



**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.*

**19<sup>th</sup> January 2025**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Epiphany**

**Welcome  
to you all**



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St James



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St James



St James



**Our Services this week**

Service type is subject to change due to illness or other unforeseen circumstances

**St James:**

**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup>**

8:30am Morning Prayer  
 10.00am Holy Communion

**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup>**

9:30am Holy Communion

**Our Lady & St Nicholas:**

**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup>**

6pm BCP Evensong

**What else is happening this week**

**Monday 20<sup>th</sup>**

10am M U Annual Service & AGM  
 St James

**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup>**

10-12noon Old Nick's Coffee Shop  
 Wanlip Hall  
 12noon Frugal Lunch in aid of Christian Aid  
 St Theresa's  
 12:30-4:30pm Welcome Space  
 St James

**Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup>**

2-4:30pm Welcome Space  
 St James  
 3-4pm Open Church & Private Prayer  
 Our Lady & St Nicholas  
 6pm Week of Prayer for Christian  
 Unity Service  
 St Theresa's

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup>**

7pm Comedy Night with Andy Kind  
 St James

**What's happening next week**

**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup>**

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

**Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup>**

12:30-4:30pm Welcome Space  
 St James  
 7pm Save the Parish meeting  
 St James the Greater, London Rd

**Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup>**

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

**Thursday 30<sup>th</sup>**

9:30am Morning Prayer  
 St James  
 7:30pm David Newman talk on prayers for same-sex couples  
 St James

**Saturday 1<sup>st</sup>**

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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## **Notices for Information Sheets 9<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> February**

If you require any notices to be included in the information sheets for the above dates, can you please let me have them before I am on **Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> January** as I will be out of the office from then until Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> February. Thanks. Sheryl

## **Comedy Night with Andy Kind – 24<sup>th</sup> January**

There will be a comedy night with Andy Kind at St James on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> January, starting at 7pm. Tickets £8 per person or £15 for 2 tickets. There is a basket at the back of church for any raffle prizes you would like to donate. Tickets available from Rose.

## **Notices for Sunday morning**

If anyone wants me to give a notice on Sunday mornings, please let me have it before service, preferably written down (!) - just to stop the slot being too long. Thank you, *manda*

## **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 need reports from the Churchwardens and the following groups: Monday Group, Mothers' Union, Sunday School, Coffee Shop, Deanery Synod (Rose), Welcome Space (Janet), WC4 (Debbie), Churches Together (Andrzej), Home Groups (Ladi, Christine Suffolk, Helen Tarry), Cedar Mews & Healing Team (Kerry). Thanks.

## **Rev David Newman talk about prayers for same-sex couples - 30<sup>th</sup> January**

As you may know, the CofE is currently discussing prayers for same-sex couples and other issues around this. This does need to be discussed in the PCC and wider church. We have arranged for Rev'd David Newman to come and talk to us about this on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> January 7:30pm for about an hour. He comes from a background of believing same-sex marriage is not right, but has changed his mind and we think it would be great to hear the story of his journey on this and how his understanding of scripture has changed over time. He is also happy to answer questions. Could you please make an effort to come along because your voices on this matter, and because David is taking time out to do this for us. *Amanda & Rachael*

## **Mothers Union - 20<sup>th</sup> January**

The Mothers Union Annual Service & AGM will be on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> January at 10am St James. A reminder that annual subscription is due. There is still time to forward nominations for Committee members, including new Leader. *Rita*

## **It's Warm Welcome Week! 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> January**

Drop in and help us celebrate Warm Welcome Week next Tuesday 12.30-4.30pm or Wednesday 2-4.30pm. Hot drinks, delicious bakes, and friendly conversation with our lovely volunteers. Thanks to the Parish Council, we have funding to stay warm for another year. *Janet*

## **The Collect for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Epiphany**

Almighty God, in Christ you make all things new: transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your heavenly glory; 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 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Epiphany**

God of glory, you nourish us with your Word who is the bread of life: fill us with your Holy Spirit that through us the light of your glory may shine in all the world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

## **BCP Evensong Collect for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Epiphany**

Almighty and everlasting God, who dost govern all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully hear the supplications of thy people, and grant us thy peace all the days of our life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

## **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Service - 22<sup>nd</sup> January**

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Service is on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January at 6pm at St Theresa's.

## **Week of Christian Unity Frugal Lunch - 21<sup>st</sup> January**

During the Week of Christian Unity there will be a Frugal Lunch, in aid of Christian Aid, on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> January at 12noon at St Theresa's. If you would like to come, there is a signup sheet at the back of both churches. *Rose*

## **Date for your diary**

The 1<sup>st</sup> bring and share lunch in 2025 will be on Sunday March 30<sup>th</sup> at Birstall Village Hall. If you have any spare serving spoons or pie servers, could you please let Joan have them for use in the village hall Thank you. *Joan Folland*

## **Christmas stockings, chocolate decorations and mince pies.**

We would like to thank everyone who supported us, also for donations received. Thanks to Cynthia for help with the knitting, £250 will go in the newly opened Disability access fund for the handrail from the Church gate to the Church door. *Brenda & Joan*

## **Messy Church**

More helpers needed for Messy Monday at The Methodist Church, please. This is a Churches Together Project from 2:30-4:30pm (including setting up and packing away). You would need to have done our Safeguarding (Safe Recruiting process). You can be on a rota so you don't have to be there every week. Please speak to Rachael if interested.

## **12 Days of Christmas booklets**

If you received a (or some) 12 Days of Christmas booklets from Amanda, please do let her have the money, if you haven't already. She told you they were £1 each, but forgot about p&p, which she will pay or you can give a further donation (15p will cover it!). If she receives more than she paid out, any extra will go into the church collection!

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

Leave your reusable shopping bags at the front door so you don't forget them on the way out.

## **Save The Parish Meeting – 28<sup>th</sup> January**

For those who were unable to attend the 'Save the Parish' meeting in Foxton on Thursday evening there is a further open meeting, which will be held at St. James the Greater church hall, London Road on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2025. The meeting begins at 7pm. *Debbie*

## Lectionary Readings

### **Sun 19<sup>th</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Epiphany**

Reading 1: Psalm 63:1-8

Reading 2: Isaiah 43:1-7

Gospel : Luke 3:15-22

Lectionary Readings: *Isaiah 62:1-5, 1 Cor. 12:1-11, John 2:1-11 Psalm 36:5-10*

#### Evensong Readings

Reading 1: Isaiah 62:1-5 or 1 Cor. 12:1-11

Reading 2: John 2:1-11

Psalm: 36:5-10

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

Psalm: 146

Reading 1: Amos 6

Reading 2: 1 Corinthians 6:1-11

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

Psalm: 132

Reading 1: Amos 7

Reading 2: 1 Corinthians 6:12-end

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

Psalm: 81

Reading 1: Amos 8

Reading 2: 1 Corinthians 7:1-24

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

Psalm: 76

Reading 1: Amos 9

Reading 2: 1 Corinthians 7:25-end

#### Holy Communion Readings

Reading 1: Hebrews 7:25 - 8:6

Gospel: Mark 3:7-12

### **Fri 24<sup>th</sup>**

Psalm: 27

Reading 1: Hosea 1:1 - 2:1

Reading 2: 1 Corinthians 8

### **Sat 25<sup>th</sup>**

*Conversion of Paul*

Psalm: 66

Reading 1: Ezekiel 3:22-end

Reading 2: Philippians 3:1-14

### **Sun 26<sup>th</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Epiphany**

Reading 1: Psalm 41

Reading 2: Job 31:13-23

Gospel : Luke 6:27-36

Lectionary Readings *Nehemiah 8:1-3,5-6,8-10*

*1 Corinthians 12:12-31a, Luke 4:14-21, Psalm 19*

#### Evensong Readings

Reading 1: Job 31:13-23

Reading 2: Luke 6:27-36

Psalm: 41

## For our Prayers

### For the persecuted church - North Korea

Father God, thank You for the courage of our persecuted church family in North Korea. Be their strength and provide for all their needs; help them to be generous and share what they have with those around them. We pray for Kim Jong-un and his regime – please open his eyes to see Jesus and know His love. May Your light shine and Your peace be felt wherever there are Christians in North Korea, especially in labour camps. Give strength to Open Doors partners serving North Korean believers. Amen.

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

Those who maintain our Churchyards

Our Children: Kim

### What are we thankful for this week:

Being able to see

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

Our Homes and Neighbours

### 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

Elaine Towlson

### For 1<sup>st</sup> 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 the Ethiopian Conflict ongoing since 2018

**Mon:** For an end to the insurgency in the Maghreb ongoing since 2002

**Tues:** For an end to the Arab-Israeli Conflict ongoing since 1948

**Wed:** For an end to the Russia-Ukraine War ongoing since 2014

**Thurs:** For an end to the Sudanese Civil War ongoing since 2023

**Fri:** For an end to the Myanmar Conflict ongoing since 1948

**Sat:** For an end to the Colombian Conflict ongoing since 1964