

Lectionary Readings

Sun 26th St James' Patronal / 8th Sunday after Trinity

Reading 1: Jeremiah 45:1-5
 Reading 2: Acts 11:27 – 12:2
 Gospel: Matthew 20:20-28

Wanlip Readings – BCP Evensong

Reading 1: Jeremiah 45:1-5 or Acts 11:27 – 12:2
 Reading 2: Matthew 20:20-28
 Psalm: 126

Mon 27th

Psalm: 30
 Reading 1: 1 Samuel 14:24-46
 Reading 2: Luke 23:13-25

Tue 28th

Psalm: 36
 Reading 1: 1 Samuel 15:1-23
 Reading 2: Luke 23:26-43

Wed 29th

Psalm: 34
 Reading 1: 1 Samuel 16
 Reading 2: Luke 23:44-56a

Thu 30th

Psalm: 37
 Reading 1: 1 Samuel 17:1-30
 Reading 2: Luke 23:55b – 24:12

Fri 31st

Psalm: 31
 Reading 1: 1 Samuel 17:31-54
 Reading 2: Luke 24:13-35

Sat 1st

Psalm: 42
 Reading 1: 1 Samuel 17:55 – 18:16
 Reading 2: Luke 24:36-end

Sun 2nd 9th Sunday after Trinity

Birstall readings - 1st Sunday Special

Reading 1: Psalm 145:8-9, 15-end
 Reading 2: Matthew 14:13-21

Wanlip Readings – Holy Communion

Reading 1: Psalm 145:8-9, 15-end
 Reading 2: Romans 9:1-5
 Gospel: Matthew 14:13-21

26th July 2026

St James Patronal / 8th Sunday after Trinity

Collect for St James

Merciful God, whose holy apostle Saint James, leaving his father and all that he had, was obedient to the calling of your Son Jesus Christ and followed him even to death: help us, forsaking the false attractions of the world, to be ready at all times to answer your call without delay; through 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 for St James

Almighty God, who on the day of Pentecost sent your Holy Spirit to the apostles comforter of thy Church: Grant that we, being refreshed with thy heavenly gifts, may follow the example of thy holy Apostle Saint James in bearing witness to thy truth, and walk worthy of the vocation wherewith we are called; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

This week we are grateful for....

Dappled sunlight through sheltering trees

Additional Notices for the Week

Amanda

Please note: Amanda is on holiday Monday 27th July to Friday 7th August. From the 8th-15th August she is at Sea Cadet Camp and will try to reply to messages / emails when possible, but it will be busy!

For all communication, please note:

If you need a quick answer when Amanda is working, and she will not need to look anything up, text or WhatsApp is fine. This is also fine if you don't need a response and are just passing information on, or you are in a group chat. For communication where you need an answer, email is best. Of course, if you don't have these methods, a conversation in person / on the phone / voicemail / or (legible!) handwritten note is fine!

Paper Towels

To save money on paper towels and to save concerns about germs, we are going to try having a basket of flannels in each toilet, with a basket on the floor for used ones, which will be taken away to be washed. If you have any spare flannels, in good condition, please could you put them in the choir stalls for Amanda to sort.

Health and Safety Team

We now have a Health and Safety (H&S) Team for St James' - please report any issues about the building or health and safety to either John Sutcliffe (team leader); John or Sarah Borrajo; or Kev Burrows. If you have concerns at Wanlip, please let Paul Digman or Martin O'Key know. Equally, if you can recommend any builders / plumbers / electricians etc, please let Sheryl know and she will create a list to put up in the office. Thank you.

A copy of the new H&S Document will be in the kitchen and office at Birstall. Please read it if you are a volunteer in the church. Let Amanda know if you'd like a copy emailing to you.

Monday Group 10th August

Our August meeting on 10th August at 2:30pm in St James, will be a Musical Mistry Tour with slides and music by Peter and Kelvin. *Joan Folland*

Mission & Outreach Team

We are putting together a Mission & Outreach team - please let me know if you are interested in being on this. *Amanda*

Who to ask what! list

If anyone has any suggestion as to what / who to add to the list, please let me know. Sheryl

Sing for Unity & Peace Event – 20th September

We are getting together a Churches Together Choir to sing 1 song/hymn as part of this Event. If you are interested, please sign up on the board at the back of St James/Wanlip. We propose to get together with those from the St Theresa's/Methodist Church to have a practice. *Rose & Kevin*

Home groups

We do have home groups and if anyone is interested in joining one, please speak to me. *Amanda*

Parish Carvery lunch - 23rd August

Sunday 23rd August – Parish Carvery Lunch 12:15pm at Beedles Lake, East Goscote. Main course – Adults £15.95, Children £7. All desserts £6.95. List for names are now at the back of both churches. You can decide on the day if a dessert is wanted. *Joan Folland*

August's Bring & Share lunch

The Bring & Share lunch on 31st August has been cancelled. *Joan Folland*