



26th October 2025

St James the Great ▪ Birstall
Our Lady and St Nicholas ▪ Wanlip

Sunday 26 th		Monday 27 th	
<u>Birstall:</u>	Jeremiah 14:7-10, 19-end 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18 Luke 18:9-14		Psalm 98 2 Chronicles 26:1-21 John 13:1-11
<u>Wanlip:</u>	2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18 Luke 18:9-14 Psalm 84		
Tuesday 28 th <i>(Simon & Jude, Apostles)</i>		Wednesday 29 th	
	Psalm 116 Isaiah 45:18-end Luke 6:12-16		Psalm 111 2 Chronicles 29:1-19 John 13:21-30
Thursday 30 th		Friday 31 st	
	Psalm 115 <u>Holy Communion</u> 2 Chronicles 29:20-end Romans 8:31-end John 13:31-end Luke 13:31-end		Psalm 139 2 Chronicles 30 John 14:1-14
Saturday 1 st		This week we are grateful for....	
	Psalm 121 2 Chronicles 32:1-22 John 14:15-end		The availability & choice of Food we have to eat

Notices for this Week

The Collect for the Last Sunday after Trinity

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: help us so to hear them, to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them that, through patience, and the comfort of your holy word, we may embrace and for ever hold fast the hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ, 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 the last Sunday after Trinity

God of all grace, your Son Jesus Christ fed the hungry with the bread of his life and the word of his kingdom: renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your true and living bread; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen**

BCP Evensong Collect for the Last Sunday after Trinity

O God, forasmuch as without thee we are not able to please thee; Mercifully grant, that thy Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

The Leicester half marathon – (26th October)

The roads around St James church will be closed from around 9:40-11:30am for the half marathon. Please arrive at church by 9:30am, if you want to park on Church Hill or Front Street etc or in the Legion Car Park.

Swing into Christmas – 5th December

At St James Church on 5th December at 7:30pm. Come and Swing into Christmas with a selection of music from famous swing artists including Etta James, Michael Buble, Louis Prima, Benjamin Shah, Frank Sinatra, Ella Fitzgerald & Bobby Darin. With Junction 21 Big Band. £10 a ticket or 2 for £18. Tickets available from the church, 0116 2671797 or Rose Parrott 07811 662235 or online at Ticket Source.

Electoral role

If you are not already on the electoral role, please join in October or November! Ask a Churchwarden for a form and further details - you have to be baptised and live in the Parish or regularly attend worship here.

New format Information sheets

As we are experimenting with a new format. If you have any feedback, please write a note and give to Doreen Wilson. Thanks.

Volunteers required for Night-time Church visits during Remembrance week

As we must all remember, St James Church has been broken into every November, during Remembrance week, for the last two years. We are taking a few measures to deter another break-in. One of them is to have people visit church about 10pm every night during Remembrance Week and spend an hour or two on the premises. Names will be published on a rota. We ask that you please support this crime-prevention effort if you are able to. Kindly let any priest or churchwarden know if you wish to volunteer. *Ladi*

Exploring Christianity Course – Starts 29th October

Exploring Christianity course is for adults to recap the foundations of Christianity faith if they are looking at taking a formal step such as baptism / confirmation or simply want a refresher. It will be on Wednesday evenings at 7pm at St James on the following dates:

29 th October – Session 1	Who is God?
5 th November – Session 2	Who is Jesus?
12 th November – Session 3	Who is the Holy Spirit?
19 th November – Session 4	What is the Bible and Why/ How do we Read it?
26 th November – Session 5	What is Prayer and How do We Pray?
3 rd December – Session 6	What is Church and Why do We Go?
10 th December – Session 7	What are the Sacraments: Baptism and Eucharist

Save the Children lunch – 5th November

The next lunch is on Wednesday 5th November at the White Horse. Details are on the poster at the back of the church or from Josephine. Tickets £25 (inc tea/coffee). Please let her know if you would like a ticket by Wednesday 29th October.

St Theresa's Forthcoming events

Friday 21st November. Turlough Musical Evening at 7pm. Tickets £5 to include a glass of wine. Plus raffle. Tickets available from Daphne Stevenson at St. Theresa's or Debbie Shephard.

Saturday 6th December: Christmas bazaar. From 10am-2pm. Raffle, tombola's cake stall, Christmas goods, toys plus many more.

Sunday 21st December: Christmas concert at 6pm. Free entry, bucket collection on exit, raising funds for the parish and Wishes 4 Kids. Plus raffle. Refreshments at half time.

Christmas 2025 Services and Events in our Churches for your diary

<u>Sunday 30th November</u>	Advent Service at 6pm - Our Lady & St Nicholas
<u>Friday 5th December</u>	Swing into Christmas Concert at 7:30pm - St James
<u>Saturday 6th December</u>	Wanlip Fair at 2-4pm in Wanlip Hall
<u>Sunday 7th December</u>	Advent Service at 10am - St James Wanlip Patronal Festival at 6pm – Our Lady & St Nicholas
<u>Wednesday 10th December</u>	Churches Together Carol Singing at 6pm – around the village
<u>Sunday 14th December</u>	A Light in the Darkness Service at 4pm - St James
<u>Monday 15th December</u>	Carols in the Pub at 7pm - White Horse
<u>Wednesday 17th December</u>	Carols for All at 7pm -St James
<u>Sunday 21st December</u>	Nativity service at 10am - St James, Christingle & Carols at 4pm - Hallam Fields Carols by Candlelight at 6pm – Our Lady & St Nicholas
<u>Wednesday 24th December</u>	Christingle Service at 4:30pm – St James Midnight Mass at 11:30pm – St James
<u>Thursday 25th December</u>	Joint Christmas Day Service at 9:30am – Our Lady & St Nicholas