

## Lectionary Readings

**Sun 29<sup>th</sup> Palm Sunday**  
*Birstall: Liturgy of the Palms*  
 Reading: Psalm 118:1-2, 19-end  
 Gospel: Matthew 21:1-11  
*Wanlip: Liturgy of the Passion*  
 Reading 1: Isaiah 50:4-9a  
 Reading 2: Philippians 2:5-11  
 Gospel: Matthew 26:14 – end of 27

**Mon 30<sup>th</sup>**  
 Psalm: 41  
 Reading 1: Lamentations 1:1-12a  
 Reading 2: Luke 22:1-23

**Tue 31<sup>st</sup>**  
 Psalm: 27  
 Reading 1: Lamentations 3:1-18  
 Reading 2: Luke 22:24-53

**Wed 1<sup>st</sup>**  
 Psalm: 102  
 Reading 1: Jeremiah 11:18-20  
 Reading 2: Luke 22:54-end

**Thu 2<sup>nd</sup> Maundy Thursday**  
 Psalm: 42  
 Reading 1; Leviticus 16:2-24  
 Reading 2: Luke 23:1-25

*Holy Communion Readings*  
 Reading 1: Exodus 12:1-4, 11-14  
 Reading 2: 1 Corinthians 11:23-26  
 Gospel: John 13:1-17, 31b-35

**Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> Good Friday**  
 Psalm: 69  
 Reading 1: Genesis 22:1-18  
 Reading 2: Hebrews 10:1-10

*Holy Communion Readings*  
 Reading 1: Isaiah 52:13 – end of 53  
 Reading 2: Hebrews 10:16-25  
 Gospel: John 18:1 – end of 19

**Sat 4<sup>th</sup>**  
 Psalm: 142  
 Reading 1: Hosea 6:1-6  
 Reading 2: John 2:18-22

**Sun 5<sup>th</sup> Easter Sunday**  
*Easter vigil readings*  
 Gen 2:1-3, Gen 22:1-18, Ex 12:1-24,  
 Ex 14:10-end; 15:1a, Jer 31:31-34 & Ezek 37:1-14  
*Holy Communion Readings*  
 Reading 1: Acts 10:34-43  
 Reading 2: Colossians 3:1-4  
 Gospel: Matthew 28:1-10

## 29<sup>th</sup> March 2026 - Palm Sunday

### Collect for Palm Sunday

Almighty and everlasting God, who in your tender love towards the human race sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ to take upon him our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross: grant that we may follow the example of his patience and humility, and also be made partakers of his resurrection; 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 for Palm Sunday

Lord Jesus Christ, you humbled yourself in taking the form of a servant, and in obedience died on the cross for our salvation: give us the mind to follow you and to proclaim you as Lord and King, to the glory of God the Father. **Amen**

**This week we are grateful for....**

Watching newborn lambs in the fields

## Additional Notices for the Week

### Bring & Share Lunch – Today (29<sup>th</sup> March)

Our Bring and Share Lunch is today (29<sup>th</sup> March) in Birstall village hall, starting at 12:30pm. Please come if you can. Even if you didn't realise, and have no food to bring, please come anyway!

### Warm Space – Good Friday

There will NOT be a Warm Space on Good Friday (3<sup>rd</sup> April) at Wanlip.

### Easter Breakfast

Tea, coffee, juices and bacon cobs will be served in the Hall after the Vigil/Communion service at Wanlip on Easter Sunday. So that we have a rough idea on the numbers we are catering for, please add your name to the sign-up sheet (at the back of both churches) if you wish to join us. There is no charge, but any donations are gratefully accepted. *Julie*

### Cantamici Choir Concert – 1<sup>st</sup> April

The Cantamici choir will be singing Stainer's Crucifixion at St James on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April, starting at 7.30pm. Tickets £7.00 from our tin at services or Welcome Space or on the door from 7pm. Refreshments will be served after the performance. If you have any queries, please see Rose or Kevin.

### Geoff Agar

Geoff would like to say thank you for the gift of a hamper to him from the clergy and the congregation. He was very appreciative of the gesture and just sorry that he could not continue with helping at the church.

### Ladies Afternoon Tea – 9<sup>th</sup> April

Afternoon tea at the British Legion on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> April at 4pm. Cost £11. To book a place, please ring Joan on 2672010 or call at 22 Wellgate Ave. Names by 30<sup>th</sup> March. Money by 4<sup>th</sup> April. (A £10 note + £1 coin would be great) *Joan*

### Save the Children Lunch – 15<sup>th</sup> April

There is a lunch on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> April at the White Horse. If anyone is interested, please see the details at the back of the church or from Josephine. Booking by 8<sup>th</sup> April is necessary.

### Home groups

We do have home groups and if anyone is interested in joining one, to speak to me. *Amanda*

### May Day Quiz – 1<sup>st</sup> May

Do you enjoy a quiz, cup of tea/coffee and cake? If the answer is yes, then join us at Wanlip Warm Space, held in Wanlip Hall, on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May, 2-4 pm. Entry free – donations appreciated. Look forward to seeing you. *Janet and Rosie*

### The Great Gregorio Bingo and Italian tea - 13<sup>th</sup> May

On Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> May: 1.30pm till 4.15pm: the Great Gregorio bingo (with prizes) and an Italian tea. Sign up for your place. £5.00 pay on the day. (Note: for this to go ahead we need 15 - 20 people decision by 27<sup>th</sup> April) If you have any queries, please see Rose or Kevin.