

Notices

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Thurible

Some one has offered to buy us a thurible, (for incense) if we used it at Midnight Mass. Would it stop you coming due to asthma? Please let Amanda know by the end of Sunday.

Winter Services at St James

Some people have asked if we are going to be in the old church for some winter services, but I have been told a few people won't come due to fears of germ spreading. If this would affect you, please let Amanda or Ladi know, before we make our decision in the next 2 weeks.

All Souls Service - 3rd November

This years All Souls service will be on Sunday 3rd November at St James, starting at 3pm, which will include the reading of the names of our loved ones and the lighting of candles in their memory. All are welcome

Remembrance Services

Our Remembrance Sunday service will be on Sunday 10th November at St James, starting at 10am. We will also be having a service on Remembrance Day, Monday 11th November, at the War Memorial at St James starting at 10:50am. All are welcome at both services.

Advent book club

This advent I will be reading the Archbishops Advent book, Do not be Afraid by Rachael Mann (rrp £9.89 and orderable through church) 'These luminous meditations tell stories of God waiting with us when we're in fear or distress; of coming - bidden or unbidden - to relieve our loneliness; of disconcerting us, desiring us and surprising us with joy...'

Please let me know if you would like to accompany me at a friendly relaxed book club meeting once a week through Advent, as we wait and reflect on the coming of Christ this Advent together. Please register your interest at the back of the church and I will organise a day, time and location that will work best to meet. *Revd. Rachael*

Shoebox Appeal 2024

Thank you for all your donations so far. We still need chocolate and sweets, and shampoo, not over 400ml. We do not need shower gel, as the living conditions of many are so dreadful and they certainly do not have showers. We are hoping to send 85 boxes this time and the carriage for these will be £255, so donations towards this will be gratefully received. Many thanks.

Sylvia Simes and Doreen Wilson

Bring and Share Lunch - Sunday 1st December

We are having a bring and share lunch in the Village Hall. A list for names will be available in November. Please save this date in your diary.

Church Diary

The 2025 diary is now in the office, please could you add your events for this December in both diaries please. I have added the events that are already in. Thanks. *Sheryl*

The Collect for the 21st Sunday of Trinity

Grant, we beseech you, merciful Lord, to your faithful people pardon and peace, that they may be cleansed from all their sins and serve you with a quiet mind; 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 the 21st Sunday of Trinity

Father of light, in whom is no change or shadow of turning, you give us every good and perfect gift and have brought us to birth by your word of truth: may we be a living sign of that kingdom where your whole creation will be made perfect in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

BCP Collect for the 21st Sunday of Trinity

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Volunteer vacancies!

We are looking for the following volunteers for church - if you might be interested, please speak to whoever is named next to the role ASAP. Thank you!

- Eco Church (Amanda)
- Light cleaning duties (Tony Luxton)
- Flower arranging (Sylvia)
- Intercessors (Alan & Cynthia Chapman) or Amanda for help
- People for the prayer team (Kerry)

Monthly tip for a less-plastic life - October

Don't buy individually wrapped sweets – go for those sold loose in boxes or jars.

Save the Children

The next lunch to be held at the White Horse will be on Wednesday 6th November. Details can be found at the back of the church. I have some religious Christmas cards but the choice is limited this year but if you are interested please let me know. *Josephine*

Electoral Role

If you are not yet on our church electoral role, please do ask for a form and join! It's the official membership list of the church and everyone who comes is welcome to be on the list, if they are baptised and are aged 16 or over.

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.

Churches Together in Leicestershire Christmas Appeal 2024

2024 is the 50th anniversary for SHARP as an independent housing charity. We continue to help those who are homeless, at risk of homelessness or living in poor housing conditions. As housing in Leicester & Leicestershire continues to deteriorate our services are needed more than ever. If you are able to give to this charity, please see the poster on the blue pillar nearest the kitchen at St James, and on the notice board at Our Lady & St Nicholas. For those who receive our Information sheets via email, I have attached a copy to the email.

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 11am** on the Thursday to get your items included in that week's news sheet. Thanks. *Sheryl*

Lectionary & Theme Readings

Sun 20th 21st Sunday after Trinity

Readings used

Reading 1: Psalm 25

Reading 2: Deuteronomy 26:16-19

Gospel: Luke 1:26-38

Lectionary readings: Isaiah 53:4-end, Hebrews 5:1-10, Mark 10:35-45 Psalm 91:9-end

BCP Evensong Readings:

Reading 1: Deuteronomy 26:16-19

Reading 2: Luke 1:26-38

Psalm: 25

Mon 21st Theme: Matthew 8:18-22

Psalm: 1

Reading 1: Exodus 22:21-27: 23:1-17

Reading 2: 1 Timothy 6:1-10

Tue 22nd Theme: Luke 1:26-28

Psalm: 5

Reading 1: Exodus 29:38 - 30:16

Reading 2: 1 Timothy 6:11-end

Wed 23rd Theme: Deut. 26:16-19

Psalm: 119:1-32

Reading 1: Leviticus 8

Reading 2: 2 Timothy 1:1-14

Thu 24th Theme: Matthew 10:32-42

Psalm: 15

Reading 1: Leviticus 9

Reading 2: 2 Timothy 1:15 - 2:13

Holy Communion Readings

Reading 1: Ephesians 3:14-end

Gospel: Luke 12:49-53

Fri 25th Theme: 1 Samuel 15:12-15

Psalm: 19

Reading 1: Leviticus 16:2-24

Reading 2: 2 Timothy 2:14-end

Sat 26th Theme: Matthew 19:16-30

Psalm: 23

Reading 1: Leviticus 17

Reading 2: 2 Timothy 3

Sun 27th 22nd Sunday after Trinity

Readings used

Reading 1: 1 Samuel 17:31-49

Reading 2: 1 Thessalonians 5:12-28

Gospel: Luke 12:22-34

Lectionary readings: Jeremiah 31:7-9, Hebrews 7:23-end, Mark 10:46-end Psalm 126

BCP Evensong Readings:

Reading 1: 1 Samuel 17:31-49

Reading 2: Luke 12:22-34

Psalm: 23 **Theme: Acts 15:17-29**

For our Prayers

Theme for the week - Obedience

The real difference between Christians who are growing and ones who are not is the matter of obedience. Pray for strength to be obedient.

For the persecuted church - Central African Republic

Father, the situation in CAR seems so impossible & hopeless. It's been going on for so long, & there are no signs of relief. But we know You are a God who is not limited by the hopeless – we ask You to intervene & bring about changes in CAR, that peace would come & relief would be available for people there. We ask for Your deliverance of Your people in CAR, that they would be protected from harm & allowed to worship You. We pray for churches to be able to reopen without fear & for the worship of Jesus to ring out across the country. Amen.

For our Churches, this week especially for:

Our relationships with the Scouts, Guides, Brownies, Cubs, ATC and Sea Cadets
Our Children: Kathryn & April

What are we thankful for this week:

Our church services

For our Community, this week especially for:

Riverside, Highcliffe and Hallam Fields schools

For those in need or unwell:

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

For those who have Holy Communion at home:

Sheila Skidmore, Monica Lucas, Freda Swards & Margery Orton

For those who have recently died

Lynn Lynch & Ann Clinton

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 Boko Haram Insurgency in Nigeria, Cameroon, Niger, Chad, ongoing since 2009.

Mon: For an end to the Syrian Civil War ongoing since 2011.

Tues: For an end to the Nigerian Bandit Conflict ongoing since 2011.

Wed: For an end to the Mali War ongoing since 2012.

Thurs: For an end to the Yemeni Civil War (Yemen, Saudi Arabia) ongoing since 2014.

Fri: For an end to the Sudan conflict ongoing since 2023.

Sat: For an end to the Kurdish separatism in Iran ongoing since 1918.