



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.

31st August 2025

11th 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 31st

8:30am Holy Communion
10.00am Holy Communion

Thursday 4th

9:30am Holy Communion

Our Lady & St Nicholas:

Sunday 31st

6pm 5th Sunday Special -
Taizé Service

What else is happening this week

Sunday 31st

12 noon Bring & Share Lunch
Birstall Village Hall

Tuesday 2nd

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

Wednesday 3rd

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

Saturday 6th

10am-12noon Open Church St James
1pm Wedding of Christopher Parkins
& Stacey Cufflin St James

What's happening next week

Sunday 7th

10am All Together Service - Messy Church - Creationtide St James
6pm Holy Communion Our Lady & St Nicholas

Tuesday 9th

10am Funeral for Thomas Hendry St James
10:30am Visiting Bell Ringers Our Lady & St Nicholas
12:30-4:30pm Welcome Space St James

Wednesday 10th

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

Thursday 11th

9:30am Morning Prayer St James

Friday 12th

7:30pm Andy Kind Comedy Night 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 (31st August)

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!

Monthly Wednesday Holy Communion service followed by lunch

Would anyone be happy to provide lunch, (soup & roll) set up and clear away for lunch following our monthly Wednesday Holy Communion Service. If you can, please let Amanda or Rachael know.

Thank you to the Bakers

We would like to say a big thank you to all who baked cakes for the Summer Fair. We appreciate your skills and generosity. Many thanks. *Cynthia Chapman, Elaine and Steve Goodman.*

New Bins

There are two new, bigger bins in the kitchen. I can clean them later but it enables us to use full size bin bags and empty them less frequently. Thanks *manda*

Rota's

The new September - December rota's are now available, in the pigeon holes at St James and at the back of Our Lady & St Nicholas. Digital copies have been sent out.

Raymond Folland

Joan and the family would like to express their most grateful thanks to those who so generously made a donation to Lymphoma Cancer Research in memory of Raymond, Including Gift Aid the total raised was £2,500.00. A fitting tribute to a very special person.

We are doing Messy Church for All Age on Sunday 7th September

Please could you save us any glass jars and yoghurt pots (clean!) you have available and some stuff for junk modelling. Please bring on the day, or if you won't be there on the day, the Sunday before or in the week, if you will be in church. If you could help with one craft table, please let Amanda know. We will also be repeating it at Hallam Fields on the 14th, so we will need to keep what we don't use for then and will need more than just enough for the 7th! Thank you.

Wanlip Hall & Community Centre celebration - updated notice

Due to there being so many people away on the 5th September, we have decided to postpone the official opening of the refurbished Hall until a later date. If, however, you would like to have a quick look at what's been done, we will have the hall open between 5:30-6:30pm on the 5th, so please feel free to pop along for a guided tour. *Julie and Debbie*

Monthly tip for a less-plastic life - August

Make your own ice lollies in reusable freezer moulds.

The Collect for the 11th Sunday after Trinity

O God, you declare your almighty power most chiefly in showing mercy and pity: mercifully grant to us such a measure of your grace, that we, running the way of your commandments, may receive your gracious promises, and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure; 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 11th Sunday after Trinity

Lord of all mercy, we your faithful people have celebrated that one true sacrifice which takes away our sins and brings pardon and peace: by our communion keep us firm on the foundation of the gospel and preserve us from all sin; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Emergency Phone Alert Test 7th September

The Government is testing the UK's Emergency Alerts system again on Sunday 7th September at 3pm. Emergency Alerts is a UK government system that provides warning and advice in a life threatening emergency. The government does not need to know your phone number or location to send you an alert. What happens when you get an emergency alert? Your mobile phone or tablet may: – make a loud siren-like sound, even if it's set on silent – vibrate – read out the alert The sound and vibration will last for about 10 seconds. For more information and advice, visit the GOV.UK website.

Return of the Kind: Comedy night – 12th September

Andy Kind will be returning on Friday 12th September at St James, starting at 7:30pm
A good laugh about everyday events (suitable for anyone). £10.00 per ticket or 2 for £18.00.
Tickets@ ticketsource.co.uk (digital -pay online) or physical tickets for cash after church services /welcome space/open church. (we will keep the money tin/tickets in the Church Office and request it goes back to keep money secure). All tickets must be paid for and shown on entry. A great night, bring your own drinks, (glasses provided) and light refreshments (crisps, snacks etc) will be served. Look forward to seeing you there. Queries/ticket orders please speak to Rose (0781 1662235) or Kevin Burrows.

Farewell Service for The Venerable Richard Worsfold - 15th September

Richard's farewell Service will be Monday 15th September, 5.30pm – Leicester Cathedral. All are invited to attend this service of thanks for Richard's 30 years of ministry in Leicestershire as he moves to be Area Dean of Salford and Leigh in the Diocese of Manchester.

Amanda's Sermons on the Eucharist

If anyone would like a copy of any of Amanda's sermons on aspects of the Eucharist please let her know by email and she will send them a copy.

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.

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 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 31st 11th Sunday after Trinity

Reading 1: Psalm 112
Reading 2: Hebrews 13:1-8, 15,16
Gospel: Matthew 6:9-15

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5th Sunday Special - Taizé Service

Mon 1st

Psalm: 80
Reading 1: Proverbs 8:1-21
Reading 2: Mark 5:1-20

Tue 2nd

Psalm: 89:1-18
Reading 1: Proverbs 8:22-end
Reading 2: Mark 5:21-34

Wed 3rd

Psalm: 119:105-128
Reading 1: Proverbs 9
Reading 2: Mark 5:35-end

Thu 4th

Psalm: 92
Reading 1: Proverbs 10:1-12
Reading 2: Mark 6:1-13

Holy Communion Readings

Reading 1: Colossians 1:9-14
Gospel: Luke 5:1-11

Fri 5th

Psalm: 88
Reading 1: Proverbs 11:1-12
Reading 2: Mark 6:14-29

Sat 6th

Psalm: 97
Reading 1: Proverbs 12:10-end
Reading 2: Mark 6:30-44

Sun 7th 12th Sunday after Trinity

Reading 1: Deuteronomy 30:15-end
Reading 2: Philemon 1-21
Gospel: Luke 14:25-33

For our Prayers

For the persecuted church - Ethiopia

Heavenly Father, we lift Ethiopian believers to You. We ask for Your protection, strength and unity among all Christians in Ethiopia. May Your love and grace sustain them through every trial, and may they remain steadfast in their faith, **Amen.**

For our Churches, this week especially for:

Our Clergy - Amanda, Rachael & Kerry
Our Children: Jacob & Harry

What are we thankful for this week:

Our Hymns & Worship songs

For our Community, this week especially for:

Our Police Officers, P.C.S.O's and Wardens

For those in need or unwell:

Nicky Hardy, 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

Thomas Hendry, Beryl McHugh, Nichola Wood & Hazel Andrews

For 1st anniversary of death this week:

Patricia Ayres

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 Armed conflict in Rio de Janeiro ongoing since 1990

Mon: For an end to the Internal Conflict in Bangladesh ongoing since 1999

Tues: For an end to the Iraqi Conflict ongoing since 2003

Wed: For an end to the Conflict in the Niger Delta ongoing since 2003

Thurs: For an end to the Libyan Crisis ongoing since 2011

Fri: For an end to the Central African Republic Civil war ongoing since 2012

Sat: For an end to the Insurgency in Cabo Delgado ongoing since 2017