



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



24th November 2024 **Christ the King**

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 24th

8:30am Holy Communion

10.00am Holy Communion

Thursday 28th

9:30am Holy Communion

Our Lady & St Nicholas:

Sunday 24th

6pm BCP Evensong

What else is happening this week

Sunday 24th

2-4pm Visiting Bellringers St James

Tuesday 26th

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

Wednesday 27th

2.00-4:30pm Welcome Space St James

3-4pm Open Church & Private Prayer
 Our Lady & St Nicholas

7pm PCC Meeting St James

Saturday 30th

10am-12noon Open Church St James

What's happening next week

Sunday 1st

8:30am Morning Prayer St James

10am All Together Service St James

12:30pm Bring & share lunch Birstall Village Hall

6pm Holy Communion Our Lady & St Nicholas

Tuesday 3rd

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

Wednesday 4th

2-4:30pm Welcome Space St James

3-4pm Open Church & Private Prayer Our Lady & St Nicholas

Thursday 5th

9:30am Holy Communion St James

10:30am Bible Book Club St James

Saturday 7th

10am-12noon Open Church St James

2-4pm Wanlip Christmas Fair Wanlip Hall & Church

Notices

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

Rev Amanda Digman (Day off usually Friday)	251 Birstall Road	07803 625049 revamandadigman@me.com
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Information Sheets for 8th December

If you require any notices to be included in the information sheets for the 8th December, can you please let me have them **before I am on Tuesday 3rd December** as I will be out of the office from then until Tuesday 10th. Thanks. *Sheryl*

Parish Logo

We now have a parish logo with thanks to Rachael. Please could you run all church event / group posters by her, so she can help you add the logo. She can also give good advice on design as this was her job before. An excellent programme to use is "Canva" which is easy to Google online.

Bring and Share Lunch - Sunday 1st December

Please sign the list in the community area of St. James or Our Lady & St. Nicholas. Tea & Coffee provided. Please feel free to bring your own drinks. Please be at Birstall Village Hall by 12:30pm.
Joan Folland

Bible Book Club - 5th December

The next Bible Book Club will be on Thursday 5th December starting at about 10:30am following the Holy Communion Service. The book we will be studying is 2 Timothy. All are welcome.

Wanlip Christmas Fayre - 7th December

This happy social event will take place on Saturday 7th December in Wanlip Church and Hall. There will be a variety of stalls and a chance to visit Santa. Any offers of bottles, raffle prizes, cakes for refreshments, (No bric a brac or books thank you) etc. would be gratefully appreciated. Monies raised will help to finish refurbishing the Hall and works on the Church. Thank you. Please feel free to contact Julie Ward.

Warm Welcome Space Update and Invitation

We have now been in continuous operation for just over two years and are planning to celebrate! Please drop in and join us on December 17th open 12.30 until 16.30 or Wednesday 18th open 14.00 until 16.30. There will be food to share and some musical entertainment on Tuesday. We will then be closed for two weeks over Christmas and New Year but open for business as usual on 7th and 8th of January. *Janet*

Welcomers, Sidespeople & Readers needed for Christmas services

Welcomers, Sidespeople and readers are needed to cover the following services:

Sunday	15/12/24	4pm	Birstall	Light in the Darkness
Wednesday	18/12/24	7pm	Birstall	Carols for All
Tuesday	24/12/24 (Christmas Eve)	4.30pm	Birstall	Christingle.

If you can help please let Amanda, Rachael or a churchwarden know

Monthly tip for a less-plastic life - November

If you can afford it, order milk online for delivery in glass bottles.

The Collect for the Christ the King

Eternal Father, whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven that he might rule over all things as Lord and King: keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of peace, and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet; 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 Christ the King

Stir up, O Lord, the wills of your faithful people; that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may by you be plenteously rewarded; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

BCP Collect

Stir up, we beseech thee, O Lord, the wills of thy faithful people; that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may of thee be plenteously rewarded; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Shoe Box Appeal 2024

This year we sent 87 boxes! A wonderful result. Many, many thanks to all those who contributed with boxes, goods and donations. A special thank you to Wendy and the Queniborough ladies who are so generous, not only with goods, but also with the beautiful gifts that they make. It was great that we had so many large boxes this year, so keep buying trainers! If you could put empty shoe/trainer boxes under the pew in the old church, we will take them away to store until next year. We will let you know the grand total sent by Link to Hope when we receive the information after Christmas. Thank you again. *Sylvia Simes & Doreen Wilson*

Deanery Synod

We have two vacancies for Goscote Deanery for Lay members of Diocesan Synod. They need to be over 16, on the electoral roll and communicant members of the C of E. They need to be nominated by two lay members of the Deanery Synod and the voted on by Deanery Synod. Please contact Amanda or Rachael for more info about synod.

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.

Volunteer vacancies!

We have removed the list of volunteer vacancies but had no volunteers, so please do keep considering what you could help with. *Amanda*

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.

Emmaus Course - Starts 13th January

Please keep praying that people wanting to do the course will come forward. Posters are now displayed around the village. There are also some fliers at the back of church, so if you know of any people who might be interested, please take some and hand them out. *Clive Garner*

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 leave a message on the office answer machine (0116 2671797) 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 24th Christ the King

Readings used

Reading 1: Daniel 7:9,10,13,14

Reading 2: Revelation 1:4b-8

Gospel: John 8:2-11

Lectionary readings: Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14,

Revelation 1:4b-8, John 18:33-37, Psalm 93

BCP Evensong Readings:

Reading 1: Revelation 1:4b-8

Reading 2: John 8:2-11

Instead of psalm: Daniel 7:9,10,13,14

Mon 25th Theme: Luke 11:37-41

Psalm: 96

Reading 1: Isaiah 40:1-11

Reading 2: Revelation 14:1-13

Tue 26th Theme: Ephesians 4:17-5:14

Psalm: 97

Reading 1: Isaiah 40:12-26

Reading 2: Revelation 14:14 - end of 15

Wed 27th Theme: John 8:2-11

Psalm: 112

Reading 1: Isaiah 40:27 - 41:7

Reading 2: Revelation 16:1-11

Thu 28th Theme: Mark 7:1-8

Psalm: 125

Reading 1: Isaiah 41:8-20

Reading 2: Revelation 16:12-end

Holy Communion Readings

Reading 1: Rev. 18:1-2, 21-23, 19:1-3, 9

Gospel: Luke 21:20-28

Fri 29th Theme: 2 Timothy 2:14-26

Psalm: 139

Reading 1: Isaiah 41:21 - 42:9

Reading 2: Revelation 17

Sat 30th Theme: Hebrews 9:11-28

Andrew the Apostle

Psalm: 47

Reading 1: Ezekiel 47:1-12

Reading 2: John 12:20-32

Sun 1st 1st Sunday of Advent

Readings used

Reading 1: Psalm 82

Reading 2: 1 Corinthians 13:1-13

Gospel: John 13:1-17

Lectionary readings: Jeremiah 33:14-16, 1 Thess.

3:9-end, Luke 21:25-36, Psalm 25:1-9

Theme: Romans 7:7 - 8:17

For our Prayers

Theme for the week - Purity

If you are to become pure you will have to ask God to begin his work very deep in your heart. For he must start with your desires, your motives, your purposes, your hopes, your ambitions, all these things that control your actions. Tell him you are ready for him to come and do his cleansing work.

For the persecuted church -

Father God, we pray for our brothers & sisters in Tunisia who risk their safety & security to know You. Work in the hearts of Tunisians to respond to Your people with love, rather than hostility. Heal those family bonds that have been broken. Encourage Christians who are downcast & lonely. Bring them into supportive communities who pour out encouragement & care. Provide ways for secret believers to gather safely. Amen.

For our Churches, this week especially for:

Our Sidespeople and Welcomers

Our Children; Tobey & Elizabeth

What are we thankful for this week:

The voice of a real person at the end of a phone query.

For our Community, this week especially for:

Office and Administrative workers

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

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 Casamance conflict in Senegal ongoing since 1982.

Mon: For an end to the Lord's Resistance Army insurgency in Democratic Republic of Congo and Central African Republic ongoing since 1987.

Tues: For an end to internal conflict in Bangladesh.

Wed: For an end to conflict in the Niger Delta in Nigeria and Cameroon ongoing since 2003.

Thurs: For an end to the South Thailand insurgency ongoing since 2004.

Fri: For an end to the insurgency in Paraguay ongoing since 2005.

Sat: For an end to the armed conflict for control of the favelas in Greater Rio de Janeiro in Brazil, ongoing since 2006.

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