

Lectionary Readings

Sun 27th 17th Sunday after Trinity

Birstall readings

Reading 1: Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-end

Reading 2: Philippians 2:1-13

Gospel: Matthew 21:23-32

Wanlip Readings:

Reading 1: Ezekiel 37:15-end

Reading 2: 1 John 2:22-end

Psalm: 124

Mon 28th

Psalm: 71

Reading 1: 1 Kings 21

Reading 2: Acts 21:37 – 22:21

Tue 29th *Michael & All Angels*

Psalm: 34

Reading 1: Daniel 12:1-4

Reading 2: Acts 12:1-11

Wed 30th

Psalm: 77

Reading 1: 1 Kings 22:29-45

Reading 2: Acts 23:12-end

Thu 1st

Psalm: 78:1-39

Reading 1: 2 Kings 1:2-17

Reading 2: Acts 24:1-23

Fri 2nd

Psalm: 55

Reading 1: 2 Kings 2:1-18

Reading 2: Acts 24:24 – 25:12

Sat 3rd

Psalm: 76

Reading 1: 2 Kings 4:1-37

Reading 2: Acts 25:13-end

Sun 4th Harvest

Birstall readings

Reading 1: Deuteronomy 8:7-18

Reading 2: 2 Corinthians 9:6-end

Gospel: Luke 12:16-30

Wanlip Readings: Holy Communion

Reading 1: Deuteronomy 8:7-18

Reading 2: 2 Corinthians 9:6-end

Gospel: Luke 12:16-30

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Collect

Almighty God, you have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless till they find their rest in you: pour your love into our hearts and draw us to yourself, and so bring us at last to your heavenly city where we shall see you face to face; 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

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, and make us continually to be given to all good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

BCP Collect

Lord, we pray thee that thy grace may always prevent and follow us, and make us continually to be given to all good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

This week we are grateful for....

The gift of Hearing

Additional Notices for the Week

Harvest – 4th October

Our Harvest Festivals this year will be on Sunday 4th October in both churches. Please bring donations of packet, dried and tinned food and toiletries for Birstall Food Hub, if you can.

Dorothy and Colin Barsby's Ashes

Dorothy and Colin's ashes are going to be buried on Sunday 4th October, after the service. All welcome.

Advent Windows

Churches Together in Birstall and Wanlip are planning something new for this advent (don't all groan at once, it'll be Christmas before we know it!!) There is information about it at the back of each church and a sign up sheet if you would like to be involved. It sounds like a lot of fun so I hope you join in. Debbie Shephard

Birstall Residents Survey

We are working with the Birstall Stakeholders group to know what you think the priorities in Birstall should be. There is an online survey at <https://whatsonbirstall.co.uk/Birstall-residents-survey/> Hard copies of the survey are available in the library, council offices, primary school, and churches, with boxes for the completed survey. Deadline 18th October. Thanks for your help
Amanda and Janet

Shoebox Appeal 2026

Once again, we are appealing as we hope to send lots of boxes. Many items can be bought wholesale, so gifts of money are very welcome. Last year the carriage bill was nearly £300 so help with that is useful. Evidently the old people like boiled sweets, so sweets and chocolates would be gratefully accepted. Thanks in advance for your generosity. *Sylvia and Doreen*

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 (Birstall) and Marjorie Bonshor on 2207964 (Wanlip)

Birstall Methodist Church Quiz Night - 29th September

The Methodist Church are holding a Quiz Night on Tuesday 29th September starting at 7:30pm. Questions on all topics - easy and HARD! Tickets (including tea/coffee & cake) £6 in advance from the Methodist Centre, £7 on the door. Come alone or with a team - all welcome!

Leicester Half Marathon – 11th October

There will be restrictions affecting roads on the morning of Sunday 11th October, for the Half Marathon between the following estimated times: 9:40am – 11:30am for Whiles Lane, Wanlip Lane and Birstall Road. The busiest times for runners passing through is likely to be between 10:00am – 11:00am, during which times access to Church Hill and Front Street, will be almost impossible. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause but hope that you will understand the reason for this temporary measure. The Half Marathon is an entirely not-for-profit event, raising thousands of pounds for local Leicestershire charities. *Andrew Ward – Race Director*