



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



22nd September 2024 **17th 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 22nd

8:30am Holy Communion
 10.00am Holy Communion with Baptism of Amelia Harrison

Thursday 26th

9:30am Holy Communion

Our Lady & St Nicholas:

Sunday 22nd

6pm BCP Evensong

What else is happening this week

Sunday 22nd

2-4pm Visiting Bell Ringers St James
 7:30pm Drinks & Nibbles 251 Birstall Road

Monday 23rd

5pm Microphone Training St James

Tuesday 24th

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

Wednesday 25th

2.00-4:30pm Welcome Space St James
 3-4pm Open Church & Private Prayer
 Our Lady & St Nicholas

Thursday 26th

10:30am Bible Book Club St James
 1pm Funeral for Patricia Ayres St James

Friday 27th

7:30-8:30pm Visiting Bell Ringers St James

Saturday 28th

10am-12noon Open Church St James
 9:45-3pm Minister Communities Meeting
 Fullhurst Community College, LE3 1BE

What's happening next week

Sunday 29th 8:30am Holy Communion St James
 10am Holy Communion St James
 12 noon Bring & Share Lunch Birstall Village Hall
 6pm 5th Sunday Special Service Our Lady & St Nicholas

Tuesday 1st 12:30-4:30pm Welcome Space St James

Wednesday 2nd 2-4:30pm Welcome Space St James
 3-4pm Open Church & Private Prayer Our Lady & St Nicholas

Thursday 3rd 9:30am Morning Prayer St James

Saturday 5th 10am-12noon Open Church St James
 3:30-4:15pm Visiting Bell Ringers Our Lady & St Nicholas

Notices

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

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Drinks & nibbles - 22nd September

Join us at the Rectory from 7:30pm on 22nd September for drinks and nibbles! 251 Birstall Road. EVERYONE very welcome! *Amanda*

Use of Microphones Practice - 23rd September

Please could everyone who uses the microphones in church on any rota (eg reads, leads intercessions); those who are on the welcome team; and those who are in the altar party; or might like to be, please join us for practice and a discussion on Monday 23rd September at 5pm for a max of 1 hour, even if you have been doing it for years! If you can't make it, please let me know and we can find another time for anyone left out! Thanks, *manda*

Bible Book Club - 26th September

The next Bible Book Club will be on Thursday 26th September starting at about 10:30am following the Holy Communion Service. The book we will be studying is 1 Timothy. All welcome.

Bring and share lunch - 29th September

Bring and share lunch in the village hall is next week. Please come if you can and invite any family or friends you'd like and something to share!

Shoebox Appeal 2024

We are grateful for any contributions, but we particularly need toothpaste, toothbrushes, soap and sweets. If you would rather give a donation, we can buy what is needed. Many thanks. *Sylvia Simes and Doreen Wilson*

Minister Communities

We need 2 reps for the next stage of the Minster Communities which is on 28th September from 9:45am for 10am start until 3pm at Fullhurst Community College, Fosse Campus, 3 Ellesmere Rd, Leicester, LE3 1BE. Please let Amanda know if you are willing to represent us or would like more information.

Prayer Ministry & Healing Team

There has been a Prayer Ministry team at St James for many years. Recently the team has shrunk considerably due to illness, death, age and people moving away. A few months ago we reduced prayer for healing to twice a month. At the last Healing Service we only had one station. We are struggling. We really do need more team members. Is it something you might consider? Remember it is God who does the healing- we are channels through whom he works. Training will be given. If you are interested please speak to me or one of the team. *Kerry*

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*

The Collect for the 17th Sunday of Trinity

Almighty God, you have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless till they find their rest in you: pour your love into our hearts and draw us to yourself, and so bring us at last to your heavenly city where we shall see you face to face; 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 17th Sunday of Trinity

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, and make us continually to be given to all good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

BCP Collect for 17th Sunday after Trinity

Lord, we pray thee that thy grace may always prevent and follow us, and make us continually to be given to all good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

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.

Monthly tip for a less-plastic life - September

Reuse bread and cereal bags as sandwich or freezer bags.

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 - are you passionate about the environment? If so, could you help us work towards Eco Church Awards? There is a list of goals online, and we need someone just to keep an eye on what needs to be included in our church life and tick off what we have achieved. I think we are already at bronze level, so you could do lots of ticking straight away! There is an information day on Saturday, September 14, from 10am-2pm, at Holy Trinity Church in Leicester, which you would not have to attend but might wish to! (Amanda)
- Light cleaning duties - Light cleaning duties - every 7 weeks. The duties : dusting (no steps), vacuuming carpets and tidying up as required in both the old & new parts of St James. It takes between 60 and 90 minutes (Tony Luxton)
- Flower arranging - lessons provided, if needed! (Sylvia)
- Someone to accompany Rachael on Parish visits to introduce her to people (Rachael)
- Readers - (Contact: Alan & Cynthia Chapman)
- Intercessors (Contact: Alan & Cynthia Chapman or Amanda)

Forthcoming events at St. Theresa's

Friday 27th September at St Theresa's: Quiz night £3 at door proceeds to Rainbows. 7pm.

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

Lectionary & Theme Readings

Sun 22nd 17th Sunday after Trinity

Readings used

Reading 1: Psalm 67

Reading 2 Luke 4 14-21

Gospel : Matthew 5:1-12

Lectionary readings: Jeremiah 11:18-20, James 3:13 - 4:3, 7-8a, Mark 9:30-37

BCP Evensong Readings:

Reading 1: Luke 4:14-21

Reading 2: Matthew 5:1-12

Psalm: 67

Mon 23rd Theme: Matthew 5:1-12

Psalm: 71

Reading 1: 1 Kings 21

Reading 2: Acts 21:37 - 22:21

Tue 24th Theme: Luke 6:20-23

Psalm: 73

Reading 1: 1 Kings 22:1-28

Reading 2: Acts 22:22 - 23:11

Wed 25th Theme: Matthew 7:28-29

Psalm: 77

Reading 1: 1 Kings 22:29-45

Reading 2: Acts 23:12-end

Thu 26th Theme: Luke 4:14-21

Psalm: 78:1-39

Reading 1: 2 Kings 1:2-17

Reading 2: Acts 24:1-23

Holy Communion Readings

Reading 1: Ecclesiastes 1:2-11

Gospel: Luke 9:7-9

Fri 27th Theme: 2 John 9

Psalm: 55

Reading 1: 2 Kings 2:1-18

Reading 2: Acts 24:24 - 25:12

Sat 28th Theme: Mark 13:28-31

Psalm: 76

Reading 1: 2 Kings 4:1-37

Reading 2: Acts 25:13-end

Sun 29th 18th Sunday after Trinity

Michael & All Angels. Theme: John 6:66-69

Readings used

Reading 1: Psalm 31 (8:30am) & 8 (10am)

Reading 2 Ephesians 1:1-14 (8:30am)

Hebrews 4:14-16 (10am)

Gospel : Luke 18:35-43 (8:30am)

Luke 11:1-11 (10am)

Lectionary readings: Genesis 28:10-17, Revelations 12:7-12, John 1:47-end

Wanlip Readings:

5th Sunday Special

For our Prayers

Theme for the week - The Beatitudes

Ask God to show you the importance of these foundational truths which Jesus has taught us. Pray that he will reveal to you the kernel of truth that is buried beneath each Beatitude & also, that he would show you best how to live that truth.

For the persecuted church - Morocco

Lord Jesus, continue to empower our sisters & brothers as they face many challenges for following You. May they feel Your nearness when they need it most. Provide fresh opportunities for believers to talk about You with others, & give them boldness & the right words in those moments. Heal those carrying wounds from mistreatment, & provide for those whose faith has brought loss of income or security. Thank You that believers are finding ways to meet each other, & we praise You for the way You are meeting Moroccans online & in dreams, visions & divine encounters. We pray for more! Amen.

For our Churches, this week especially for:

Our Faith, Friendship & Fun services at Hallam Fields

Our Children: Rachel & Lydia

What are we thankful for this week:

Having someone come and cut my lawn

For our Community, this week especially for:

Our Library

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 Sowards & Margery Orton

For those who have recently died

John Williams, Patricia Ayres

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 the Korean Conflict ongoing since 1950.

Mon: For an end to the Papua Conflict in Indonesia ongoing since 1962.

Tues: For an end to Katanga insurgency in DR Congo ongoing since 1963.

Wed: For an end to the Western Sahara conflict in Morocco and the Saharawi Republic ongoing since 1973.

Thurs: For an end to the Cabinda War in Angola ongoing since 1975.

Fri: For an end to internal conflict in Peru ongoing since 1980.

Sat: For an end to the Casamance conflict in Senegal ongoing since 1982.