



Our vision is to be an open Christian community where people feel loved, respected, and free to be fully themselves.



21st April 2024 **4th Sunday of Easter**

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 21st
 8:30am Holy Communion
 10.00am Holy Communion

Thursday 25th
 9:30am Holy Communion

Our Lady & St Nicholas:
Sunday 21st
 6pm BCP Evensong

What else is happening this week

Monday 22nd
 7-8pm Beer & Hymns Night
 The White Horse

Tuesday 23rd
 12:30-4:30pm Welcome Space St James
 4:30-6pm Capital Arts choir St James
 7pm Minister Community meeting
 St Martins House

Wednesday 24th
 12:30-4:30pm Welcome Space St James
 3-4pm Open Church & Private Prayer
 Our Lady & St Nicholas

Thursday 25th
 10:30am Bible Book Club St James

Saturday 27th
 10am-Noon Open Church St James

What's happening next week

Sunday 28th
 8:30am Morning Prayer St James
 10am Holy Communion St James
 6pm BCP Evensong Our Lady & St Nicholas

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

Wednesday 1st
 12:30-4:30pm Welcome Space St James
 3-4pm Open Church & Private Prayer Our Lady & St Nicholas
 4:30-6pm Capital Arts choir St James

Thursday 2nd
 9:30am Morning Prayer St James

Saturday 4th
 10am-Noon Open Church St James

Notices

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

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This weeks information sheet

This weeks information sheet was produced on Thursday 11th April, if you have sent any notices since then, they will not appear until next week. *Sheryl*

Beer and Hymns Night – 22nd April

Amanda will be leading a Beer and Hymns Night on Monday 22nd April from 7-8pm at the White Horse. There will be live music, provided by St Theresa's, and classic hymns to sing along to. St George food specials available.

Minister Community meeting - 23rd April

For the next stage of the Minster Community plan in the Diocese, we need 2 reps to attend the first meeting, on the 23rd April at 7pm at St Martin's House, as well as Amanda.

Whoever goes to this meeting does not commit themselves to future meetings, but they will need to feed back to the PCC. It's fine to have different people each time. Amanda will explain more about this in the services today. We will also be giving out "storyboard sheets" for everyone to put their opinions down - this is about the church not yourself! So one question says "Where have you come from?" which means "Where has the church come from?" for example. We will collate everyone's answers to feedback to the Minster Community meetings and everyone's opinions are important. Please return these by 14th April. Does anyone feel like they could do the collating job, please? So 2 reps and a collator are required, please!

Bible Book Club - 25th April

The next Bible Book club will be on the 25th April from about 10:30am after the Communion Service, and we'll be looking at Zephaniah.

Duck Race

We will have a stall at the Duck Race this year. At the moment, I'm thinking of offering prayer and chat, but if anyone has any good ideas, and wants to help, please let me know! Thanks, manda

Church Storyboards

Please remember to give your filled in Storyboards about the church to the wardens at Wanlip or put in the box provided at St James. Thank you.

Circular Saw & JCB Drill

Does anyone own the Black & Decker Circular Saw and the JCB Drill in the cupboard in the office. Is they are yours, can you collect it by the end of the month please.

Trench Candles

Some candles from Birstall and Wanlip have started on a journey to support the troops In Ukraine. The Trench Candles are made by rolling corrugated cardboard into old tins, placing a splint into the middle of the tin and melting the candle wax to fill them so if you have any old candle bits please place them in the box by the votive candle stand in St James and they will be sent to the Ukraine every month.

A Collect for the 4th Sunday of Easter

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life: raise us, who trust in him, from the death of sin to the life of righteousness, that we may seek those things which are above, where he reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

A Post Communion Prayer for the 4th Sunday of Easter

Merciful Father, you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd, and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again: keep us always under his protection, and give us grace to follow in his steps; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

BCP Collect for 4th Sunday of Easter

Almighty God, who shewest to them that be in error the light of thy truth, to the intent that they may return into the way of righteousness: Grant unto all them that are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion, that they may eschew those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen**

Monthly tip for a less-plastic life - April

Reuse small soft-fruit punnets as seed trays or use cardboard loo roll tubes for planting seedlings instead of little plastic pots

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.

Wanlip May Fair - 18th May

This years Wanlip's May Fair is on Saturday 18th May starting at 2pm-4pm. In Our Lady & St Nicholas Church and the Community Hall. Cakes, |Plants, Bric-a-Brac, Refreshments and more!

Summer Fair

Is anyone willing to organise this years Summer Fair please? Please let Amanda or a warden know.

Saving Paper

In an effort to save paper please could all the paper BIBLE READINGS be put into my pigeon hole after use as it is proposed that a file will be made of these readings and eventually it will be placed in the Parish Office so they can be reused. Thank you. *Josephine Burgess*

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 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 21st 4th Sunday of Easter

Readings used today:

Reading 1: Joshua 1:1-9

Reading 2 Psalm 1

Gospel : Mark 12:28-34

Lectionary Readings:

Acts 4:5-12, 1 John 3:16-end, John 10:11-18

Mon 22nd Theme: Ecclesiastes 12:1-7

Psalm: 103

Reading 1: Exodus 32:1-14

Reading 2: Luke 2:41-end

Tue 23rd Theme: Colossians 4:4-9

George, martyr, Patron of England

Psalm: 5

Reading 1: Joshua 1:1-9

Reading 2: Ephesians 6:10-20

Wed 24th Theme: Luke 16:19-31

Psalm: 135

Reading 1: Exodus 33

Reading 2: Luke 3:15-22

Thu 25th Theme: Deuteronomy 10:12-22

Mark the Evangelist

Psalm: 37:23-end

Reading 1: Isaiah 62:6-10

Reading 2: Acts 12:25 - 13:13

Holy Communion Readings

Reading 1: Acts 15:35-end

Gospel: Mark 13:5-13

Fri 26th Theme: Psalm 119:97-104

Psalm: 33

Reading 1: Exodus 35:20 - 36:7

Reading 2: Luke 4:14-30

Sat 27th Theme: Joshua 1:1-9

Psalm: 34

Reading 1: Exodus 40:17-end

Reading 2: Luke 4:31-37

Sun 28th 5th Sunday of Easter

Readings used today:

Reading 1: Proverbs 2:1-22

Reading 2 Philippians 4:8-9

Gospel : Luke 8:16-18

Evensong readings

Reading 1: Proverbs 2:1-22

Reading 2; Philippians 4:8-9.

Psalm: 119:1-16

Lectionary Readings:

Acts 8:26-end, 1 John 4:7-end, John 15:1-8

Theme: Luke 20:41-47

For our Prayers

Theme for the week - Meditation

Ask God this week to help you keep your mind fixed on his greatness and wonder. Begin in your devotional times and practice such as meditation with short affirmations woven into the fabric of your everyday life.

For the persecuted church - Bangladesh

Dear God, we ask that You will be with Your people in Bangladesh, especially those who came to know You out of a different faith. We thank You for being a God who calls each of us by name, & we ask You to remember Your children in Bangladesh. We also pray for the families of the tribal Christians who were killed this year – please be with them & help them heal as they mourn. Finally, we pray for our brothers & sisters among the Rohingya refugees – please protect and help them to find fellowship even in a refugee camp. Amen.

For our Churches, this week especially for:

Our Flower Arrangers.

Our Children: Simon, Logan & Harry

What are we thankful for this week:

Our friendships

For our Community, this week especially for:

Our homes and neighbours

For those in need or unwell:

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

For those who have Holy Communion at home:

Sheila Skidmore, Monica Lucas, Freda Sowards, Margery Orton & Pat Wilby

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 Colombian Conflict in Colombia, Venezuela, Ecuador ongoing since 1964.

Mon: For an end to the Afghanistan conflict (IS - Taliban) ongoing since 1978.

Tues: For an end to the Somali Civil War (with Kenya) ongoing since 1991.

Wed: For an end to Allied Democratic Forces insurgency in Africa (DR Congo and Uganda) ongoing since 1996.

Thurs: For an end to the communal conflicts in Nigeria ongoing since 1998.

Fri: For an end to Ituri Conflict in DR Congo ongoing since 1999.

Sat: For an end to insurgency in the Maghreb (Algeria, Burkina Faso, Chad, Libya, Mali, Niger, Tunisia, Togo, Benin, Ivory Coast) ongoing since 2002.