

Lectionary Readings

Sun 22nd 5th Sunday of Lent

Reading 1: Ezekiel 37:1-14

Reading 2: Romans 8:6-11

Gospel: John 11:1-45

Wanlip Readings

Reading 1: Ezekiel 37:1-14 or Romans 8:6-11

Reading 2: John 11:1-45

Psalm: 130

Mon 23rd

Psalm: 73

Reading 1: Exodus 8:1-19

Reading 2: Hebrews 11:17-31

Tue 24th

Psalm: 35

Reading 1: Exodus 8:20-end

Reading 2: Hebrews 11:32 – 12:2

Wed 25th *Annunciation of Our Lord to the Blessed Virgin Mary*

Psalm: 111

Reading 1: 1 Samuel 2:1-10

Reading 2: Romans 5:12-end

Thu 26th

Psalm: 40

Reading 1: Exodus 9:13-end

Reading 2: Hebrews 12:14-end

Fri 27th

Psalm: 22

Reading 1: Exodus 10

Reading 2: Hebrews 13:1-16

Sat 28th

Psalm: 23

Reading 1: Exodus 11

Reading 2: Hebrews 13:17-end

Sun 29th Palm Sunday

Liturgy of the Palms

Reading: Psalm 118:1-2, 19-end

Gospel: Matthew 21:1-11

Wanlip Readings

Liturgy of the Passion

Reading 1: Isaiah 50:4-9a

Reading 2: Philippians 2:5-11

Gospel: Matthew 26:14 – end of 27

22nd March 2026 (Passion Sunday)

Collect for the 5th Sunday of Lent

Most merciful God, who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ delivered and saved the world: grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross we may triumph in the power of his victory; 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 for the 5th Sunday of Lent

Lord Jesus Christ, you have taught us that that we do for the least of our brothers and sisters we do also for you: give us the will to be the servant of others as you were the servant of all, and gave up your life and died for us, but are alive and reign, now and for ever. **Amen**

BCP Evensong Collect for the 5th Sunday of Lent

We beseech thee, Almighty God, mercifully to look upon thy people; that by thy great goodness they may be governed and preserved evermore, both in body and soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

This week we are grateful for....

Daffodils and other spring flowers

Additional Notices for the Week

April's Monthly diary

Can you let me have any dates for April's monthly diary before Tuesday 24th March please.
Sheryl

Monica Lucas

Monica's funeral will be on Wednesday 25th March at St James starting at 11:30am.

Baptism Prep – 26th March

On Thursday 26th March at 5pm, we're doing Baptism Prep at St James. It'll only be about an hour. *Amanda*

Bring & Share Lunch – 29th March

Our next Bring and Share Lunch is next Sunday (29th March) in Birstall village hall, starting at 12:30pm. Please come if you can and invite any family or friends you'd like and bring something to share!

Warm Space – Good Friday

There will NOT be a Warm Space on Good Friday (3rd April) at Wanlip.

Easter Breakfast

Tea, coffee, juices and bacon cobs will be served in the Hall after the Vigil/Communion service at Wanlip on Easter Sunday. So that we have a rough idea on the numbers we are catering for, please add your name to the sign-up sheet (at the back of both churches) if you wish to join us. There is no charge, but any donations are gratefully accepted. *Julie*

Cantamici Choir Concert – 1st April

The Cantamici choir will be singing Stainer's Crucifixion at St James on Wednesday 1st April, starting at 7.30pm. Tickets £7.00 from our tin at services or Welcome Space. Refreshments will be served after the performance. If you have any queries, please see Rose or Kevin.

Ladies Afternoon Tea – 9th April

Afternoon tea at the British Legion on Thursday 9th April at 4pm. Cost £11. To book a place, please ring Joan on 2672010 or call at 22 Wellgate Ave. Names by 30th March. Money by 4th April. (A £10 note + £1 coin would be great) *Joan*

Save the Children Lunch – 15th April

There is a lunch on Wednesday 15th April at the White Horse. If anyone is interested, please see the details at the back of the church or from Josephine. Booking by 8th April is necessary.

May Day Quiz – 1st May

Do you enjoy a quiz, cup of tea/coffee and cake? If the answer is yes, then join us at Wanlip Warm Space, held in Wanlip Hall, on Friday 1st May, 2-4 pm. Entry free – donations appreciated. Look forward to seeing you. *Janet and Rosie*

The Great Gregorio Bingo and Italian tea - 13th May

On Wednesday 13th May: 1.30pm till 4.15pm: the Great Gregorio bingo (with prizes) and an Italian tea. Sign up for your place. £5.00 pay on the day. (note: for this to go ahead we need 15 - 20 people decision by 27th April) If you have any queries, please see Rose or Kevin.