

Lectionary Readings

Sun 20th 16th Sunday after Trinity

Birstall readings

Reading 1: Jonah 3:10 – end of 4

Reading 2: Philippians 1:21-end

Gospel: Matthew 20:1-16

Wanlip Readings: BCP Holy Communion

Reading 1: Jonah 3:10 – end of 4

Reading 2: Philippians 1:21-end

Gospel: Matthew 20:1-16

Mon 21st *Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist*

Psalm: 49

Reading 1: 1 Kings 19:15-end

Reading 2: 2 Timothy 3:14-end

Tue 22nd

Psalm: 48

Reading 1: 1 Kings 13:11-end

Reading 2: Acts 19:21-end

Wed 23rd

Psalm: 119:57-80

Reading 1: 1 Kings 17

Reading 2: Acts 20:1-16

Thu 24th

Psalm: 57

Reading 1: 1 Kings 18:1-20

Reading 2: Acts 20:17-end

Holy Communion Readings

Reading 1: Ecclesiastes 1:2-11

Gospel: Luke 9:7-9

Fri 25th

Psalm: 51

Reading 1: 1 Kings 18:21-end

Reading 2: Acts 21:1-16

Sat 26th

Psalm: 68

Reading 1: 1 Kings 19

Reading 2: Acts 21:17-36

Sun 27th 17th Sunday after Trinity

Birstall readings

Reading 1: Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-end

Reading 2: Philippians 2:1-13

Gospel: Matthew 21:23-32

Wanlip Readings:

Reading 1: Ezekiel 37:15-end

Reading 2: 1 John 2:22-end

Psalm: 124

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Collect

O Lord, we beseech you mercifully to hear the prayers of your people who call upon you; and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil them; 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**

Post Communion Prayer

Almighty God, you have taught us through your Son that love is the fulfilling of the law; grant that we may love you with our whole heart and our neighbours as ourselves; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

BCP Collect

O Lord, we beseech thee, let thy continual pity cleanse and defend thy Church; and, because it cannot continue in safety without thy succour, preserve it evermore by thy help and goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

This week we are grateful for....

The gift of Sight

Additional Notices for the Week

Sing for Unity and Peace – Today (20th September)

Our Sing for Unity and Peace Concert is today at St James's Church at 1-2pm. Refreshments in the village hall afterwards. All Welcome.

Advent Windows

Churches Together in Birstall and Wanlip are planning something new for this advent (don't all groan at once, it'll be Christmas before we know it!!) There is information about it at the back of each church and a sign up sheet if you would like to be involved. It sounds like a lot of fun so I hope you join in. Debbie Shephard

Birstall Residents Survey

We are working with the Birstall Stakeholders group to know what you think the priorities in Birstall should be. There is an online survey at <https://whatsonbirstall.co.uk/Birstall-residents-survey/> Hard copies of the survey are available in the library, council offices, primary school, and churches, with boxes for the completed survey. Deadline 18th October. Thanks for your help
Amanda and Janet

Funeral for Di Mayoh – 25th September

Di's funeral will be on Friday 25th September at Our Lady & St Nicholas starting at 11am.

Harvest – 4th October

Our Harvest Festivals this year will be on Sunday 4th October. Please bring donations of packet, dried and tinned food and toiletries for Birstall Food Hub, if you can.

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)

Home groups

We do have home groups and if anyone is interested in joining one, please speak to me. *Amanda*

Leicester Half Marathon – 11th October

There will be restrictions affecting roads on the morning of Sunday 11th October, for the Half Marathon between the following estimated times: 9:40am – 11:30am for Whiles Lane, Wanlip Lane and Birstall Road. The busiest times for runners passing through is likely to be between 10:00am – 11:00am, during which times access to Church Hill and Front Street, will be almost impossible. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause but hope that you will understand the reason for this temporary measure. The Half Marathon is an entirely not-for-profit event, raising thousands of pounds for local Leicestershire charities. *Andrew Ward – Race Director*

Birstall Methodist Church Quiz Night - 29th September

The Methodist Church are holding a Quiz Night on Tuesday 29th September starting at 7:30pm. Questions on all topics - easy and HARD! Tickets (including tea/coffee & cake) £6 in advance from the Methodist Centre, £7 on the door. Come alone or with a team - all welcome!