end to the Mexican Drug War ongoing since 2006.

Fri: For an end to the Sudanese nomadic conflicts ongoing since 2008.

Sat : For an end to Boko Haram Insurgency in Nigeria, Cameroon, Niger, Chad, ongoing since 2009.