



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



**26<sup>th</sup> May 2024** **Trinity Sunday**

**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 26<sup>th</sup>**

8:30am Morning Prayer  
10.00am Holy Communion

**Thursday 30<sup>th</sup>**

9:30am Holy Communion

**Our Lady & St Nicholas:**

**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup>**

6pm BCP Evensong

**What else is happening this week**

**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup>**

2-4pm Visiting Bell Ringers St James

**Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup>**

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

**Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup>**

12:30-4:30pm Welcome Space St James  
3-4pm Open Church & Private Prayer  
Our Lady & St Nicholas

**Thursday 30<sup>th</sup>**

10:30am Bible Book Club St James

**Friday 31<sup>st</sup>**

7:30pm Visiting Bell Ringers St James

**Saturday 1<sup>st</sup>**

10am-Noon Open Church St James

**What's happening next week**

<b>Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	8:30am	Morning Prayer	St James
	10am	All Together Service	St James
	6pm	Holy Communion	Our Lady & St Nicholas
<b>Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup></b>	12:30-4:30pm	Welcome Space	St James
<b>Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup></b>	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
<b>Thursday 6<sup>th</sup></b>	9:30am	Morning Prayer	St James
	5pm	Bellringers ringing for 80 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of D-Day	St James
	5:45pm	Bellringers ringing for 80 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of D-Day	Our Lady & St Nicholas
<b>Saturday 8<sup>th</sup></b>	10am-Noon	Open Church	St James
	3-5:30pm	Save the Children Strawberry Tea	IA Hallam Avenue

# 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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Julie Ward	28 Walker Road	2677600
Matthew Harvey	56 Lambourne Road	07957 170920

## **Bible Book Club - 30<sup>th</sup> May**

The next Bible Book Club will be on Malachi on the 30<sup>th</sup> May, after communion at about 10:30am

## **Parking! Please help!**

If you are fit enough to walk from School Lane Car Park or the bottom, near the war memorial, please could you? Some people are really struggling to get into church, especially if they can't get a space on Church Hill.

## **St James Patronal Festival Pilgrimage – 28<sup>th</sup> July**

We are having a Pilgrimage on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> July at 9:30am-4pm (save the date) between St James Birstall and James the Greater, London Rd., Leicester. We will be providing a Communion for Pilgrims. We would also like to offer refreshments/cake stall. If you can help on the day serving refreshments or providing cakes etc please sign up at the back of the Church. I will finalise plans at the beginning of July when I return from holiday. Rose

## **Communication**

From Feedback we've had, some people are concerned about communication, so it would be great to put a coms team together to tackle this. Please let Amanda know if you are interested in helping with this. Thank you.

## **Church Address**

If you are ordering "things" or writing correspondence using the churches address can you make sure that you don't include the number 23 in return address as the church address does not have numerical number, this is confusing for delivery drivers and post office deliveries. *David Owen*

## **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.

## **Blister Packs**

Please empty your small plastic bags into the box/bag providing and not leave them in the other box, it makes managing the fortnightly collection easier. Rose

## **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.

### **A Collect for Trinity Sunday**

Almighty and everlasting God, you have given us your servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity and in the power of the divine majesty to worship the Unity: keep us steadfast in this faith, that we may evermore be defended from all adversities; 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**

### **A Post Communion Prayer for Trinity Sunday**

Almighty and eternal God, you have revealed yourself as Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and live and reign in the perfect unity of love: hold us firm in this faith, that we may know you in all your ways and evermore rejoice in your eternal glory, who are three Persons yet one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

### **BCP Collect for Trinity Sunday**

Almighty and everlasting God, who hast given unto us thy servants grace, by the confession of a true faith to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity, and in the power of the Divine Majesty to worship the Unity: We beseech thee, that thou wouldest keep us stedfast in this faith, and evermore defend us from all adversities, who livest and reignest, one God, world without end. **Amen**

### **Save the Children Strawberry Teas - 8<sup>th</sup> June & 27<sup>th</sup> July**

On Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> June and 27<sup>th</sup> 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 - May**

Use paper tape, reused bubble wrap and cardboard boxes for packaging.

### **Housekeeping Items**

Hospitality Supplies: Thanks to the Warm Space Grant we are able to provide tea, instant and ground coffee, juice, hot chocolate, and we have a system of topping up the existing containers from this supply. If you want to donate items please provide biscuits/cakes which we can use at our cafe/events.

Kitchen Supplies & Items: Please put kitchen supplies and items where the label says, this way everything fits in and you can find it. Our Hospitality Ministry is expanding and our connections with the Community. Please help us to keep our facilities in good working order. Thank you. *Rose*

### **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](mailto:sylviasimes66@gmail.com) (Birstall) and Marjorie Bonshor on 2207964 (Wanlip)

### **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](mailto:stjames.birstall@btconnect.com), or [sheryljupp@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:sheryljupp@hotmail.co.uk), or contact Amanda or a Churchwarden. I will need to have received it **before I am** on the Thursday to get your items included in that week's news sheet. Thanks. *Sheryl*

## Lectionary Readings

### **Sun 26<sup>th</sup> Trinity Sunday**

Reading 1: Isaiah 6:1-8  
Reading 2: Romans 8:12-17  
Gospel: John 3:1-17  
Psalm: 29

### **Mon 27<sup>th</sup>**

Psalm: 1  
Reading 1: Joshua 7:1-15  
Reading 2: Luke 10:25-37

### **Tue 28<sup>th</sup>**

Psalm: 5  
Reading 1: Joshua 7:16-end  
Reading 2: Luke 10:38-end

### **Wed 29<sup>th</sup>**

Psalm: 119:1-32  
Reading 1: Joshua 8:1-29  
Reading 2: Luke 11:1-13

### **Thu 30<sup>th</sup>**

*Corpus Christi (Day of thanksgiving for the institution of Holy Communion)*

Psalm: 147  
Reading 1: Deuteronomy 8:2-16  
Reading 2: 1 Corinthians 10:1-17

### Holy Communion Readings

Reading 1: Genesis 14:18-20  
Gospel: John 6:51-58

### **Fri 31<sup>st</sup>**

*Visit of the Blessed Virgin Mary to Elizabeth*

Psalm: 85  
Reading 1: 1 Samuel 2:1-10  
Reading 2: Mark 3:31-end

### **Sat 1<sup>st</sup>**

Psalm: 23  
Reading 1: Joshua 10:1-15  
Reading 2: Luke 11:37-end

### **Sun 2<sup>nd</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Trinity**

Reading 1: Deuteronomy 5:12-15  
Reading 2: 2 Corinthians 4:5-12  
Gospel: Mark 2:23 - 3:6  
Psalm: 81:1-10

## For our Prayers

### For the persecuted church - Oman

Lord Jesus, thank You for the relative freedom given to foreign Christians in Oman, & that church services are drawing people in. Use their influence to lead others to You & soften the hearts of the authorities towards the wider Christian population. Strengthen all believers who under pressure for knowing You – may they feel Your Holy Spirit, the Comforter, empowering them to stand strong & even boldly share their faith with others. Guard Your people from harm & give Your children wisdom as they navigate opposition from their communities. Grow Your church in Oman, we pray. Amen.

### For our Churches, this week especially for:

Our Cleaners  
Our Children: Olivia, Theodore & India

### What are we thankful for this week:

The joy of having books to read

### For our Community, this week especially for:

Hospital 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 Bangladesh drug war ongoing since 2018.

**Mon:** For an end to the FRG9 insurgency in Haiti ongoing since 2020.

**Tues:** For an end to the Salvadoran gang crackdown ongoing since 2022.

**Wed:** For an end to the Las Anod conflict in Somaliland ongoing since 2023.

**Thurs:** For an end to the Jamaican Political Conflict ongoing since 1943,

**Fri:** For an end to the Korean Conflict ongoing since 1950.

**Sat:** For an end to the Papua Conflict in Indonesia ongoing since 1962.