



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.

20th April 2025

Easter Sunday

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 20th

10.00am All Age Easter Service
with Holy Communion

Thursday 24th

9:30am Morning Prayer

Our Lady & St Nicholas:

Sunday 20th

6am Dawn Service with H.C.
6pm BCP Evensong

What else is happening this week

Sunday 20th

After 6am Easter Morning Breakfast
Service Wanlip Hall

Tuesday 22nd

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

Wednesday 23rd

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

Saturday 26th

10am-12noon Visiting Bell Ringers St James

What's happening next week

Sunday 27th

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

Monday 28th

10-12noon	Mothers Union Meeting	St James
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Tuesday 29th

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

10:30am	Replacement of Stained Glass Window	St James
1pm	Save the Children Lunch	The White Horse
2-4:30pm	Welcome Space	St James
3:40-4:30pm	Visit from the Stained Glass Museum in Ely	St James

Thursday 1st

9:30am	Morning Prayer	St James
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Saturday 3rd

10am-12noon	Open Church	St James
10am-2pm	Methodist Playgroup Safeguarding training	St James

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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Easter Breakfast at Wanlip

The usual bacon butties along with drinks will be served after the early morning service on Easter Sunday in the Hall. We would love to see you all there. *Julie Ward*

Before locking the Church Office

As I live outside the parish I sometimes use the Office as a workspace throughout the week. If you come in during the week and notice the office door unlocked and the light on, could you please pop your head in to say hello so I know you are in, or if I am not at the desk double check that I have not just popped to the loo or the kitchen, so I don't get accidentally trapped in the church. Thankyou! *Rev'd. Rachael*

Chicks & Rabbits

Thank you to Cynthia who helped with these, those who bought them, and donated towards the easter eggs. £250.00 being raised for Mothers union projects. Our fundraising to-date for different charities is £4,137.00. Your support is very much appreciated. *Brenda & Joan*

Save the Children - Myanmar Appeal

Many thanks to all who supported the Coffee Morning. I was able to bank £315 for the Myanmar Appeal. Save the Children have been supporting communities in Myanmar since 1995. They are the largest international NGO working in Myanmar and have strong partnerships with 48 local and national organisations. *Josephine*

Save the Children Lunch - 30th April

There are a few spaces left for the lunch on 30th April details by 23rd April please. *Josephine*

Rota's

If you are on the rota for Intercessors, Readers, Welcomers etc the rotas for May - August are now in the pigeon holes at St James and at the back of church at Our Lady & St Nicholas.

Shoebox Appeals 2024 and 2025

25,633 boxes were delivered – a wonderful result. A big thank you to all who contributed with boxes, gifts and donations. Pictures are at the back of the church. We are already collecting for 2025 and last week Sylvia and John put 17 bags of goods up in their loft, all goodies from our friends in Queniborough and, of course, Doreen likes to find parcels on her doorstep. This year, we are able to source even more from wholesalers, which means that we can buy even more for our money. Large shoeboxes are needed, so please collect trainer boxes from your grandchildren! Please keep collecting - we are very happy to receive offerings! *Sylvia Simes and Doreen Wilson*

Security

We urgently need to improve the accuracy of our St James key register. This is mandated by our building insurance provider, and will greatly improve church security.

I - Everyone who holds any church key and no longer needs it should please submit it to Ladi.

II - Everyone who holds any church key and still needs it should please let Ladi know. *Ladi*

The Collect for Easter Sunday

Lord of all life and power, who through the mighty resurrection of your Son overcame the old order of sin and death to make all things new in him: grant that we, being dead to sin and alive to you in Jesus Christ, may reign with him in glory; to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be praise and honour, glory and might, now and in all eternity. **Amen**

The Post Communion Prayer for Easter Sunday

God of Life, who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection have delivered us from the power of our enemy: grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his risen life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

BCP Evensong Collect for Easter Sunday

Almighty God, who through thine only-begotten Son Jesus Christ hast overcome death, and opened unto us the gate of everlasting life: We humbly beseech thee, that as by thy special grace preventing us thou dost put into our minds good desires, so by thy continual help we may bring the same to good effect; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. **Amen**

New Electoral Roll 2025

This year ALL members of St James the Great, Birstall and Our Lady & St Nicholas, Wanlip need to re-apply to be on the church's New Electoral Roll. Enrolment forms will be available from 22nd March - 26th April. *Christine Suffolk*

APM & APCM

This year's APM & APCM will be on Monday 12th May at 7pm.

Open Church & Private Prayer on Wednesdays at Our Lady & St Nicholas

Our Lady & St Nicholas will not be open for private prayer on 30th April and 7th May.

Helpers

We are looking for volunteers to assist our churchwardens with opening St James church and getting it ready for the 10am Sunday service. There will be a rota, and each person will be on duty no more than once a month. If interested, please contact Ladi or Amanda for further details.

Monthly tip for a less-plastic life - April

Reuse small soft-fruit punnets as seed trays or use cardboard loo roll.

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.

Personal Information

If you are storing personal information of others on behalf of the church (eg a member's list of A group you are part of; names and addresses of church contacts etc), please could you let our General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) officer, Kev Burrows know. We just need a list of who in the Church holds people's personal data on behalf of the Church, in what context (why) and in what format hard copy or electronic. It needs please to include any other personal details you keep. We only need the titles of the data you keep not lists of names and addresses. This is for Data Protection purposes and to ensure we are only keeping Personal data in accordance with the law. Thank you.

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 before I am on Thursday to either stjames.birstall@btconnect.com and/or sheryljupp@hotmail.co.uk. Thanks.

Lectionary Readings

Sun 20th Easter Sunday

Reading 1: Acts 10:34-43
Reading 2: 1 Corinthians 15:19-26
Gospel: John 20:1-18

Evensong Readings

Reading 1: Isaiah 43:1-21
Reading 2: John 20:19-23
Psalm: 105

Mon 21st

Psalm: 111
Reading 1: Song of Solomon 1:9 - 2:7
Reading 2: Mark 16:1-8

Tue 22nd

Psalm: 112
Reading 1: Song of Solomon 2:8-end
Reading 2: Luke 24:1-12

Wed 23rd

Psalm: 113
Reading 1: Song of Solomon 3
Reading 2: Matthew 28:16-end

Thu 24th

Psalm: 114
Reading 1: Song of Solomon 5:2 - 6:3
Reading 2: Luke 7:11-17

Holy Communion Readings

Reading 1: Acts 3:11-end
Reading 2: Psalm 8
Gospel: Luke 24:35-48

Fri 25th

Psalm: 115
Reading 1: Song of Solomon 7:10 - 8:4
Reading 2: Luke 8:41-end

Sat 26th

Psalm: 116
Reading 1: Song of Solomon 8:5-7
Reading 2: John 11:17-44

Sun 27th 2nd Sunday of Easter

Reading 1: Acts 5:27-32
Reading 2: Revelation 1:4-8
Gospel: John 20:19-end

Evensong Readings

Reading 1: Acts 5:27-32
Reading 2: John 20:19-end
Psalm: 16

For our Prayers

For the persecuted church - Mali

Heavenly Father, we pray that You will bring an end to the extremist violence in Mali. Draw near to Christians who have been displaced or attacked, & heal them; give them new strength to keep following Jesus. Grant church leaders courage & wisdom to know how to guide & encourage their congregations, so the church in Mali may continue to proclaim the hope of Your gospel. We pray for the restoration of wise & compassionate government, & an end to militant groups and human trafficking, Amen.

For our Churches, this week especially for:

Our Bible Book Club
Our children

What are we thankful for this week:

Being able to dry washing outside

For our Community, this week especially for:

Those who are homeless and those who are unemployed

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, Margery Orton, Gillian Hinton, John Harrison, John Walters, Michael Webb & Dorothy Barsby

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 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