

## Lectionary Readings

### Sun 23<sup>rd</sup> 12<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity

#### Birstall readings

Reading 1: Isaiah 51:1-6  
 Reading 2: Romans 12:1-8  
 Gospel: Matthew 16:13-20

#### Wanlip Readings

Reading 1: Isaiah 51:1-6 or Romans 12:1-8  
 Reading 2: Matthew 16:13-20  
 Psalm: 138

### Mon 24<sup>th</sup> *Bartholomew the Apostle*

Psalm: 86  
 Reading 1: Genesis 28:10-17  
 Reading 2: John 1:43-end

### Tue 25<sup>th</sup>

Psalm: 106  
 Reading 1: 2 Samuel 12:1-25  
 Reading 2: Acts 9:1-19a

### Wed 26<sup>th</sup>

Psalm: 111  
 Reading 1: 2 Samuel 15:1-12  
 Reading 2: Acts 9:19b-31

#### Holy Communion Readings

Reading 1: 2 Thessalonians 3:6-10, 16-end  
 Reading 2: Matthew 23:27-32

### Thu 27<sup>th</sup>

Psalm: 115  
 Reading 1: 2 Samuel 15:13-end  
 Reading 2: Acts 9:32-end

#### Holy Communion Readings

Reading 1: 1 Corinthians 1:1-9  
 Reading 2: Matthew 24:42-end

### Fri 28<sup>th</sup>

Psalm: 139  
 Reading 1: 2 Samuel 16:1-14  
 Reading 2: Acts 10:1-16

### Sat 29<sup>th</sup>

Psalm: 121  
 Reading 1: 2 Samuel 17:1-23  
 Reading 2: Acts 10:17-33

### Sun 30<sup>th</sup> 13<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity

#### Birstall readings

Reading 1: Jeremiah 15:15-21  
 Reading 2: Romans 12:9-end  
 Gospel: Matthew 16:21-end

#### Wanlip Readings

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Special

## 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2026

### 12<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity

#### Collect

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray and to give more than either we desire or deserve: pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask but through the merits and mediation of 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

God of all mercy, in this eucharist you have set aside our sins and given us your healing: grant that we who are made whole in Christ may bring that healing to this broken world, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

#### BCP Collect

Almighty and everlasting God, who art always more ready to hear than we to pray, and art wont to give more than either we desire or deserve: Pour down upon us the abundance of thy mercy; forgiving us those things whereof our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask, but through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ, thy Son, our Lord. **Amen.**

**This week we are grateful for....**

Some rain

## Additional Notices for the Week

### **Parish Carvery Lunch at Beedles Lake – Today (23<sup>rd</sup> August)**

For those of you who have signed up for the lunch, a reminder that lunch will be served at 12:15pm. To order drinks, please arrive earlier. *Joan Folland*

### **Funeral for David Ager – 27<sup>th</sup> August**

David's funeral will be at St James on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> August starting at 12:30pm.

### **Funeral for Di Mayoh – 25<sup>th</sup> September**

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

### **St James' Church keys**

If anybody has a church key, or a safe key, that you no longer need, can you please return it to me. Thanks. *John Borrajo (07703 369707)*

### **Ride & Stride – 12<sup>th</sup> September**

Both Churches will be open for Leicestershire Historic Churches Trust Ride and Stride Day. Please sign up on the sheets at the back of both churches if you can 'church sit' or collect a sponsor form if you are feeling energetic. For more info speak to John Borrajo or Debbie Shepherd.

### **Garden Party at the Rectory – 13<sup>th</sup> September**

Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> September - 12.30pm to 5.30pm. Everyone Welcome. Bring your own meat - drinks and other food will be provided. *Amanda & Paul*

### **Sing for Unity and Peace - 20<sup>th</sup> September**

1-2pm St James Church & afterwards at the village hall.

Help required: Stewards, Setting up at the hall, Catering, Car Parking / Gate Welcome : please see sign up sheets at the back of church.

Choir: Churches together in Birstall and Wanlip - Rehearsal Monday 7<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> September at 4pm at St James Church

Queries: please speak to Kev Burrows. (Rose will be away from 25<sup>th</sup> August until 30<sup>th</sup> September)

### **Digital Copies of our Information Sheet**

When emailing out the sheets recently, I have had a couple of email addresses which have been unable to deliver. If you have stopped receiving them, or would like to start, can you let me know by emailing the office at [stjames.birstall@btconnect.com](mailto:stjames.birstall@btconnect.com) or me [sheryljupp@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:sheryljupp@hotmail.co.uk) and I will add you to the list. Please remember to let me know if you have changed your email address. Thanks. *Sheryl*

### **Bradgate Minster Community**

Over the last few months I've been taking the odd Sunday out to visit some of the other churches in our Minster group. So far I have visited All Saints at Thurcaston; St. Philip and St. James at Ratby and St. Philip and St. James at Groby. I have been warmly welcomed at all and it is a lovely experience to worship with other communities. I shall work my way through all of them and maybe pay return visits to some. If anyone would like to join me please contact me on 07860 951116 or [email.debbie.shephard54@gmail.com](mailto:email.debbie.shephard54@gmail.com). *Debbie Shephard*

### **September's Monthly Diary**

Can you let me have any dates, or names to go on the prayer list, for September's diary by Monday 24<sup>th</sup> August please. *Sheryl*