



# St James the Great • Birstall Our Lady and St Nicholas • Wanlip



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

## 28<sup>th</sup> September 2025

## 15<sup>th</sup> 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 28<sup>th</sup>

8:30am Holy Communion  
10.00am Holy Communion

#### Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup>

9:30am Holy Communion

#### Our Lady & St Nicholas:

#### Sunday 28<sup>th</sup>

6pm BCP Evensong

### What else is happening this week

#### Sunday 28<sup>th</sup>

2-4pm Visiting Bell Ringers St James

#### Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup>

10:30-12noon Home Group meeting St James  
12:30-4:30pm Welcome Space St James

#### Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup>

3-4pm Open Church & Private Prayer  
Our Lady & St Nicholas

#### Friday 3<sup>rd</sup>

2-4pm Welcome Space at Wanlip Wanlip Hall  
7pm Quiz Night St Theresa's

#### Saturday 4<sup>th</sup>

10am-12noon Open Church St James

### What's happening next week

#### Sunday 5<sup>th</sup>

10am Harvest All Together Service St James  
6pm Harvest Holy Communion Our Lady & St Nicholas

#### Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup>

10:30-12noon Home Group meeting St James  
12:30-4:30pm Welcome Space St James

#### Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup>

12:30pm Holy Communion followed by lunch St James  
3-4pm Open Church & Private Prayer Our Lady & St Nicholas

#### Thursday 9<sup>th</sup>

9:30am Morning Prayer St James

# Notices

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

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## **When I am in the office next week**

I will not be in the office on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> September, will be back in on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> October.

*Sheryl*

## **Information sheets from next week**

Publisher (which the information Sheets are produced on) will no longer available by Microsoft.

As we have to use different software, from next week, we are experimenting with a new format.

If you have any feedback, please write a note and give to Doreen Wilson. Thanks. *Amanda &*

*Sheryl*

## **A Welcome Space at Wanlip – starting Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> October**

Please come and join us in the newly refurbished Wanlip Village Hall from 2 until 4 pm to enjoy light refreshments and friendly conversation. Look forward to seeing you from the Welcome Space team.

## **Safeguarding Certificates**

The safeguarding certificates no longer need to be on display and the handbook is out of date and needs to be accessed online now. *Manda*

## **Harvest Donations**

Next Sunday (5<sup>th</sup> October) we will be celebrating Harvest. Please can you donate store cupboard items and toiletries which will be going to the Foodbank.

## **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.

## **2025 Shoebox Appeal**

We are short of bars of soap, toothpaste and shampoo (400ml max). Please do not donate liquid soap nor shower gel. Donations of money are also very welcome as we can buy a lot at wholesale prices, but not the three goods above. Link to Hope managed to deliver a lot of boxes to eastern Ukraine in 2024 where many people, who were quite comfortable, are now marginalised and have nothing. The shoeboxes are particularly welcome there. We hope to send approximately 80 boxes this year and this will mean at least £240, so donations towards carriage are gratefully received. Many thanks. *Sylvia and Doreen*

## **Remembrance Sunday**

There will not be a 8:30am Communion Service on Remembrance Sunday.

## **RNLI Coffee Morning**

We would like to thank everyone who generously supported the RNLI Coffee Morning at the Methodist Coffee Shop. We raised over £230. *Leicester Branch RNLI*

## **The Collect for the 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity**

God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit upon your Church in the burning fire of your love: grant that your people may be fervent in the fellowship of the gospel that, always abiding in you, they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service; 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**

## **The Post Communion Prayer for the 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity**

Keep, O Lord, your Church, with your perpetual mercy; and, because without you our human frailty cannot but fall, keep us ever by your help from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

## **BCP Evensong Collect for the 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity**

Keep, we beseech thee, O Lord, thy Church with thy perpetual mercy; and, because the frailty of man without thee cannot but fall, keep us ever by thy help from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

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

Reuse bread and cereal bags as sandwich or freezer bags.

## **St Theresa's Forthcoming Events**

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> October - Quiz Night at 7pm. Pay on the door. £3 plus raffle.

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> October - Fashion Show - Doors open at 6:30pm for 7pm Start. Tickets £5 includes a glass or wine. Plus raffle, raising funds for Rainbows Hospice.

Tickets available from Daphne Stevenson at St. Theresa's or ask Debbie Shephard.

## **The Ecumenical Accompaniment programme in Palestine and Israel - 12<sup>th</sup> October**

On Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> October at 5pm at Birstall Methodist Church Neil Parkinson is coming to give a talk on EAPPI the Ecumenical Accompaniment Programme in Palestine and Israel. This international programme provides protection by presence to civilians living in the West Bank and monitors human rights Abuses. Neill has recently spent three months there.

## **RBL Quiz night**

Several of us enjoy going to the quiz at the RBL on Wednesday evenings at 8:15pm. Please join us whenever you can. It's £1.50 per quizzier +£1 for non members. Text Amanda if you're coming just to double check we're going that evening. We can meet you outside if a bit nervous walking in alone - and who wouldn't be?!

## **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 [stjames.birstall@btconnect.com](mailto:stjames.birstall@btconnect.com), or [sheryljupp@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:sheryljupp@hotmail.co.uk), or leave a message on the office answer machine (0116 2671797) 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 Readings

### **Sun 28<sup>th</sup> 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity**

Reading 1: Amos 6:1a, 4-7  
Reading 2: 1 Timothy 6:6-19  
Gospel: Luke 16:19-end

#### Wanlip's Readings

Reading 1: Amos 6:1a 4-7 or 1 Tim 6:6-19  
Reading 2: Luke 16:19-end  
Psalm: 146

### **Mon 29<sup>th</sup> Michael and All Angels**

Psalm: 150  
Reading 1: Daniel 12:1-4  
Reading 2: Acts 12:1-11

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

Psalm: 36  
Reading 1: 1 Chronicles 28:11-end  
Reading 2: Mark 11:12-26

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

Psalm: 34  
Reading 1: 1 Chronicles 29:1-9  
Reading 2: Mark 11:27-end

### **Thu 2<sup>nd</sup>**

Psalm: 37  
Reading 1: 1 Chronicles 29:10-20  
Reading 2: Mark 12:1-12

#### Holy Communion Readings

Reading 1: Nehemiah 8:1-12  
Gospel: Luke 10:1-12

### **Fri 3<sup>rd</sup>**

Psalm: 31  
Reading 1: 1 Chronicles 29:21-end  
Reading 2: Mark 12:13-17

### **Sat 4<sup>th</sup>**

Psalm: 42  
Reading 1: 2 Chronicles 1:1-13  
Reading 2: Mark 12:18-27

### **Sun 5<sup>th</sup> Harvest**

Reading 1: Deuteronomy 26:1-11  
Reading 2: Phillipians 4:4-9  
Gospel: John 6:25-35

## For our Prayers

### For the persecuted church - Mozambique

Lord Jesus, we remember our brothers & sisters in Mozambique who have suffered attacks by Islamic extremists. Surround them with your comfort & breathe fresh hope into their hearts. Protect your people in this land & frustrate the plans of militant groups. We pray for greater security & stronger governance in the country, leading to increased protection & freedom for all people, including our persecuted family. Equip your people with the boldness, wisdom & strength to withstand opposition & be salt & light in their communities. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on your people in Mozambique.

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

Our Area Dean, Arch Deacon & Bishops  
Our Children: Megan, rex and Sumay

### What are we thankful for this week:

Freedom to travel

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

Our Vets

### For those in need or unwell:

David Bark, Dorothy Barsby, Michael Webb, John & Lesley Walton, Tricia Emmett & all who care for them.

### For those who have Holy Communion at home:

Sheila Skidmore, Monica Lucas, Freda Sowards, Margery Orton, Gillian Hinton, John Harrison, John Walters, Michael Webb & Dorothy Barsby

### For those who have recently died

Beryl McHugh, Hazel Andrews, Janet Newall, Pauline Hill, John Aldis & Lynne Barnett

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

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

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

**Sun:** For an end to the Afghan Conflict ongoing since 1978

**Mon:** For an end to the Somali Civil War ongoing since 1991

**Tues:** For an end to the Communal Conflicts in Nigeria ongoing since 1998

**Wed:** For an end to the Insurgency in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa ongoing since 2004

**Thurs:** For an end to the Congolese conflicts ongoing since 2004

**Fri:** For an end to the Mexican Drug War ongoing since 2006

**Sat:** For an end to the Sudanese Nomadic Conflicts ongoing since 2008