



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



19th May 2024

Pentecost

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 19th

8:30am Holy Communion

10.00am Holy Communion

Thursday 23rd

9:30am Morning Prayer

Our Lady & St Nicholas:

Sunday 19th

6pm BCP Evensong

What else is happening this week

Monday 20th

10am-Noon	Mothers Union	St James
7:30pm	Emmaus Course	St James

Tuesday 21st

9am-Noon	Riverside School Visit	St James
10am-Noon	Old Nick's Coffee Shop	Wanlip Hall
12:30-4:30pm	Welcome Space	St James
4:30-6pm	Capital Arts choir	St James

Wednesday 22nd

12:30-4:30pm	Welcome Space	St James
3-4pm	Open Church & Private Prayer	Our Lady & St Nicholas
7:30pm	APCM	St James

Friday 24th

11am-Noon	Visiting Bell Ringers	St James
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Saturday 25th

10am-Noon	Open Church	St James
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What's happening next week

Sunday 26th

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

Monday 27th

7:30pm	Emmaus Course	St James
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Tuesday 28th

12:30-4:30pm	Welcome Space	St James
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Wednesday 29th

12:30-4:30pm	Welcome Space	St James
3-4pm	Open Church & Private Prayer	Our Lady & St Nicholas

Thursday 30th

9:30am	Holy Communion	St James
10:30am	Bible Book Club	St James

Saturday 1st

10am-Noon	Open Church	St James
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Notices

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

Rev Amanda Digman (Day off usually Friday)	251 Birstall Road	07803 625049 revamandadigman@me.com
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APM & APCM - 22nd May

The APM & APCM (annual meetings) will be on Wednesday (22nd) at St James starting at 7:30pm

Bible Book Club - 30th May

The next Bible Book Club will be on Malachi on the 30th May, after communion at about 10:30am

Parking! Please help!

If you are fit enough to walk from School Lane Car Park or the bottom, near the war memorial, please could you? Some people are really struggling to get into church, especially if they can't get a space on Church Hill.

No Sunday School today

Due to all staff members being away on this day, the Rev'd Amanda is planning to do an All Age Talk in the Main Service instead. Other Sundays will be as normal. Rose

St James Patronal Festival Pilgrimage – 28th July

We are having a Pilgrimage on Saturday 28th July at 9:30am-4pm (save the date) between St James Birstall and James the Greater, London Rd., Leicester. We will be providing a Communion for Pilgrims. We would also like to offer refreshments/cake stall. If you can help on the day serving refreshments or providing cakes etc please sign up at the back of the Church. I will finalise plans at the beginning of July when I return from holiday. Rose

Communication

From Feedback we've had, some people are concerned about communication, so it would be great to put a coms team together to tackle this. Please let Amanda know if you are interested in helping with this. Thank you.

Church Address

If you are ordering "things" or writing correspondence using the churches address can you make sure that you don't include the number 23 in return address as the church address does not have numerical number, this is confusing for delivery drivers and post office deliveries. *David Owen*

Emmaus Cause - Starts 20th May

Faith: What's it all about? Join us for the Emmaus Course on 8 Monday evenings, starting this week, at 7:30pm at St James. Includes pudding! Topics include: Believing in God; God in our Lives; Jesus; The Holy Spirit; Being a Christian; Prayer; The Bible.

Monthly tip for a less-plastic life - May

Use paper tape, reused bubble wrap and cardboard boxes for packaging.

Blister Packs

Please empty your small plastic bags into the box/bag providing and not leave them in the other box, it makes managing the fortnightly collection easier. Rose

A Collect for Pentecost

God, who as at this time taught the hearts of your faithful people by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit: grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgement in all things and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour, 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 Pentecost

Faithful God, who fulfilled the promises of Easter by sending us your Holy Spirit and opening to every race and nation the way of life eternal: open our lips by your Spirit, that every tongue may tell of your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

BCP Collect for Pentecost

God, who as at this time didst teach the hearts of thy faithful people, by the sending to them the light of thy Holy Spirit; Grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgement in all things, and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the same Spirit, one God, world without end. **Amen**

Electoral Roll 2024

Please check that your name is on the current Electoral Roll at the back of church. if you are new and you wish to join the Electoral Roll then please see Christine Suffolk for a form.

Save the Children Strawberry Teas - 8th June & 27th July

On Saturday 8th June and 27th July I am hosting a Strawberry Tea. (3-5:30pm) Please let me know by the preceding Wednesday if you would like to come. Full details can be found on the posters at the back of the church. *Josephine*

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.

Pentecostal Church

Just to let you know that the Pentecostal Church, which was meeting on Hallam Fields, has now moved to Belgrave.

Housekeeping Items

Hospitality Supplies: Thanks to the Warm Space Grant we are able to provide tea, instant and ground coffee, juice, hot chocolate, and we have a system of topping up the existing containers from this supply. If you want to donate items please provide biscuits/cakes which we can use at our cafe/events.

Kitchen Supplies & Items: Please put kitchen supplies and items where the label says, this way everything fits in and you can find it. Our Hospitality Ministry is expanding and our connections with the Community. Please help us to keep our facilities in good working order. Thank you. *Rose*

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 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 19th Pentecost
Reading 1: Acts 2:1-21
Reading 2: Romans 8:22-27
Gospel: John 15:26-27 & 16:4b-15
Psalm: 104:26-36, 37b

Mon 20th
Psalm: 126
Reading 1: Joshua 1
Reading 2: Luke 9:18-27

Tue 21st
Psalm: 132
Reading 1: Joshua 2
Reading 2: Luke 9:28-36

Wed 22nd
Psalm: 119:153-end
Reading 1: Joshua 3
Reading 2: Luke 9:37-50

Thu 23rd
Psalm: 143
Reading 1: Joshua 4:1 - 5:1
Reading 2: Luke 9:51-end
Holy Communion Readings
Reading 1: James 5:1-6
Gospel: Mark 9:41-50

Fri 24th
Psalm: 144
Reading 1: Joshua 5:2-end
Reading 2: Luke 10:1-16

Sat 25th
Psalm: 147
Reading 1: Joshua 6:1-20
Reading 2: Luke 10:17-24

Sun 26th Trinity Sunday
Reading 1: Isaiah 6:1-8
Reading 2: Romans 8:12-17
Gospel: John 3:1-17
Psalm: 29

For our Prayers

For the persecuted church - Nicaragua.

Father God, thank You for the bravery of Christians in Nicaragua. May those who are suffering for speaking out be empowered in their faith rather than left despondent. Heal all hurts, & give believers continued wisdom, courage & protection as they follow You in an increasingly hostile environment. Unite the church through this difficult time – may there be grace & love for one another as people respond to the challenges in different ways. Holy Spirit, move powerfully in the hearts of President Ortega & his government – may they be attentive to the concerns, needs & values of Christians in Nicaragua. Amen.

For our Churches, this week especially for:

Our Mothers Union
Our Children: Freddie, Cosmo & Raferty

What are we thankful for this week:

Freedom to move around the country

For our Community, this week especially for:

Our Street Cleaners and Waste Collectors

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

Sheila Ward

For 1st anniversary of death this week:

Jeanne Coleman & Derek Clayton

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 Libyan Crisis ongoing since 2011. 30,000-43,000+ deaths to date.

Mon: For an end to Sinai insurgency in Egypt ongoing since 2011.

Tues: For an end to the Central African Republic Civil War ongoing since 2012.

Wed: For an end to the insurgency in Northern Chad ongoing since 2021.

Thurs: For an end to the Philippine Drug War ongoing since 2016.

Fri: For an end to Insurgency in Cabo Delgado (Mozambique & Tanzania) ongoing since 2017.

Sat: For an end to the Anglophone Crisis in Cameroon ongoing since 2017.