



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 July 2025

5th Sunday after Trinity

**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 Holy Communion

Thursday 24th

9:30am Holy Communion

Our Lady & St Nicholas:

Sunday 20th

6pm BCP Evensong

What else is happening this week

Monday 21st

10-12noon Mothers Union meeting St James

Tuesday 22nd

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

Wednesday 23rd

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

What's happening next week

Sunday 27th

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

Tuesday 29th

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

3-4pm	Open Church & Private Prayer	Our Lady & St Nicholas
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Thursday 31st

9:30am	Holy Communion	St James
12:30pm	Funeral for Ann Ball	St James

Saturday 2nd

10am-12noon	Open Church	St James
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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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Items for next weeks Information Sheets 27th July

If you require any notices to be included in the information sheets for 27th July, can you please let me have them **before 11am on Tuesday 22nd**, as I will be out of the office from then until Tuesday 29th July. Thanks. *Sheryl*

Mothers Union meeting - Tomorrow (21st July)

There is a change to the programme for Monday 21st July.

This meeting will be held in St James at 10am. Our Speaker is Mr Michael Jones on his faith & music. Visitors welcome. *Rita Richards*

Barbara Luxton

Barbara's Funeral/Celebration Service will be on Wednesday 6th August at St James, at 1:30pm

Summer Fete - The Surprise Parcel stall

We are hoping once again to run 'The Surprise Parcel' stall at this years Sunner Fete on Monday 25th August. Any donations would be most welcome - from toiletries to teabags! Items for Children and for gentlemen would be much appreciated too, These can be given to Joan or Jane or left in the box at the back of St James marked "Surprise parcels". Thank you. *Joan Folland & Jane Scott*

Summer Fete - Sign-up sheet

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.

Summer Fete - Raffle Hamper

Please see the separate sheet for donations needed for the raffle Hamper. There are boxes at the back of St James for your donations for the Hamper and also one for other Raffle prizes.

Summer Fete - The Bottle Stall

We are planning to run "The Bottle Stall" again this year, so would really welcome any donations please from ~ "Sauce to Champs", and anything in between. !!!!! Thankyou very much. There will be a box at the back of the Church. *Rita Cowham and Gail Bradley*

RBL Quiz night

Several of us enjoy going to the quiz at the RBL on Wednesday evenings at 8:15pm. Please join us whenever you can. It's £1.50 per quizzier +£1 for non members. Text Amanda if you're coming just to double check we're going that evening. We can meet you outside if a bit nervous walking in alone - and who wouldn't be!?

Andy Kind - 12th September

Date for your diaries: we have booked comedian Andy Kind to come again on 12th September. Now you know he's good, please invite more people! Funds raised will go to upgrading the sound system where needed and to fund other events.

The Collect for the 5th Sunday after Trinity

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified: hear our prayer which we offer for all your faithful people, that in their vocation and ministry they may serve you in holiness and truth to the glory of your name; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, 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 5th Sunday after Trinity

Grant, O Lord, we beseech you, that the course of this world may be so peaceably ordered by your governance, that your Church may joyfully serve you in all godly quietness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

BCP Evensong Collect for the 5th Sunday after Trinity

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Monthly tip for a less-plastic life - July

Cut up old clothes that aren't good enough to pass on and turn them into cleaning cloths.

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.

What are we thankful for

Bearing in mind all that is going on in the world I am sure we all have much to be thankful for so please would you add some thoughts for the list which each week appears on the news sheet and send some suggestions to Sheryl at sheryljupp@hotmail.co.uk or the church email stjames.birstall@btconnect.com or leave them in the Church Office. Please remember these are not related to personal events but general thanks. If you aren't sure have a look at the ideas of the past few weeks. *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.

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)

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 leave a message on the office answer machine (0116 2671797) 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 20th **5th Sunday after Trinity**

Reading 1: Genesis 18:1-10a

Reading 2: Colossians 1:15-28

Gospel: Luke 10:38-end

Wanlip Readings

Reading 1: Genesis 41:1-16, 25-37

Reading 2: 1 Corinthians 4:8-13

Psalm: 81

Mon 21st

Psalm: 98

Reading 1: Ezekiel 1:1-14

Reading 2: 2 Corinthians 1:1-14

Tue 22nd *Mary Magdalene*

Psalm: 30

Reading 1: 1 Samuel 16:14-end

Reading 2: Luke 8:1-3

Wed 23rd

Psalm: 111

Reading 1: Ezekiel 2:3 - 3:11

Reading 2: 2 Corinthians 2:5-end

Thu 24th

Psalm: 115

Reading 1: Ezekiel 3:12-end

Reading 2: 2 Corinthians 3

Holy Communion Readings

Reading 1: Exodus 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20

Gospel: Matthew 13:10-17

Fri 25th *James the Apostle*

Psalm: 7

Reading 1: 2 Kings 1:9-15

Reading 2: Luke 9:46-56

Sat 26th

Psalm: 121

Reading 1: Ezekiel 9

Reading 2: 2 Corinthians 5

Sun 27th **St James' Patronal/6th
Sunday after Trinity**

Reading 1: Jeremiah 45:1-5

Reading 2: Acts 11:27 - 12:2

Gospel: Matthew 20:20-28

Wanlip Readings

Reading 1: Jeremiah 45:1-5 or Acts
11:27 - 12:2

Reading 2: Matthew 20:20-28

Psalm: 126

For our Prayers

For the persecuted church-Central African Republic

Father, we lift up to You Christians in Central African Republic who risk everything to follow You. We ask You to heal the broken-hearted, and to bind up the wounded. Where there is trauma, we ask that You would make Your presence known as You walk alongside Your children. All this we ask in Jesus' name, **Amen**.

For our Churches, this week especially for:

Our Homegroups

Our Children: Joseph, Lilac, Emilia and Elizabeth

What are we thankful for this week:

The Rain

For our Community, this week especially for:

Our local M.P.

For those in need or unwell:

Nicky Hardy, David Bark, Dorothy Barsby, John Walton, Michael Webb, Tricia Emmett, 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

Barbara Luxton & Ann Ball

For 1st anniversary of death this week:

Every day - 9pm (or another time!)

Praying for peace in Ukraine & Israel / Palestine / Iran. And a different area each day.

Sun: For an end to the Islamic State insurgency in Northern Caucasus ongoing since 2017

Mon: For an end to the Honduran gang crackdown ongoing since 2022

Tues: For an end to the Kurdish-Turkish Conflict ongoing since 1921

Wed: For an end to the Korean Conflict ongoing since 1948

Thurs: For an end to the Western Sahara Conflict ongoing since 1970

Fri: For an end to the Peruvian Conflict ongoing since 1980

Sat: For an end to the Islamic Terrorism in Egypt ongoing since 1981