



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



2nd June 2024 **1st Sunday after Trinity**

Welcome to you all



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St James



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Our Services this week
Service type is subject to change due to illness or other unforeseen circumstances

St James:

Sunday 2nd

8:30am Morning Prayer
10.00am All Together Service

Thursday 6th

9:30am Morning Prayer

Our Lady & St Nicholas:

Sunday 2nd

6pm Holy Communion

What else is happening this week

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

Wednesday 5th
12:30-4:30pm Welcome Space St James
3-4pm Open Church & Private Prayer
Our Lady & St Nicholas

4:30-6pm Capital Arts Choir St James

Thursday 6th
11:50am D-Day Memorial Service
War Memorial at St James

5pm Bellringers ringing for 80th Ann. of D-Day St James

5:45pm Bellringers ringing for 80th Ann. of D-Day Our Lady & St Nicholas

Saturday 8th
10am-Noon Open Church St James

10:15-11:55am Leicestershire Historic Churches Trust visit St James

3-5:30pm Save the Children Strawberry Tea
1A Hallam Avenue

What's happening next week

Sunday 9th
8:30am Morning Prayer St James
10am Holy communion & Healing service St James

4pm Faith, Friendship & Fun Hallam Fields Church
6pm BCP Evensong Our Lady & St Nicholas

Monday 10th 7:30pm Monday Group Summer Supper Rothley
Tuesday 11th 12:30-4:30pm Welcome Space St James

Wednesday 12th 12:30-4:30pm Welcome Space St James
3-4pm Open Church & Private Prayer Our Lady & St Nicholas

Thursday 13th 9:30am Holy Communion St James
Saturday 15th 10am-Noon Open Church St James

Notices

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

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80th Anniversary of D-Day - 6th June

To commemorate the 80th Anniversary of D-Day, there will be a Memorial Service at 10:50am at the War memorial at St James. We will also be having our Church Bells rung by visiting bell Ringers, 5pm at St James and 5:45pm at our Lady & St Nicholas.

Communication

From Feedback we've had, some people are concerned about communication, so it would be great to put a coms team together to tackle this. Please let Amanda know if you are interested in helping with this. Thank you.

Church Address

If you are ordering "things" or writing correspondence using the churches address can you make sure that you don't include the number 23 in return address as the church address does not have numerical number, this is confusing for delivery drivers and post office deliveries. *David Owen*

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.

Information Sheets for 30th June

If you require any notices to be included in the information sheets for the 30th June, can you please let me have them before 11am on Thursday 20th June as I will be out of the office from then until Tuesday 2nd July. Thanks. *Sheryl*

St. James Monday Group - 10th June

St James Monday Group are having a Summer Supper at one of the members house in Rothley, on Monday 10th June starting at 7:30pm. *Joan Folland*

Leicestershire Historic Churches Trust

Leicestershire Historic Churches Trust are visiting our church on Saturday 8th June, 10:15am - 11:55am! All welcome to pop in and see what they know!

Parking! Please help!

If you are fit enough to walk from School Lane Car Park or the bottom, near the war memorial, please could you? Some people are really struggling to get into church, especially if they can't get a space on Church Hill.

RBL Quiz night - 3rd July

Several of us enjoy going to the quiz at the RBL on Wednesday evenings at 8:25pm. 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. (The next date we will be there is 3rd July) We can meet you outside if a bit nervous walking in alone - and who wouldn't be?! *Amanda*

A Collect for the 1st Sunday of Trinity

O God, the strength of all those who put their trust in you, mercifully accept our prayers and, because through the weakness of our mortal nature we can do no good thing without you, grant us the help of your grace, that in the keeping of your commandments we may please you both in will and deed; 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**

A Post Communion Prayer for the 1st Sunday of Trinity

Eternal Father, we thank you for nourishing us with these heavenly gifts: may our communion strengthen us in faith, build us up in hope, and make us grow in love; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Save the Children Strawberry Teas - 8th June & 27th July

On Saturday 8th June and 27th July I am hosting a Strawberry Tea. (3-5:30pm) Please let me know by the preceding Wednesday if you would like to come. Full details can be found on the posters at the back of the church. *Josephine*

St James Patronal Festival Pilgrimage – 28th July

We are having a Pilgrimage on Saturday 28th July at 9:30am-4pm (save the date) between St James Birstall and James the Greater, London Rd., Leicester. We will be providing a Communion for Pilgrims. We would also like to offer refreshments/cake stall. If you can help on the day serving refreshments or providing cakes etc please sign up at the back of the Church. I will finalise plans at the beginning of July when I return from holiday. Rose

Nominations for lay people to join the Diocesan Synod

The Diocese of Leicester are currently seeking nominations for the elections to Diocesan Synod for the three year period starting on 1st August. The Diocesan Synod elections have been notified to Deanery Synod members as well as in Diomail.

Because Deanery Synod members are the voters for the Diocesan Synod elections, people sometimes think that they are the only people who can stand in the elections. This is not the case. Any lay person can stand for election who is 16 or older, is on the electoral roll of a Parish and attends church services reasonably regularly. They need to be nominated and seconded by lay members of their Deanery Synod and submit a nomination form to their Area Dean by 12 noon on Friday 14th June 2024.

Nomination forms can be obtained from myself or your Area Dean. Or the Deanery Synod Rep from your church should also have received the relevant information including the nomination form.

The Diomail article referred to above can be found here: Stand for Election for Diocesan Synod - Diocese of Leicester (anglican.org). *Andy Brockbank, Director of Operations and Governance, Diocese of Leicester Email: andy.brockbank@leicestercofe.org*

Monthly tip for a less-plastic life - June

Put a plate over leftover food in the fridge. No more clingfilm!

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

Lectionary & Theme Readings

Sun 2nd **1st Sunday after Trinity**

Readings used today:

Reading 1: **1 Chronicles 16:8-16**

Reading 2 **2 Corinthians 4:7-5:5**

Gospel : **Luke 1:1-4**

Lectionary Readings:

Deuteronomy 5:12-15, 2 Corinthians 4:5-12,

Mark 2:23 - 3:6, Psalm 81:1-10

Mon 3rd **Theme: Ephesians 6:10-18**

Psalm: 30

Reading 1: Joshua 14

Reading 2: Luke 12:1-12

Tue 4th **Theme: Jeremiah 17:5-10**

Psalm: 36

Reading 1: Joshua 21:43 - 22:8

Reading 2: Luke 12:13-21

Wed 5th **Theme: 2 Corinthians 4:7 - 5:5**

Psalm: 34

Reading 1: Joshua 22:9-end

Reading 2: Luke 12:22-31

Thu 6th **Theme: 2 Corinthians 10:1-11**

Psalm: 37

Reading 1: Joshua 23

Reading 2: Luke 12:32-40

Holy Communion Readings

Reading 1: 2 Timothy 2:8-15

Gospel: Mark 12:28-34

Fri 7th **Theme: 1 Chronicles 16:8-16**

Psalm: 31

Reading 1: Joshua 24:1-28

Reading 2: Luke 12:41-48

Sat 8th **Theme: Luke 2:8-19**

Psalm: 42

Reading 1: Joshua 24:29-end

Reading 2: Luke 12:49-end

Sun 9th **2nd Sunday after Trinity**

Readings used

Reading 1: Psalm 133

Reading 2 **1 Thessalonians 5:12-18**

Gospel : **John 13:4-15**

Lectionary readings

Genesis 3:8-15, 2 Corinthians 4:13 - 5:1,

Mark 3:20-end, Psalm: 130

Lectionary Evensong Readings

Reading 1; *Jeremiah 6:16-21*

Reading 2: *Romans 9:1-13*

Psalm: *37:1-11*

Theme: **Luke 1:1-4**

For our Prayers

Theme for the week - Journaling

Being open and honest with your feelings is never easy and almost always painful. But God gives courage in the midst of both. Ask him for the desire to be transparent in his sight.

For the persecuted church - Ethiopia

Heavenly Father, we pray for our brothers and sisters in Ethiopia. We pray that You would protect & sustain Your people there – particularly those who are at risk because they've chosen to follow You. We pray for those Christians who have been rejected or abused by their families; help them to know that, in the Holy Spirit, they belong to a much bigger family. Amen.

For our Churches, this week especially for:

Our Gardeners

Our Children: Abigail & Evelyn

What are we thankful for this week:

Creative people – florists, knitters etc

For our Community, this week especially for:

Our Paramedics

For those in need or unwell:

Nicky Hardy, David Bark, Dorothy Barsby, John Walton, Michael Webb, Tricia Emmett, Ray Folland & all who care for them.

For those who have Holy Communion at home:

Sheila Skidmore, Monica Lucas, Freda Sowards, Margery Orton & Pat Wilby

For those who have recently died

For 1st anniversary of death this week:

Every day - 9pm (or another time!)

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

Sun: For an end to Katanga insurgency in DR Congo ongoing since 1963.

Mon: For an end to the Western Sahara conflict in Morocco and the Saharawi Republic ongoing since 1973.

Tues: For an end to the Cabinda War in Angola ongoing since 1975.

Wed: For an end to internal conflict in Peru ongoing since 1980.

Thurs: For an end to the Casamance conflict in Senegal ongoing since 1982.

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

Sat: For an end to internal conflict in Bangladesh.