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25th February 2024

2nd Sunday of Lent

**Welcome
to you all**



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Our Services this week

St James:

Sunday 25th

8:30am Holy Communion

10:00am Holy Communion

Thursday 29th

9:30am Holy Communion

Our Lady & St Nicholas:

Sunday 25th

6pm BCP Evensong

What else is happening this week

Tuesday 27th

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

2pm Lent Course St Theresa's

Wednesday 28th

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

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

7pm Lent Course St James

Friday 1st

12 Noon World Day of Prayer light lunch

1pm Slide presentation about Palestine

2pm World Day of Prayer Service
All at St James

Saturday 2nd

10am-Noon Open Church St James

What's happening next week

Sunday 3rd

8:30am Holy Communion St James

10am All Together Service St James

6pm Holy Communion Our Lady & St Nicholas

Tuesday 5th

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

2pm Lent Course St Theresa's

Wednesday 6th

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

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

4:30-6pm Capital Arts Choir practice St James

7pm Lent Course St James

Thursday 7th

9:30am Holy Communion St James

Saturday 9th

10am-Noon Open Church St James

Notices

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

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Lent Course - Started 20th/21st February

This year's lent course will be a York Course entitled 'God has no favourites'. There will be two separate sessions, one on Tuesdays in the afternoon at St. Theresa's starting at 2 p.m. and the other on Wednesday evenings at St. James starting at 7p.m. the two sessions will be identical so you can swap and change if you like, and each will last about 1 hour. The booklet costs £3.88 so please let me know as soon as possible if you would like one. They are not compulsory but it does help to have one. Hope to see you there. Debbie tel 07860 951116 email debbie.shephard54@gmail.com

What are you thankful for?

Please can you email me with things you are thankful for. We are thinking about things in general and not something personal. *Sheryl & Josephine*

Lourdes Cake Sale - 25th February

Hi my name is Kim, I am Theresa's Granddaughter. I am selling some cakes on Sunday 25th February after the service to help towards the costs of my pilgrimage to Lourdes.

First Aiders

We still need people to train as first aiders, so we have one or two in each service. Training costs will be covered by the PCC. Please let Sheryl know if you are interested.

Church Diary

If you write an event in the church diary, or send me an email, please could you put a finish time too, for heating reasons. Thanks. *Sheryl*

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.

Hand Rollators

I have two second hand rollators to give away. to people who need one but can't afford it. All I ask is a donation that they can afford to the church. My email address is: michaelwebb.oc@pm.me
Michael

Update on the sales of Marmalade & Jam

Thank you to everyone who has bought Marmalade and Jam. We have raised over £100 for Church funds since Christmas. Keep buying! There are plenty of jars (Marmalade £2.50 Jam £2)
Janet 07962949942

Birstall Post

For many years now I have written the 'News from the Churches' column for the Birstall Post. (Taking over from Beryl McHugh). However, the time has come for me to hand on the baton to someone younger who will reflect the new demographic of our Churches. The next deadline to be met will be about the middle of March, for the April edition. Let me know if you would like to take on this task or Amanda or a Churchwarden. *Leigh Reid*

A Collect for the 2nd Sunday of Lent

Almighty God, you show to those who are in error the light of your truth, that they may return to the way of righteousness: grant to all those who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion, that they may reject those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ, 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 2nd Sunday of Lent

Almighty God, you see that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves: keep us both outwardly in our bodies, and inwardly in our souls; that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

BCP Collect for the 2nd Sunday of Lent

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World Day of Prayer - 1st March

This years Day Of Prayer has been prepared by the Christian ladies of Palestine and will be held at St. James the Great on Friday 1st March. There will be a light lunch at 12 midday, free but contributions to costs welcome, followed by a short slide presentation about Palestine at 1pm. The service will start at 2pm and a collection for the work of the World day Of Prayer will be taken during the service. We hope that you will come and support us in this global wave of prayer. *Jackie Bryan*

Monthly tip for a less-plastic life - February

Carry wet flannels in a box instead of wet wipes for babies and toddlers.

APCM reports

If you write a report for the APCM (Annual meeting) now is the time, please? Remember it's for the whole of 2023. Even though the meeting is in April, the report is for January to December. It helps us to get the ASAP so we can get the report book ready. Thank you so much. Please send to Sheryl.

Can you help

Two Fridays ago after falling over & not being able to get up until my brother could get out of work to help me. Although I have some neighbours numbers, but it happened while they were working. I would be grateful if there were some church members who could help me onto my knees if I am outside. So long as I am near enough to something to pull myself up with.

Otherwise hold me while I do most of the lifting work. My email address is:

michaelwebb.oc@pm.me *Michael*

Lost Property

Please can you look in the Lost Property basket near the Bell Tower to see if anything belongs to you. Anything left at Easter will be donated to a Charity Shop.

Fundraising for Save the Children

The next lunch is at the White Horse on Wednesday 24th April . Further information, including the menu, is at the back of the church. Your choice of menu needs to be chosen by 10th April and sent to me. Strawberry Teas will be held, hopefully, on Saturdays 8th June and 27th July.

Josephine Burgess

Lectionary & Theme Readings

Sun 25th **2nd Sunday of Lent**
Reading 1: Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16
Reading 2: Romans 4:13-end
Gospel: Mark 8:31-end
Psalm: 22:33-end
Theme: **Matthew 17:1-13**

Mon 26th
Psalm: 32
Reading 1: Genesis 43:16-end
Reading 2: Hebrews 1
Theme: **Revelation 3:20-22**

Tue 27th
Psalm: 50
Reading 1: Genesis 44:1-17
Reading 2: Hebrews 2:1-9
Theme: **James 3:1-12**

Wed 28th
Psalm: 35
Reading 1: Genesis 44:18-end
Reading 2: Hebrews 2:10-end
Theme: **Ecclesiastes 5:1-3**

Thu 29th
Psalm: 34
Reading 1: Genesis 45:1-15
Reading 2: Hebrews 3:1-6
Holy Communion Readings
Reading 1: Jeremiah 17:5-10
Gospel: Luke 16:19-end
Theme: **1 Kings 19:9-13**

Fri 1st
Psalm: 41
Reading 1: Genesis 45:16-end
Reading 2: Hebrews 3:7-end
Theme: **Psalms 46**

Sat 2nd
Psalm: 25
Reading 1: Genesis 46:1-7, 28-end
Reading 2: Hebrews 4:1-13
Theme: **John 10:1-15**

Sun 3rd **3rd Sunday of Lent**
Reading 1: Exodus 20:1-17
Reading 2: 1 Corinthians 1:18-25
Gospel: John 2:13-22
Psalm: 19
Theme: **Habakkuk 2:20**

For our Prayers

Theme for the week - Silence

There is much to be said in the Christian life; but it is God who is to do the speaking. Pray for silence both in mind and spirit so that you may hear his voice. If he spoke to you in a whisper, would you be quiet enough to hear him?

For the persecuted church - Maldives

Lord Jesus, while we can't put names & faces to the few Christians in the Maldives, You can, & we pray that You'd comfort each one with the truth that You are always with them, & that their family worldwide remembers them. Help them to withstand pressure, & orchestrate divine meetings that bring believers together & lead more people to You. May this year bring breakthrough in the translation of the full Bible into Dhivehi, & we pray that the forthcoming presidential term will mark a softening of hearts & be a step towards greater religious freedom. May the Maldives soon be a welcoming place for both tourists & Christians.

For our Churches, this week especially for:

Our School visits and Assemblies
Our Children: Sherbaum & Francesca

What are we thankful for this week:

The joy of laughter

For our Community, this week especially for:

Office & Administrative workers

For those in need or unwell:

Nicky Hardy, David Bark, Dorothy Barsby, John Walton, Michael Webb, Tricia Emmett, Ray Folland & 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. And a different area each day

Sun: For an end to the Afghanistan conflict (IS - Taliban) ongoing since 1978.

Mon: For an end to the Somali Civil War (with Kenya) ongoing since 1991.

Tues: For an end to Allied Democratic Forces insurgency in Africa (DR Congo & Uganda) ongoing since 1996.

Wed: For an end to the communal conflicts in Nigeria ongoing since 1998.

Thurs: For an end to Ituri Conflict in DR Congo ongoing since 1999.

Fri: For an end to insurgency in the Maghreb (Algeria, Burkina Faso, Chad, Libya, Mali, Niger, Tunisia, Togo, Benin, Ivory Coast) ongoing since 2002.

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