



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



**3<sup>rd</sup> November 2024** **All Saints Day**

**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 3<sup>rd</sup>**

- 8:30am Morning Prayer
- 10.00am All Together Service
- 3pm All Souls Service

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup>**

- 9:30am Morning Prayer

**Our Lady & St Nicholas:**

**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup>**

- 6pm Holy Communion

**What else is happening this week**

**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup>**

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

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup>**

- 1pm Save the Children lunch White Horse
- 2.00-4:30pm Welcome Space St James
- 3-4pm Open Church & Private Prayer Our Lady & St Nicholas

**Saturday 9<sup>th</sup>**

- 10am-12noon Open Church St James
- 12noon Wedding of Luke Jelly & Katherine Bateman St James

**What's happening next week**

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| <b>Sunday 10<sup>th</sup></b>    | 8:30am       | Morning Prayer                   | St James               |
|                                  | 10am         | Remembrance Sunday Service       | St James               |
|                                  | 4pm          | Praying for Peace Service        | Hallam Fields          |
|                                  | 6pm          | Evensong with Act of Remembrance | Our Lady & St Nicholas |
| <b>Monday 11<sup>th</sup></b>    | 10:50am      | Remembrance Day Service          | War Memorial           |
|                                  | 2:30-4:30pm  | Monday Group                     | St James               |
| <b>Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup></b>   | 12:30-4:30pm | Welcome Space                    | St James               |
| <b>Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup></b> | 2-4:30pm     | Welcome Space                    | St James               |
|                                  | 3-4pm        | Open Church & Private Prayer     | Our Lady & St Nicholas |
| <b>Thursday 14<sup>th</sup></b>  | 9:30am       | Holy Communion                   | St James               |
| <b>Saturday 16<sup>th</sup></b>  | 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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## All Souls Service - Today (3<sup>rd</sup> November)

This years All Souls service will be on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> November at St James, starting at 3pm, which will include the reading of the names of our loved ones and the lighting of candles in their memory. All are welcome

## 100 Not Out

Congratulations and best wishes to Monica Lucas who will be 100 on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup>. She has done many things at St James over many years. She was the first lay person to lead intercessions in church in the 1970s and is still on the rota! We hope she has a memorable day.

## St. James Monday Group - 11<sup>th</sup> Nov

Do come and enjoy a relaxing afternoon as Kevin and Peter show their lovely slides, set to accompanying music. All welcome. Held in the community area. *Joan Folland*

## Winter Services at St James

Some people have asked if we are going to be in the old church for some winter services, but I have been told a few people won't come due to fears of germ spreading. If this would affect you, please let Amanda or Ladi know, before we make our decision in the next 2 weeks.

## Remembrance Services - 10<sup>th</sup>/11<sup>th</sup> November

Our Remembrance Sunday service will be on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> November at St James, starting at 10am. There will also be a short Act of Remembrance during Evensong at Our Lady and St. Nicholas, Wanlip. Also there will be a service on Remembrance Day, (Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November) at the War Memorial at St James starting at 10:50am. All are welcome at all three services.

## Advent book club

This advent I will be reading the Archbishops Advent book, Do not be Afraid by Rachael Mann (rrp £9.89 and orderable through church) 'These luminous meditations tell stories of God waiting with us when we're in fear or distress; of coming - bidden or unbidden - to relieve our loneliness; of disconcerting us, desiring us and surprising us with joy...'

Please let me know if you would like to accompany me at a friendly relaxed book club meeting once a week through Advent, as we wait and reflect on the coming of Christ this Advent together. Please register your interest at the back of the church and I will organise a day, time and location that will work best to meet. *Rev. Rachael*

## Facebook

If you are on Facebook, you will be getting a follow request to our new page - St James the Great, Birstall & Our Lady and St Nicholas, Wanlip

## 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.

## **The Collect for All Saints Day**

Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord: grant us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living that we may come to those inexpressible joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you; 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 All Saints Day**

God, the source of all holiness and giver of all good things: may we who have shared at this table as strangers and pilgrims here on earth be welcomed with all your saints to the heavenly feast on the day of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

## **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 (Amanda)
- Light cleaning duties (Tony Luxton)
- Flower arranging (Sylvia)
- Intercessors (Alan & Cynthia Chapman) or Amanda for help
- People for the prayer team (Kerry)

## **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.

## **Bring and Share Lunch - Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December**

We are having a bring and share lunch in the Village Hall. A list for names will be available in November. Please save this date in your diary.

## **The Big Quiz Night in aid of Tearfund - 23<sup>rd</sup> November**

Tearfund is a charity which Amanda likes to support and this is a fun way to help. The Big Quiz Night will be held at Birstall Scout HQ, starting at 7pm. The evening is free of charge but we will ask you to make a donation on the night, bring your own drinks and snacks and a team of up to six people there will also be a small raffle. The information is at the back of the church and a sign up sheet or if you wish email vic.dolby@btinternet.com with your team name and number attending. *Vic Dolby*

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

If you can afford it, order milk online for delivery in glass bottles.

## **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?!

## **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 3<sup>rd</sup> All Saints' Day**

### Readings used

**Reading 1: Isaiah 11:1-5**

**Reading 2: Philippians 2:1-11**

**Gospel: Matthew 13:10-17**

*Lectionary readings: Isaiah 25:6-9, Revelation 21:1-6a, John 11:32-44, Psalm 24:1-6*

**Mon 4<sup>th</sup> Theme: 1 Corinthians 2:6-16**

Psalm: 44

Reading 1: Daniel 1

Reading 2: Revelation 1

**Tue 5<sup>th</sup> Theme: Philippians 2:1-11**

Psalm: 5

Reading 1: Daniel 2:1-24

Reading 2: Revelation 2:1-11

**Wed 6<sup>th</sup> Theme: Hebrews 5:11 - 6:3**

Psalm: 9

Reading 1: Daniel 2:25-end

Reading 2: Revelation 2:12-end

**Thu 7<sup>th</sup> Theme: Isaiah 11:1-5**

Psalm: 15

Reading 1: Daniel 3:1-18

Reading 2: Revelation 3:1-13

### Holy Communion Readings

Reading 1: Philippians 3:3-8a

Gospel: Luke 15:1-10

**Fri 8<sup>th</sup> Theme: 1 Peter 4:1-6**

Psalm: 16

Reading 1: Daniel 3:19-end

Reading 2: Revelation 3:14-end

**Sat 9<sup>th</sup> Theme: Romans 8:5-11**

Psalm: 18:31-end

Reading 1: Daniel 4:1-18

Reading 2: Revelation 4

**Sun 10<sup>th</sup> Remembrance Sunday**

### Readings used

**Reading 1: Psalm 51:6-14**

**Reading 2: 1 John 1:5-10**

### Gospel:

*Lectionary readings: Jonah 3:1-5,10, Hebrews 9:24-end, Mark 1:14-20 Psalm 62:5-end*

### BCP Evensong Readings:

**Reading 1: Isaiah 10:33-34, 11:1-9**

**Reading 2: 1 John 3:16-22**

**Psalm: 34:1-14**

**Theme: Matthew 13:10-17**

## For our Prayers

### Theme for the week - The Mind of Christ

St Paul tells us that one must even attempt to emulate the mind of Christ. This is an enormous proposition. And yet it is true. Christ had a clarity of purpose which guided his words and deeds, without which our actions are just that, our actions.

### For the persecuted church - Nicaragua

Father God, thank You for the bravery of Christians in Nicaragua. May those who are suffering for speaking out be empowered in their faith rather than left despondent. Heal all hurts, & give believers continued wisdom, courage & protection as they follow You in an increasingly hostile environment. Unite the church through this difficult time – may there be grace & love for one another as people respond to the challenges in different ways. Holy Spirit, move powerfully in the hearts of President Ortega & his government – may they be attentive to the concerns, needs & values of Christians in Nicaragua. Amen.

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

Our PCC Members      Our Children: Victoria & Shay

### What are we thankful for this week:

Having someone to talk to.

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

Playgroups, Nurseries & Childminders

### 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 Swards & Margery Orton

### For those who have recently died

Ann Clinton

### For 1<sup>st</sup> 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 Kurdish-Turkish Conflict in Turkey, Iraq and Syria ongoing since 1984

**Mon:** For an end to the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict in Artsakh, Azerbaijan and Armenia ongoing since 1988.

**Tues:** For an end to insurgency in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa in Pakistan ongoing since 2004.

**Wed:** For an end to The Libyan Crisis ongoing since 2011.

**Thurs:** For an end to Sinai insurgency in Egypt 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 Northern Chad ongoing since 2021.