



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



**27<sup>th</sup> October 2024** **Last 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 27<sup>th</sup>**

8:30am Morning Prayer  
10.00am Holy Communion

**Thursday 31<sup>st</sup>**

9:30am Holy Communion

**Our Lady & St Nicholas:**

**Sunday 27<sup>th</sup>**

6pm BCP Evensong

**What else is happening this week**

**Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup>**

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

**Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup>**

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

**Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup>**

10am-12noon Open Church St James

**What's happening next week**

**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup>**

|        |                      |                        |
|--------|----------------------|------------------------|
| 8:30am | Morning Prayer       | St James               |
| 10am   | All Together Service | St James               |
| 3pm    | All Souls Service    | St James               |
| 6pm    | Holy Communion       | Our Lady & St Nicholas |

**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup>**

|              |               |          |
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| 12:30-4:30pm | Welcome Space | St James |
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**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup>**

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| 1pm      | Save the Children lunch      | White Horse            |
| 2-4:30pm | Welcome Space                | St James               |
| 3-4pm    | Open Church & Private Prayer | Our Lady & St Nicholas |

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup>**

|        |                |          |
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| 9:30am | Morning Prayer | St James |
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**Saturday 9<sup>th</sup>**

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| 10am-12noon | Open Church                               | St James |
| 12noon      | Wedding of Katherine Bateman & Luke Jelly | St James |

# Notices

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

|   |                   |  |
|---|-------------------|--|
| Rev Amanda Digman<br>(Day off usually Friday)       | 251 Birstall Road | 07803 625049<br>revamandadigman@me.com   |
| Rev Rachael Brind-Surch<br>(Day off usually Friday) |                   | 07538034729<br>rachael@brind-surch.co.uk |
| Debbie Shephard                                     | 41 Roman Road     | 2673262                                  |
| Ladi Akinla   | 14 Palmer Square  | 07718 738154                             |
| Julie Ward  | 28 Walker Road    | 2677600                                  |
| Matthew Harvey                                      | 56 Lambourne Road | 07957 170920                             |

## **Amanda on Annual Leave**

Amanda is on Annual Leave from Thursday evening (24<sup>th</sup> October) and back at work on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> October. Please refer any queries to Rachael, Kerry or a church warden.

## **Winter Services at St James**

Some people have asked if we are going to be in the old church for some winter services, but I have been told a few people won't come due to fears of germ spreading. If this would affect you, please let Amanda or Ladi know, before we make our decision in the next 2 weeks.

## **All Souls Service - 3<sup>rd</sup> November**

This years All Souls service will be on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> November at St James, starting at 3pm, which will include the reading of the names of our loved ones and the lighting of candles in their memory. All are welcome

## **Remembrance Services - 10<sup>th</sup>/11<sup>th</sup> November**

Our Remembrance Sunday service will be on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> November at St James, starting at 10am. We will also be having a service on Remembrance Day, (Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November) at the War Memorial at St James starting at 10:50am. All are welcome at both services.

## **Advent book club**

This advent I will be reading the Archbishops Advent book, Do not be Afraid by Rachael Mann (rrp £9.89 and orderable through church) 'These luminous meditations tell stories of God waiting with us when we're in fear or distress; of coming - bidden or unbidden - to relieve our loneliness; of disconcerting us, desiring us and surprising us with joy...'

Please let me know if you would like to accompany me at a friendly relaxed book club meeting once a week through Advent, as we wait and reflect on the coming of Christ this Advent together. Please register your interest at the back of the church and I will organise a day, time and location that will work best to meet. *Revd. Rachael*

## **Bring and Share Lunch - Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December**

We are having a bring and share lunch in the Village Hall. A list for names will be available in November. Please save this date in your diary.

## **Church Diary**

The 2025 diary is now in the office, please could you add your events for this December in both diaries please. I have added the events that are already in. Thanks. *Sheryl*

## **Facebook**

If you are on Facebook, you will be getting a follow request to our new page - St James the Great, Birstall & Our Lady and St Nicholas, Wanlip

## **Monthly tip for a less-plastic life - October**

Don't buy individually wrapped sweets – go for those sold loose in boxes or jars.

## **The Collect for the Last Sunday of 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 of 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 Collect for the Last Sunday of Trinity**

Lord, we beseech thee to keep thy household the Church in continual godliness; that through thy protection it may be free from all adversities, and devoutly given to serve thee in good works, to the glory of thy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

## **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 (Amanda)
- Light cleaning duties (Tony Luxton)
- Flower arranging (Sylvia)
- Intercessors (Alan & Cynthia Chapman) or Amanda for help
- People for the prayer team (Kerry)

## **Save the Children Lunch - 6<sup>th</sup> November**

The next lunch to be held at the White Horse will be on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November. Details can be found at the back of the church. I have some religious Christmas cards but the choice is limited this year but if you are interested please let me know. *Josephine*

## **Electoral Role**

If you are not yet on our church electoral role, please do ask for a form and join! It's the official membership list of the church and everyone who comes is welcome to be on the list, if they are baptised and are aged 16 or over.

## **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.

## **The Big Quiz Night in aid of the" Tearfund - 23<sup>rd</sup> November**

Tearfund is a charity which Amanda likes to support and this is a fun way to help.

The Big Quiz Night will be held at Birstall Scout HQ, starting at 7pm. The evening is free of charge but we will ask you to make a donation on the night, bring your own drinks and snacks and a team of up to six people there will also be a small raffle. The information is at the back of the church and a sign up sheet or if you wish email [vic.dolby@btinternet.com](mailto:vic.dolby@btinternet.com) with your team name and number attending. *Vic Dolby*

## **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 11am** on the Thursday to get your items included in that week's news sheet. Thanks. *Sheryl*

## Lectionary & Theme Readings

**Sun 27<sup>th</sup>** Last Sunday after Trinity

### Readings used

**Reading 1:** 1 Samuel 17:31-49

**Reading 2:** 1 Thessalonians 5:12-28

**Gospel:** Luke 12:22-34

*Lectionary readings:* Jeremiah 31:7-9, Hebrews 7:23-end, Mark 10:46-end Psalm 126

### BCP Evensong Readings:

**Reading 1:** 1 Samuel 17:31-49

**Reading 2:** Luke 12:22-34

**Psalm:** 23

**Mon 28<sup>th</sup>** Theme: Luke 18:18-25

*Simon & Jude, Apostles*

**Psalm:** 116

**Reading 1:** Isaiah 45:18-end

**Reading 2:** Luke 6:12-16

**Tue 29<sup>th</sup>** Theme: Matthew 6:25-34

**Psalm:** 36

**Reading 1:** Leviticus 23:1-22

**Reading 2:** 2 Timothy 4:9-end

**Wed 30<sup>th</sup>** Theme: 1 Thess 5:12-28

**Psalm:** 34

**Reading 1:** Leviticus 23:23-end

**Reading 2:** Titus 1

**Thu 31<sup>st</sup>** Theme: Luke 9:18-27

**Psalm:** 37

**Reading 1:** Leviticus 24:1-9

**Reading 2:** Titus 2

### Holy Communion Readings

**Reading 1:** Ephesians 6:10-20

**Gospel:** Luke 13:31-end

**Fri 1<sup>st</sup>** Theme: 3 John

**Psalm:** 31

**Reading 1:** Leviticus 25:1-24

**Reading 2:** Titus 3

**Sat 2<sup>nd</sup>** Theme: Matthew 18:1-4

**Psalm:** 42

**Reading 1:** Numbers 6:1-5, 21-end

**Reading 2:** Philemon

**Sun 3<sup>rd</sup>** All Saints' Day

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*Lectionary readings:* Isaiah 25:6-9, Revelation 21:1-6, John 11:32-44, Psalm 24:1-6

**Theme: Luke 12:22-34**

## For our Prayers

### Theme for the week - Simplicity

Ask God this week to begin to simplify your life beginning with your desires & your appetites. Ask him to begin to take his rightful place within your heart so that you may see your way among the conflicting claims of the society in which we live.

### For the persecuted church - Turkmenistan

Father God, encourage Your children in Turkmenistan who follow You in secret. Let them know Your love & care for them. Comfort those who have been rejected or abused by their families. Heal their emotional & physical wounds & bring them into a community of supportive believers. Help church leaders to navigate the restrictions & surveillance on their churches. Infuse their worship with joy & power so that their meetings encourage the people who monitor & seek to shut them down. Amen.

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

Our Church Wardens Our Children: Andrew and Blu

### What are we thankful for this week:

Being able to get up, get out & meet people

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

The Cedars Academy

### 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 Sowards & Margery Orton

### For those who have recently died

Lynn Lynch & Ann Clinton

### For 1<sup>st</sup> anniversary of death this week:

Pauline Douthwaite & Elsie Beswick

### Every day - 9pm (or another time!)

Praying for peace in Ukraine & Israel / Palestine. And a different area each day.

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

**Mon:** For an end to Israeli-Palestinian Conflict ongoing since 1948.

**Tues:** For an end to insurgency in Bolochistan (Pakistan, Iran) ongoing since 1948.

**Wed:** For an end to Insurgency in Northeast India ongoing since 1954.

**Thurs:** For an end to the Naxalite-Maoist insurgency in India ongoing since 1967.

**Fri:** For an end to the Moro Conflict in The Philippines ongoing since 1968.

**Sat:** For an end to the New People's Army rebellion in the Philippines, ongoing since 1969.