



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



5th May 2024 **6th Sunday of Easter**

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 5th
 8:30am Morning Prayer
 10.00am All Together Service

Thursday 9th
 9:30am Morning Prayer

Our Lady & St Nicholas:
Sunday 5th
 6pm Holy Communion

What else is happening this week

Tuesday 7th
 9:30-11:30am Highcliffe School visit St James
 12:30-4:30pm Welcome Space St James
 4:30-6pm Capital Arts choir St James

Wednesday 8th
 12:30-4:30pm Welcome Space St James
 3-4pm Open Church & Private Prayer
 Our Lady & St Nicholas
 7:30pm PCC Meeting St James

Thursday 9th
 7pm Ascension Day service
 St Peter & St Paul's Church, Syston

Saturday 11th
 10am-Noon Open Church St James
 6:30pm Leicestershire Historic Churches
 Presentation Rothley Church

What's happening next week

Sunday 12th
 8:30am Morning Prayer St James
 10am Holy Communion St James
 6pm BCP Evensong Our Lady & St Nicholas

Monday 13th
 2-4:30pm Monday Group St James

Tuesday 14th
 12:30-4:30pm Welcome Space St James

Wednesday 15th
 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 16th
 9:30am Morning Prayer St James

Saturday 18th
 10am-Noon Open Church St James
 2-4pm Wanlip May Fair Wanlip Church & Hall

Notices

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

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Amanda is off Friday and Saturday this week.

Wanlip May Fair - 18th May

Wanlip's May Fair is on Saturday 18th May starting at 2pm-4pm. In Our Lady & St Nicholas Church & the Community Hall. Cakes, Plants, Bric-a-Brac, Refreshments and more!

APM & APCM - 22nd May

The APM & APCM (annual meetings) will be on the 22nd May this year.

Highcliffe School visit to St James - 7th May

Highcliffe School will be in church from 9:30-11:30am on Tuesday 7th May. If anyone would like to do some squash / water for the children and hot drinks for staff, please let Amanda know. And if anyone who has done Safeguarding Training would like to help out, please also let Amanda know. They are coming to look round the church, answer some questions on a sheet and then Amanda will go through the answers with them.

Ascension Day service - 9th May

There will be an Ascension Day service on 9th May at St Peter & St Paul's Church, Syston at 7:00pm to which all are invited. (The last 2 years it was at St James') We will also be celebrating Ascension on Sunday the 12th May in the 10am Sunday service.

Leicestershire Historic Churches Presentation for 60th Anniversary Celebrations

Rothley Parish Church will be hosting a presentation as part of the celebrations of the Trust's 60 years in existence. Members of St James, Birstall and Wanlip Church are invited to join us for the presentation, by their Chairman Janet Arthur, about the Trust's history and work, on Saturday 11th May, starting at 6.30pm. Drinks and canapes will be available during the evening. If you would like to go, it would be appreciated if you could let me know, so I can let them have an idea of numbers, for catering purposes. *Sheryl*

Bible Book Club - 30th May

The next Bible Book Club will be on Malachi on the 30th May, after communion at about 10:30am

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.

Monday Group - 13th May

St. James Monday Group. On Monday May 13th at 2.30pm there will be a service in Church and visitors will be most welcome.

Blister Packs

Please empty your small plastic bags into the box/bag providing and not leave them in the other box, it makes managing the fortnightly collection easier. Rose

Monthly tip for a less-plastic life - May

Use paper tape, reused bubble wrap and cardboard boxes for packaging.

A Collect for the 6th Sunday of Easter

God our redeemer, you have delivered us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of your Son: grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life, so by his continual presence in us he may raise us to eternal 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**

A Post Communion Prayer for the 6th Sunday of Easter

God our Father, whose Son Jesus Christ gives the water of eternal life: may we thirst for you, the spring of life and source of goodness, through him who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen**

Electoral Roll 2024

Please check that your name is on the current Electoral Roll at the back of church. If you are new and you wish to join the Electoral Roll then please see Christine Suffolk for a form.

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.

Save the Children Lunch

I am very pleased to say that I have banked £645 from the proceeds. This contains profit from the meal as the White Horse are very generous with the amount we actually pay for the food, the raffle and donations. Richard Smith was highly delighted with his initial efforts with sponsorship for his walk £100+. *Josephine Burgess*

Pentecostal Church

Just to let you know that the Pentecostal Church, which was meeting on Hallam Fields, has now moved to Belgrave.

No Sunday School on Sunday 19th May

Due to all staff members being away on this day, the Rev'd Amanda is planning to do an All Age Talk in the Main Service instead. Other Sundays will be as normal. Rose

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

Housekeeping Items

Hospitality Supplies: Thanks to the Warm Space Grant we are able to provide tea, instant and ground coffee, juice, hot chocolate, and we have a system of topping up the existing containers from this supply. If you want to donate items please provide biscuits/cakes which we can use at our cafe/events. Kitchen Supplies & Items: Please put kitchen supplies and items where the label says, this way everything fits in and you can find it. Our Hospitality Ministry is expanding and our connections with the Community. Please help us to keep our facilities in good working order. Thank you. Rose

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 5th **6th Sunday of Easter**

Readings used today:

Reading 1: Deuteronomy 30:11-20

Reading 2: 2 Timothy 3:10-17

Gospel: John 5:31-47

Lectionary Readings:

Acts 10:44-end, 1 John 5:1-6, John 15:9-17 Ps 98

Mon 6th **Theme: John 8:31-32**

Psalm: 65

Reading 1: Numbers 16:1-35

Reading 2: Luke 6:27-38

Tue 7th **Theme: Hebrews 4:12-13**

Psalm: 126

Reading 1: Numbers 16:36-end

Reading 2: Luke 6:39-end

Wed 8th **Theme: 1 Peter 1:13-25**

Psalm: 132

Reading 1: Numbers 17:1-11

Reading 2: Luke 7:1-10

Thu 9th **Ascension Day**

Theme: Deut 30:11-14

Psalm: 110

Reading 1: Isaiah 52:7-end

Reading 2: Hebrews 7:26-end

Holy Communion Readings

Reading 1: Acts 1:1-11

Gospel: Luke 24:44-end

Fri 10th **Theme: John 5:31-47**

Psalm: 81

Reading 1: Numbers 20:1-13

Reading 2: Luke 7:11-17

Sat 11th **Theme: 2 Peter 1:3-21**

Psalm: 47

Reading 1: Numbers 21:4-9

Reading 2: Luke 7:18-35

Sun 12th **Sunday after Ascension Day**

Reading 1: Acts 1:1-11

Reading 2: Ephesians 1:15-end

Gospel: Luke 24:44-end

Evensong Readings

Reading 1: Acts 1:1-11

Reading 2: Luke 24:44-53

Psalm: 47

Theme: 2 Timothy 3:10-17

For our Prayers

Theme for the week - Bible Reading

Spend part of your prayer time in asking for a deeper understanding of the Word of God and for a renewed love for all that it speaks to you.

For the persecuted church - Central African Republic

Father, the situation in CAR seems so impossible & hopeless. It's been going on for so long, & there are no signs of relief. But we know You are a God who is not limited by the hopeless – we ask You to intervene & bring about changes in CAR, that peace would come & relief would be available for people there. We ask for Your deliverance of Your people in CAR, that they would be protected from harm & allowed to worship You. We pray for churches to be able to reopen without fear & for the worship of Jesus to ring out across the country. Amen.

For our Churches, this week especially for:

Our Homegroups

Children who are not know to us, but are orphaned by war

What are we thankful for this week:

Some dry weather

For our Community, this week especially for:

The Canal & River Trust

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

Sheila Ward

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 the Mali War ongoing since 2012.

Mon: For an end to the Yemeni Civil War (Yemen, Saudi Arabia) ongoing since 2014.

Tues; For an end to the Sudan conflict ongoing since 2023.

Wed: For an end to the Kurdish separatism in Iran ongoing since 1918.

Thurs: For an end to Insurgency in Kashmir (India & Pakistan) ongoing since 1947.

Fri: For an end to Israeli-Palestinian Conflict (Israel, Palestine) ongoing since 1948.

Sat: For an end to insurgency in Bolochistan (Pakistan, Iran) ongoing since 1948.