



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



25th August 2024 **13th 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 25th

8:30am Morning Prayer
10.00am Holy Communion

Thursday 29th

9:30am Morning Prayer

Our Lady & St Nicholas:

Sunday 25th

6pm BCP Evensong

What else is happening this week

Monday 26th

12-3:30pm St James' Summer Fete St James

Tuesday 27th

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

Wednesday 28th

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

Saturday 31st

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
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 Morning Prayer St James

Saturday 7th

10am-12noon Open Church St James
10:30am-2:30pm Summer Fete Sacred Heart, Rothley

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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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

Parish Lunch Update - 8th September.

Please, I would like all lunch money to me by Tuesday 27th August. It would be helpful if I received a £20 note and a £1 coin from each person. The list is now closed, but I do have a reserve list should there be any cancellations. If you wish me to collect your money tel 2672010. Thank you, *Joan Folland*

Monthly tip for a less-plastic life - August

Make your own ice lollies in reusable freezer moulds.

Forthcoming events at St. Theresa's

Saturday 7th September at Sacred Heart Rothley: Summer Fete 10.30 am - 2.30 pm.

Saturday 14th Mass and Afternoon Tea for the elderly and housebound & their carers 2-4pm

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

Old Nick's Coffee Shop

There will NOT be a coffee shop in September. Please pass message on to people you may know. Sorry for any inconvenience. *Julie*

Flowers for special occasions

We are fortunate to have two hugely experienced and professional flower arranging teams at Birstall & Wanlip who are willing to receive requests for flower arrangements to be placed in Church to mark your special occasion. Donations for the cost of the flowers are always welcome, but not always necessary. If you would like the teams to arrange a flower display with your special occasion in mind, please contact Sylvia Simes on 2674206 or email: sylviasimes66@gmail.com (Birstall) and Marjorie Bonshor on 2207964 (Wanlip)

RBL Quiz night

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. We can meet you outside if a bit nervous walking in alone - and who wouldn't be?!

The Collect for the 13th Sunday of Trinity

Almighty God, who called your Church to bear witness that you were in Christ reconciling the world to yourself: help us to proclaim the good news of your love, that all who hear it may be drawn to you; through him who was lifted up on the cross, and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

The Post Communion Prayer for the 13th Sunday of Trinity

God our creator, you feed your children with the true manna, the living bread from heaven: let this holy food sustain us through our earthly pilgrimage until we come to that place where hunger and thirst are no more; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

BCP Collect for 13th Sunday after Trinity

Almighty and merciful God, of whose only gift it cometh that thy faithful people do unto thee true and laudable service: Grant, we beseech thee, that we may so faithfully serve thee in this life, that we fail not finally to attain thy heavenly promises; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

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

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)
- Ride & Stride - Saturday 14th September - we need people to church sit for 1-2 hours (you will be in pairs) and to welcome and give drinks to visitors. (John Borrajo - Birstall; Debbie Shepard - Wanlip)
- 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)

Seeking the light exhibition - August

Throughout August Coventry Cathedral has an exhibition of contemporary textile artwork, by Alexandra Kingswell. Admission is free. 10 - 4pm. *Rita Richards*

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 25th 13th Sunday after Trinity

Readings used

Reading 1: 1 Samuel 3:1-10

Reading 2 Acts 11:1-18

Gospel: John 16:5-15

Lectionary readings: Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18

Ephesians 6:10-20, John 6:56-69

BCP Evensong readings

Reading 1: 1 Sam 16:1-13

Reading 2: John 10:1-15

Psalm: 16

Mon 26th Theme: 1 Samuel 3:1-10

Psalm: 126

Reading 1: 2 Samuel 18:1-18

Reading 2: Acts 10:34-end

Tue 27th Theme: Exodus 13:17-22

Psalm: 132

Reading 1: 2 Samuel 18:19 - 19:8a

Reading 2: Acts 11:1-18

Wed 28th Theme: John 10:1-15

Psalm: 119:153-end

Reading 1: 2 Samuel 19:8b-23

Reading 2: Acts 11:19-end

Thu 29th Theme: Genesis 24:1-67

Psalm: 143

Reading 1: 2 Samuel 19:24-end

Reading 2: Acts 12:1-17

Holy Communion Readings

Reading 1: 1 Corinthians 1:1-9

Gospel: Matthew 24:42-end

Fri 30th Theme: 1 Samuel 16:1-13

Psalm: 144

Reading 1: 2 Samuel 23:1-7

Reading 2: Acts 12:18-end

Sat 31st Theme: Judges 6:11-40

Psalm: 147

Reading 1: 2 Samuel 24

Reading 2: Acts 13:1-12

Sun 1st 14th Sunday after Trinity

Readings used

Reading 1: TBC

Reading 2

Gospel:

Lectionary readings: Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9

James 1:17-end, Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Theme: John 16:5-15

For our Prayers

Theme for the week - Guidance

The Christian life has often been compared to the taking of a journey or pilgrimage. And this is so. There is a sense in which we are but "passing through this land." But we must always remember that we are never the Guide. We never blaze an uncut trail; Christ has gone before. In your prayer this week think of God as Guide, and ask him to direct your path.

For the persecuted church - Kazakhstan

God, we pray with our brothers & sisters in Kazakhstan as they follow You. We pray for the church leaders who risk arrest every time their church meets. We pray for converts from Islam who have been kicked out of their homes & have lost so much to receive Your provision & Fatherly closeness. We also pray for those who are interrogated, beaten & imprisoned. We know that Your heart burns with compassion for Your people. Please help them! In Jesus' name & for His sake, Amen.

For our Churches, this week especially for:

St James' Summer Fete

Our Children: Amaya

What are we thankful for this week:

Dappled sunlight through sheltering trees

For our Community, this week especially for:

Recreational Clubs & areas

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 Swards, Margery Orton & Pat Wilby

For those who have recently died

For 1st anniversary of death this week:

David Ward

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 Syrian Civil War ongoing since 2011.

Mon: For an end to the Nigerian Bandit Conflict ongoing since 2011.

Tues: And for an end to the Mali War ongoing since 2012.

Wed: For an end to the Yemeni Civil War (Yemen, Saudi Arabia) ongoing since 2014.

Thurs: For an end to the Sudan conflict ongoing since 2023.

Fri: For an end to the Kurdish separatism in Iran ongoing since 1918.

Sat: For an end to Insurgency in Kashmir (India & Pakistan) ongoing since 1947..