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23rd June 2024 **4th 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 23rd
8:30am Morning Prayer
10.00am Holy Communion
Thursday 27th
9:30am Holy Communion
Our Lady & St Nicholas:
Sunday 23rd
6pm BCP Evensong

What else is happening this week

Monday 24th
5:30-7pm Brownies using lawn St James
Tuesday 25th
2:30-4:30pm Welcome Space St James
4:30-6pm Capital Arts Choir St James
Wednesday 26th
12:30-4:30pm Welcome Space St James
3-4pm Open Church & Private Prayer
Our Lady & St Nicholas
Friday 28th
11am Visiting Bell Ringers St James
Saturday 29th
10am-Noon Open Church St James

What's happening next week

Sunday 30th
8:30am Morning Prayer St James
10am Holy Communion St James
10:30am Rachael's Ordination Leicester Cathedral
12:30pm Bring & Share Lunch Birstall Village Hall
2-4pm Visiting bell ringers St James
6pm BCP Evensong Our Lady & St Nicholas
Tuesday 2nd
12:30-4:30pm Welcome Space St James
Wednesday 3rd
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 4th
9:30am Morning Prayer St James
Saturday 6th
10am-12noon Open Church St James

Notices

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

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Amanda

Amanda will be off until 28th June, training on the 29th and at Rachael's ordination on the 30th.

Rachael

Please bear in mind that initially, having a curate with us will take up more of Amanda's time. Also, if you have any concerns about Rachael, please speak to Amanda, as her line manager. Remember she is here to learn and we have been chosen as a good place to do that. Please pray for & please remember that Amanda is a hugger and Rachael is not. Rachael also likes doughnuts! 😊

Ordination of Deacons

Rachael's Ordination will be on Sunday 30th June, at Leicester Cathedral starting at 10:30am (doors open at 9.45am). There is an open invitation for everyone to attend. The service will be live streamed on the Cathedral's YouTube channel.

Next weeks Information Sheets

The information sheets for 30th June have already been produced, if you have any notices they will not appear until the following week. *Sheryl*

Bring and Share Lunch - 30th June

The next Bring and Share Lunch is on Sunday 30th June. Hopefully Rachael will pop in and we will also be celebrating 50 years since Kerry's ordination as priest! Congratulations, Kerry! We are aiming to start eating at about 12:30pm.

Summer Fete - 26th August: 12 noon - 3.30pm

Raffle tickets are at the back of the church for the Summer Fete - please take and sell as many as you can to friends, family and acquaintances.

What are you thankful for?

We are running low of things we are thankful for, which go on the back page of the Information sheets. Could you email me/leave a note on my desk with some more things you are thankful for. We are thinking about things in general and not something personal. For example: The joy of laughter, a car that starts etc. *Sheryl & Josephine*

Fashion Show at St Theresa's - 10th July

St. Theresa's is holding a fashion show on Wednesday 10th July at 7pm. Tickets are £5 each which includes a glass of wine. Tickets are available from Debbie Shephard or Daphne Stevenson at St Theresa's.

RBL Quiz night - 3rd July

Several of us enjoy going to the quiz at the RBL on Wednesday evenings at 8:25pm. Please join us whenever you can. It's £1.50 per quizzier +£1 for non members. Text Amanda if you're coming just to double check we're going that evening. (The next date we will be there is 3rd July) We can meet you outside if a bit nervous walking in alone - and who wouldn't be?! *Amanda*

A Collect for the 4th Sunday of Trinity

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that with you as our ruler and guide we may so pass through things temporal that we lose not our hold on things eternal; grant this, heavenly Father, for our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, who is alive and 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 Trinity

Eternal God, comfort of the afflicted and healer of the broken, you have fed us at the table of life and hope: teach us the ways of gentleness and peace, that all the world may acknowledge the kingdom of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

BCP Collect for St John the Baptist

Almighty God, by whose providence thy servant John Baptist was wonderfully born, and sent to prepare the way of thy Son our Saviour, by preaching of repentance: Make us so to follow his doctrine and holy life, that we may truly repent according to his preaching; and after his example constantly speak the truth, boldly rebuke vice, and patiently suffer for the truth's sake; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

St James Patronal Festival Pilgrimage

St James Patronal Festival Pilgrimage has been cancelled by the organisers.

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.

Save the Children Strawberry Teas - 27th July

On Saturday 27th July I am hosting a Strawberry Tea. (3-5:30pm) Please let me know by the preceding Wednesday if you would like to come. Full details can be found on the posters at the back of the church. *Josephine*

Monthly tip for a less-plastic life - June

Put a plate over leftover food in the fridge. No more clingfilm!

Recycling Boxes

Thank you to those who are using our recycling station (under a table in the community area At St James) where you can dispose of your used pens, blister packs, toothpaste & brushes, printer ink cartridges, Babybel left overs (you can put the wax outers in; the outer wrappers; and the net bags) Please note: Only Babybel net bags can be put in the Babybel recycling box." Also some types of beauty products packets, (please only put in things you can't recycle elsewhere - in particular, shampoo, bottles etc - they can go in your green bin, so please put them there instead. There is a picture on the side of the box to help you. We do raise funds from the ink cartridges but the others do not gain us money - they do, however, help us to protect God's beautiful creation! You can also recycle phones & stamps for Mothers Union funds. Thank you so much.

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 23rd 4th Sunday after Trinity

Readings used

Reading 1: Nehemiah 6:1-9

Reading 2: 1 Peter 5:1-11

Gospel: John 21:15-23

Lectionary readings

Job 38:1-11, 2 Corinthians 6:1-13, Mark 4:35-end

Evensong Readings (The Birth of John the Baptist)

Reading 1: Isaiah 40:1-11

Reading 2: Luke 1:57-80

Psalm: 80:1-7

Mon 24th Theme: Hebrews 11:1-12:3

Birth of John the Baptist

Psalm: 50

Reading 1: Malachi 3:1-6

Reading 2: Luke 3:1-17

Tue 25th Theme: Genesis 22:1-19

Psalm: 89:1-18

Reading 1: Judges 14

Reading 2: Luke 18:1-14

Wed 26th Theme: 1 Corinthians 10:1-13

Psalm: 119:105-128

Reading 1: Judges 15:1 - 16:3

Reading 2: Luke 18:15-30

Thu 27th Theme: Nehemiah 6:1-9

Psalm: 92

Reading 1: Judges 16:4-end

Reading 2: Luke 18:31-end

Holy Communion Readings

Reading 1: 2 Kings 24:8-17

Gospel: Matthew 7:21-end

Fri 28th Theme: Philippians 3:17-4:1

Psalm: 88

Reading 1: Judges 17

Reading 2: Luke 19:1-10

Sat 29th Theme: 1 Peter 5:1-11

Peter & Paul, Apostles

Psalm: 71

Reading 1: Isaiah 49:1-6

Reading 2: Acts 11:1-18

Sun 30th 5th Sunday after Trinity

Readings used

Reading 1: Isaiah 6:1-8

Reading 2: Romans 7:14-21

Gospel: Mark 8:34 - 9:1

Psalm: 107

Lectionary readings

Lamentations 3:23-33, 2 Corinthians 8:7-end,

Mark 5:21-end

Theme: Romans 8:28-39

For our Prayers

Theme for the week - Faith in the Process

Ask God to reveal himself to you this week in his form or way. Promise him that you will not ask him to speak to you in any certain images; but that you want to be open to all of his entreaties to you. Ask him to show you that these experiences of today are part of his processes for your life.

For the persecuted church - Afghanistan

Father God, we pray for our brothers and sisters in Afghanistan. They risk so much to follow You, and so much of their faith has to be hidden. Protect them from harm & give them a sense of belonging. We pray for those who feel called to remain in Afghanistan, that You would make a way for them to be salt & light in their environments & that You would keep them safe. We pray for those who have fled. Please bring them Your strength & peace. Things seem so hopeless in Afghanistan, Father, but we know You are a God who can bring hope. We trust You. Amen.

For our Churches, this week especially for:

Our Clergy: Amanda, Racheal, Kerry & Michael

Our Children: Isaac & Keira

What are we thankful for this week:

That women have the right to vote in our country

For our Community, this week especially for:

Our Dentists

For those in need or unwell:

Nicky Hardy, David Bark, Dorothy Barsby, John Walton, Michael Webb, Tricia Emmett, Ray Folland, Sheila Alcock & 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 insurgency in the Maghreb (Algeria, Burkina Faso, Chad, Libya, Mali, Niger, Tunisia, Togo, Benin, Ivory Coast) ongoing since 2002.

Mon: For an end to Islamic State conflict in Iraq ongoing since 2003.

Tues: For an end to the Kivu conflict (DR Congo, Rwanda, Burundi) ongoing since 2004.

Wed: For an end to the Mexican Drug War ongoing since 2006.

Thurs: For an end to the Sudanese nomadic conflicts ongoing since 2008.

Fri: For an end to Boko Haram Insurgency in Nigeria, Cameroon, Niger, Chad, ongoing since 2009.

Sat: For an end to the Syrian Civil War ongoing since 2011.