



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



29th September 2024 **18th 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 29th
 8:30am Holy Communion
 10.00am Holy Communion

Thursday 3rd
 9:30am Morning Prayer

Our Lady & St Nicholas:

Sunday 29th
 6pm 5th Sunday Special

What else is happening this week

Sunday 29th
 12 noon Bring & Share Lunch
 Birstall Village Hall

Tuesday 1st
 12:30-4:30pm Welcome Space St James

Wednesday 2nd
 2.00-4:30pm Welcome Space St James
 3-4pm Open Church & Private Prayer
 Our Lady & St Nicholas

Saturday 5th
 10am-12noon Open Church St James
 3:30-4:15pm Visiting Bell Ringers
 Our Lady & St Nicholas

What's happening next week

Sunday 6th
 8:30am Holy Communion St James
 10am Harvest All Together Service St James
 6pm Holy Communion Our Lady & St Nicholas

Tuesday 8th
 12:30-4:30pm Welcome Space St James

Wednesday 9th
 2-4:30pm Welcome Space St James
 3-4pm Open Church & Private Prayer Our Lady & St Nicholas

Thursday 10th
 9:30am Morning Prayer St James

Saturday 12th
 10am-12noon Open Church St James

Notices

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

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Bring and share lunch - Today (29th September)

Bring and share lunch in the village hall is today. Please come if you can. Even if you didn't realise, and have no food to bring, please come anyway!

Shoebox Appeal 2024

We are grateful for any contributions, but we particularly need toothpaste, toothbrushes, soap and sweets. If you would rather give a donation, we can buy what is needed. Many thanks. *Sylvia Simes and Doreen Wilson*

Prayer Ministry & Healing Team

There has been a Prayer Ministry team at St James for many years. Recently the team has shrunk considerably due to illness, death, age and people moving away. A few months ago we reduced prayer for healing to twice a month. At the last Healing Service we only had one station. We are struggling. We really do need more team members. Is it something you might consider?

Remember it is God who does the healing- we are channels through whom he works. Training will be given. If you are interested please speak to me or one of the team. *Kerry*

Save the Children

The next lunch to be held at the White Horse will be on Wednesday 6th 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*

Mothers Union Coffee Morning - 19th October

The Mothers Union will be holding a fundraising Coffee Morning in the Methodist Coffee Shop, on Saturday 19th October 10am-12noon. Usual stalls and raffle. Everyone Welcome. *Rita Richards*

Monthly tip for a less-plastic life - September

Reuse bread and cereal bags as sandwich or freezer bags.

Leicester Marathon - 13th October

The Leicester Marathon is on the 13th October, please arrive by about 9:30-9:45am for church that day,

Candles for Ukraine

We have been asked to start collecting candles for Ukraine again so please add them to the box in the Old Church by the candle stand. Thank you for your contributions in the past and hopefully for some more. *Josephine*

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?!

The Collect for the 18th Sunday of Trinity

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us your gift of faith that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to that which is before, we may run the way of your commandments and win the crown of everlasting joy; 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 18th Sunday of Trinity

We praise and thank you, O Christ, for this sacred feast: for here we receive you, here the memory of your passion is renewed, here our minds are filled with grace, and here a pledge of future glory is given, when we shall feast at that table where you reign with all your saints for ever. **Amen**

BCP Collect for St Michael & All Angels

Everlasting God, you have ordained and constituted the ministries of angels and mortals in a Wonderful order: grant that as your holy angels always serve you in heaven, so, at your command, they may help and defend us on earth; 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**

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.

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 - are you passionate about the environment? If so, could you help us work towards Eco Church Awards? There is a list of goals online, and we need someone just to keep an eye on what needs to be included in our church life and tick off what we have achieved. I think we are already at bronze level, so you could do lots of ticking straight away! There is an information day on Saturday, September 14, from 10am-2pm, at Holy Trinity Church in Leicester, which you would not have to attend but might wish to! (Amanda)
- Light cleaning duties - Light cleaning duties - every 7 weeks. The duties : dusting (no steps), vacuuming carpets and tidying up as required in both the old & new parts of St James. It takes between 60 and 90 minutes (Tony Luxton)
- Flower arranging - lessons provided, if needed! (Sylvia)
- Someone to accompany Rachael on Parish visits to introduce her to people (Rachael)
- Readers - (Contact: Alan & Cynthia Chapman)
- Intercessors (Contact: Alan & Cynthia Chapman or Amanda)

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, or sheryljupp@hotmail.co.uk, or contact Amanda or a Churchwarden. I will need to have received it **before I am** on the Thursday to get your items included in that week's news sheet. Thanks. Sheryl

Lectionary & Theme Readings

Sun 29th 18th Sunday after Trinity

Readings used

Reading 1: Psalm 31 (8:30am) & 8 (10am)

Reading 2: Ephesians 1:1-14 (8:30am)

Hebrews 4:14-16 (10am)

Gospel: Luke 18:35-43 (8:30am)

Luke 11:1-11 (10am)

Lectionary readings: Genesis 28:10-17, Revelations 12:7-12, John 1:47-end

Wanlip Readings: 5th Sunday Special

Reading 1: Revelation 12:7-12

Reading 2: Genesis 28:10-17

Mon 30th Theme: Luke 18:35-43

Michael & All Angels

Psalm: 34

Reading 1: Daniel 12:1-4

Reading 2: Acts 12:1-11

Tue 1st Theme: Colossians 1:15-23

Psalm: 89:1-18

Reading 1: 2 Kings 6:1-23

Reading 2: Acts 26:24-end

Wed 2nd Theme: Ephesians 1:1-14

Psalm: 119:105-128

Reading 1: 2 Kings 9:1-16

Reading 2: Acts 27:1-26

Thu 3rd Theme: Philippians 2:1-11

Psalm: 92

Reading 1: 2 Kings 9:17-end

Reading 2: Acts 27:27-end

Holy Communion Readings

Reading 1: Job 19:21-27a

Gospel: Luke 10:1-12

Fri 4th Theme: Romans 6:1-23

Psalm: 88

Reading 1: 2 Kings 12:1-19

Reading 2: Acts 28:1-16

Sat 5th Theme: 2 Corinthians 5:17-21

Psalm: 97

Reading 1: 2 Kings 17:1-23

Reading 2: Acts 28:17-end

Sun 6th Harvest

Readings used

Reading 1: TBC)

Reading 2:

Gospel:

Lectionary readings: Joel 2:21-27, 1 Timothy 2:1-7, Matthew 6:25-33

Theme: Matthew 8:1-17

For our Prayers

Theme for the week - The Jesus Prayer

Sometimes words themselves get in the way of our praying.

Try using a few simple phrases - such as those in the Jesus Prayer to focus your attention upon God.

For the persecuted church - Uzbekistan

Heavenly Father, encourage believers who follow You in secret. Help them to access Your word & Christian resources safely. Draw close to Christians who have been detained or imprisoned for their faith. Grant leaders the wisdom to navigate restrictions a& monitoring on their churches. Replace fear & anxiety in congregations with fearless joy & hope. Build Your church in Uzbekistan. Amen.

For our Churches, this week especially for:

Our work with Children

Our Children: Megan & George

What are we thankful for this week:

Ginger Cake

For our Community, this week especially for:

Our local M.P

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

John Williams, Patricia Ayres

For 1st anniversary of death this week:

Colin Clayton, Olive Allan & Geoff Heath

Every day - 9pm (or another time!)

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

Sun: For an end to the Lord's Resistance Army insurgency in Democratic Republic of Congo and Central African Republic ongoing since 1987.

Mon: For an end to internal conflict in Bangladesh.

Tues: For an end to conflict in the Niger Delta in Nigeria and Cameroon ongoing since 2003.

Wed: And for an end to the South Thailand insurgency ongoing since 2004.

Thurs: For an end to the insurgency in Paraguay ongoing since 2005.

Fri: For an end to the armed conflict for control of the favelas in Greater Rio de Janeiro in Brazil, ongoing since 2006.

Sat: For an end to the Insurgency in Egypt ongoing since 2013.