



19th October 2025

St James the Great ▪ Birstall
Our Lady and St Nicholas ▪ Wanlip

Sunday 19 th		Monday 20 th	
<u>Birstall:</u>	Genesis 32:22-31 2 Timothy 3:14 – 4:5 Luke 18:1-8	Psalm 80 2 Chronicles 17:1-12 Mark 15:1-15	
<u>Wanlip:</u>	Genesis 32:22-31 Luke 18:1-8 Psalm 121		
Tuesday 21 st		Wednesday 22 nd	
Psalm 89:1-18 2 Chronicles 18:1-27 Mark 15:16-32		Psalm 119:105-128 2 Chronicles 18:28 – end of 29 Mark 15:33-41	
Thursday 23 rd		Friday 24 th	
Psalm 92	<u>Holy Communion</u>	Psalm 88	
2 Chronicles 20:1-23	Romans 6:19-end	2 Chronicles 22:10 – end of 23	
Mark 15:42-end	Luke 12:49-53	Mark 16:1-8	
Saturday 25 th		This week we are grateful for....	
Psalm 97 2 Chronicles 24:1-22 Mark 16:9-end		Our Freedom	

Notices for this Week

The Collect for the 18th Sunday after Trinity

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us your gift of faith that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to that which is before, we may run the way of your commandments and win the crown of everlasting joy; 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 18th Sunday after Trinity

We praise and thank you, O Christ, for this sacred feast: for here we receive you, here the memory of your passion is renewed, here our minds are filled with grace, and here a pledge of future glory is given, when we shall feast at that table where you reign with all your saints for ever. **Amen**

BCP Evensong Collect for the 18th Sunday after Trinity

Lord, we beseech thee, grant thy people grace to withstand the temptations of the world, the flesh, and the devil, and with pure hearts and minds to follow thee the only God; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

The Leicester half marathon

The marathon it is on Sunday 26th October and the roads around church will be closed from around 9:40-11:30am. Please arrive at church by 9:30am, if you want to park on Church Hill or Front Street etc or in the Legion Car Park.

New format Information sheets

As we are experimenting with a new format. If you have any feedback, please write a note and give to Doreen Wilson. Thanks.

Electoral role

If you are not already on the electoral role, please join in October or November! Ask a Churchwarden for a form and further details - you have to be baptised and live in the Parish or regularly attend worship here.

Volunteers required for Night-time Church visits during Remembrance week

As we must all remember, St James Church has been broken into every November, during Remembrance week, for the last two years. We are taking a few measures to deter another break-in. One of them is to have people visit church about 10pm every night during Remembrance Week and spend an hour or two on the premises. Names will be published on a rota. We ask that you please support this crime-prevention effort if you are able to. Kindly let any priest or churchwarden know if you wish to volunteer. *Ladi*

Mothers Union – 20th October

This month our meeting is on Monday 20th October at 10am in St James. Our speaker is Carol Spooner telling us about her time as a Care Home Manager. We are holding a fund-raising Coffee morning in the Methodist Coffee Shop, on Saturday 25th October 10 - 12noon, please join us. Visitors to our meetings are welcome. A prayer for October "As we focus on prison ministry this month, we give thanks for the M U members who support prisoners, their families & prison staff. Amen" *Rita Richards*

Change of treasurer

At our AGM Sadna Don kindly took on the role of treasurer from David Owen. David has spent the last few months showing her the ropes, so Sadna is now in the driving seat. She will continue to collect Invoices and Expense Sheets from the 'Treasurer's Box' in the office but if you need to contact her, her email is sadna_c@yahoo.co.uk and her mobile is 07341 269636. As she is a teacher, it is best to text or WhatsApp her, she is very quick to respond. Just a quick reminder, expenses have to be approved by the Clergy or Church Wardens before they are incurred. We're keeping a very close eye on our overheads.

John Aldis' funeral

John's funeral will be on Thursday 23rd October at 2pm at St John's Church, Lock's Heath Hampshire.

Save the Children lunch

The next lunch is on Wednesday 5th November at the White Horse. Details are on the poster at the back of the church or from Josephine. Tickets £25 (inc tea/coffee). Please let her know if you would like a ticket by Wednesday 29th October.

All Together Services

We are going to stop doing All Together Services, at least for now. This is because we rarely have children at this service. Instead, we are going to try some different styles of worship (a bit like 5th Sunday Special at Wanlip) for a few months, to see if people find something else helpful. Please do let us have feedback on these - what you liked / what you didn't like / and any ideas for future services. We will create a form for people to fill in. Thank you. *Manda*

PCC highlights from the June meeting

- A whole church meeting to be called on Sunday 12th October at 11:15 to discuss our response to prayers for same sex couples.
- Minster Communities - we will be joining with villages to the west.
- Safeguarding - we agreed to again adopt the national policy.
- Worship - we agreed to have the same pattern of worship next Easter as last.
- Harvest - 1st Sunday in October. A VJ Day and a Battle of Britain service were also planned.
- 8:30am Communion will be on the 2nd & 4th Sundays, while Rachael is with us. To be reviewed when she is not.
- We agreed to pay a parish share of at least £30,000 in 2026, but this only covers the pay of a full time Rector and not housing, NI, tax etc.
- The office refurb and handrail for the church path are still in progress.

St Theresa's November event

Friday 21st November. Turlough Musical Evening at 7pm. Tickets £5 to include a glass of wine. Plus raffle. Tickets available from Daphne Stevenson at St. Theresa's or Debbie Shephard.

Flowers for special occasions

We are fortunate to have two hugely experienced and professional flower arranging teams at Birstall & Wanlip who are willing to receive requests for flower arrangements to be placed in Church to mark your special occasion. Donations for the cost of the flowers are always welcome, but not always necessary. If you would like the teams to arrange a flower display with your special occasion in mind, please contact Sylvia Simes on 2674206 or email: sylviasimes66@gmail.com (Birstall) and Marjorie Bonshor on 2207964 (Wanlip)