



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.

1st June 2025

Sunday after Ascension Day

**Welcome
to you all**



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Our Services this week

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

St James:

Sunday 1st

10.00am All Together Service

Thursday 5th

9:30am Morning Prayer

Our Lady & St Nicholas:

Sunday 1st

6pm Holy Communion

What else is happening this week

Monday 2nd

7:30pm Archdeacon's visitation St Mary's
Melton Mowbray

Tuesday 3rd

12:30-4:30pm Welcome Space St James

Wednesday 4th

2-4:30pm Welcome Space St James

3-4pm Open Church & Private Prayer
Our Lady & St Nicholas

7:30pm F & S Meeting 251 Birstall Road

Friday 6th

10am Stain Glass Window replaced
St James

Saturday 7th

10am-12noon Open Church St James

What's happening next week

Sunday 8th

8:30am Morning Prayer St James
10am Holy Communion St James
6pm BCP Evensong Our Lady & St Nicholas

Monday 9th

2:30-4:30pm Monday Group St James

Tuesday 10th

12:30-4:30pm Welcome Space St James

Wednesday 11th

12:30pm Holy Communion St James

2-4:30pm Welcome Space St James

3-4pm Open Church & Private Prayer Our Lady & St Nicholas

Thursday 12th

9:30am Morning Prayer St James

Saturday 14th

10am Same Sex Marriage talk Our Lady & St Nicholas

10:30-4pm 3rd Order Franciscan Area Meeting St James

Notices

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

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(Day off usually Friday)

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(Day off usually Friday)

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2025 Archdeacon's Visitation

This year's Archdeacon's visitation for the Goscote Deanery will take place at St Mary's Church Melton Mowbray on Monday 2nd June at 7:30pm. All Churchwardens will make their annual Declarations before the Archdeacon, (authorised representative of the Bishop) as required by law. Our Birstall and Wanlip Parish Churchwardens will attend the ceremony, and Amanda our Rector will be in attendance to witness their Declarations. Kindly pray that God will give them the grace to effectively discharge their duties. *Ladi*

Can you help - 14th June

The 3rd Order Franciscans are using St James on Saturday 14th June from 10:30am to 4pm. We need someone who would be willing to open up the church and lock up afterwards. (This could be 2 different people) If you are able to help could you let Amanda, Rachael know or leave a message on my desk or on the churches answer machine please.

Sign-up sheet for Summer Fete

There is a sign up sheet at the back of church for anyone willing to run a stall or help with the Summer Fete which will be held on Monday 25th August this year please.

Rachael's Ordination - 28th June

Rachael will be ordained to the Holy Priesthood by Bishop Martyn Snow in Leicester Cathedral at 4pm on Saturday 28th June, All are welcome to come and support Rachael.

Bring & Share Lunch - Sunday 29th June

Following Rev'd. Rachael's first time presiding at Holy Communion, there will be a Bring & Share Lunch at the Village Hall. Tea & Coffee will be provided but feel free to bring your own drinks. There will be a list in each of the Church's for names. Please do come in and share in food and celebration of this special benchmark in Rachael's priestly ministry.

List of Jobs

At the back of church, there is a list of jobs that get done in / for church. Please add any Missing jobs to the list (and sorry if we missed the thing you do and thank you for doing it). Also, please prayerfully consider whether you might offer to do something new / extra. Please speak to Amanda, Rachael or one of the wardens if you would like to offer something.

Norma Bass

Norma Bass's funeral is on Monday 23rd June at 10:15am at Loughborough Crematorium.

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

Monthly tip for a less-plastic life - June

Put a plate over leftover food in the fridge. No more clingfilm!

The Collect for the Sunday after Ascension

O God the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: we beseech you, leave us not comfortless, but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is gone before, 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 Sunday after Ascension

Eternal God, giver of love and power, your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world to preach the gospel of his kingdom: confirm us in this mission, and help us to live the good news we proclaim; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Sylvia Phillips

Sylvia Phillips funeral will be held at Holy Trinity Church, Barrow upon Soar, on Friday 20th June at 1:30pm. Refreshments at The Hunting Lodge, Barrow upon Soar. Sylvia was the wife of the late Martin Phillips who was vicar at St. James & Wanlip until 1988. *Cynthia Colman*

Minister Communities

At the APCM, we discussed the subject of Minster Communities. If you have questions, it's Worth joining one of these Zooms to ask them. You can also ask PCC members. Currently we are waiting for meeting dates, but we do need a couple of church members to be reps for us. We would love to have people who are not on the PCC to spread the workload!

Minster Community Process: Check-in and Chat - 5th June

The Diocese of Leicester are holding a Check-in and Chat session via Zoom on Thursday 5th June 12.30pm-1.30pm. The Minster Community process is rolling out across our diocese. You May have lots of questions around the process, such as what's happening, when, and why? To help with your understanding of the process and listen to your perspective Beth Cluer, the Facilitation Lead for Minster Communities, is holding a 'Check in and Chat' session over Zoom. Please do feel free to come and chat with Beth. The link to join this discussion is on the Diocese of Leicester Website. You can also email Beth.Cluer@LeicesterCofE.org You may find answers to your questions in our Minster Communities FAQs on the Leicester Diocese Website.

Membership of Canterbury CNC Announced

The Central Members and Anglican Communion representatives of the Canterbury Crown Nominations Commission (CNC) have been announced. The Canterbury CNC is responsible for nominating the next Archbishop of Canterbury. Learn more about who makes up the CNC on the CofE website. The members will meet this month, July and September to agree the person Specification and Role Profile before discerning a long list, then short list and then interviewing. Keep praying!

Stephen and Sharon March

The Diocese of Leicester announce that The Revd Stephen March, Ordained Pioneer Minister in the Hexagon Benefice and Mrs Sharon March, Associate Minister and Lay Training Tutor in the diocese, will be moving to the Diocese of Europe. Stephen has been appointed as Chaplain to The Anglican Church of St Mark's, Versailles, with St Paul's, Gif-sur-Yvette, in the Diocese of Europe.

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 and/or sheryljupp@hotmail.co.uk before 11am on Thursday. Thanks. *Sheryl*

Lectionary Readings

Sun 1st Sunday after Ascension
Reading 1: Acts 16:16-34
Reading 2: Rev 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-end
Gospel: John 17:20-end

Mon 2nd
Psalm: 93
Reading 1: Deuteronomy 31:1-13
Reading 2: 1 John 2:18-end

Tue 3rd
Psalm: 99
Reading 1: Deuteronomy 31:14-29
Reading 2: 1 John 3:1-10

Wed 4th
Psalm: 29
Reading 1: Deuteronomy 31:30 - 32:14
Reading 2: 1 John 3:11-end

Thu 5th
Psalm: 24
Reading 1: Deuteronomy 32:15-47
Reading 2: 1 John 4:1-6
Holy Communion Readings
Reading 1: Acts 22:30, 23:6-11
Gospel: John 17:20-end

Fri 6th
Psalm: 28
Reading 1: Deuteronomy 33
Reading 2: 1 John 4:7-end

Sat 7th
Psalm: 43
Reading 1: Deut. 32:48-end, 34
Reading 2: 1 John 5

Sun 8th Pentecost
Reading 1: Acts 2:1-21
Reading 2: Romans 8:14-17
Gospel: John 14:8-17
Wanlip Readings
Reading 1: Exodus 33:7-20
Reading 2: 2 Corinthians 3:4-end
Psalms: 33:1-12

For our Prayers

For the persecuted church - Burkina Faso

God, we pray for Your people in Burkina Faso. We see how violence has impacted so many believers, and how even those who have escaped with their lives now live on the run. We ask You to provide; we ask You for peace; we ask You for strength for these brothers and sisters. Bring about renewal and healing, so that the church in Burkina Faso can grow and thrive to serve You with gladness and singleness of heart. In Jesus' name, Amen

For our Churches, this week especially for:

Our PCC
Our children: Claire, Sophie & Rosie

What are we thankful for this week:

Sun and rain to grow vegetables.

For our Community, this week especially for:

The Food Hub

For those in need or unwell:

Nicky Hardy, David Bark, Dorothy Barsby, John Walton, Michael Webb, Tricia Emmett, Ray Folland, Lesley Walton & all who care for them.

For those who have Holy Communion at home:

Sheila Skidmore, Monica Lucas, Freda Sowards, Margery Orton, Gillian Hinton, John Harrison, John Walters, Michael Webb & Dorothy Barsby

For those who have recently died

Norma Bass, Dorothy Wakefield & Sylvia Phillips (Rev Martin Phillips wife)

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 the Casamance Conflict ongoing since 1982

Mon: For an end to the Nagorno-Karabakh Conflict ongoing since 1988

Tues: For an end to the South Thailand Insurgency ongoing since 2004

Wed: For an end to the Insurgency in Paraguay ongoing since 2005

Thurs: For an end to the Insurgency in Northern Chad ongoing since 2016

Fri: For an end to the Ecuadorian Drug War ongoing since 2018

Sat: For an end to the Salvadoran Gang Crackdown ongoing since 2022