



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



**6<sup>th</sup> October 2024** **Harvest**

**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 6<sup>th</sup>**  
 8:30am Morning Prayer  
 10.00am Harvest All Together

**Thursday 10<sup>th</sup>**  
 9:30am Morning Prayer

**Our Lady & St Nicholas:**

**Sunday 6<sup>th</sup>**  
 6pm Holy Communion

**What else is happening this week**

**Sunday 6<sup>th</sup>**  
 4:30pm Harvest Hymns & Beer  
 The Old Plough, Front Street

**Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup>**  
 12:30-4:30pm Welcome Space St James

**Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup>**  
 2.00-4:30pm Welcome Space St James  
 2pm Sunday School Meeting St James  
 3-4pm Open Church & Private Prayer  
 Our Lady & St Nicholas

**Saturday 12<sup>th</sup>**  
 10am-12noon Open Church St James

**What's happening next week**

**Sunday 13<sup>th</sup>**  
 8:30am Morning Prayer St James  
 10am Holy Communion with Healing St James  
 4pm Faith, Friendship & Fun Hallam Fields Hall  
 6pm BCP Evensong Our Lady & St Nicholas

**Monday 14<sup>th</sup>**  
 2:30-4:30pm Monday Group St James

**Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup>**  
 10am-12noon Old Nick's Coffee Shop Wanlip Hall  
 12:30-4:30pm Welcome Space St James

**Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup>**  
 2-4:30pm Welcome Space St James  
 3-4pm Open Church & Private Prayer Our Lady & St Nicholas

**Thursday 17<sup>th</sup>**  
 9:30am Holy Communion St James  
 11am Funeral for Lynn Lynch St James

**Saturday 19<sup>th</sup>**  
 10am-12noon Open Church St James  
 10am-12noon Mothers Union Coffee Morning Methodist Coffee Shop

# Notices

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

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## **Harvest Hymns & Beer - Today (6<sup>th</sup> October)**

Come and join us at The Old Plough on Front Street, at 4:30pm for Harvest Hymns & Beer, All welcome.

## **Faith, Friendship & Fun - Creation Celebration - 13<sup>th</sup> October**

An informal worship service celebrating our world and all our furry, feathery and scaly friends! Bring along a photo of your pet, favourite animal or your teddy! Starts at 4pm in Hallam Fields Hall. All Welcome.

## **Shoebox Appeal 2024**

Thank you for all your donations so far. We still need chocolate and sweets, and shampoo, not over 400ml. We do not need shower gel, as the living conditions of many are so dreadful and they certainly do not have showers. We are hoping to send 85 boxes this time and the carriage for these will be £255, so donations towards this will be gratefully received. Many thanks.

*Sylvia Simes and Doreen Wilson*

## **Monday Group - 14<sup>th</sup> October 2.30pm**

Do you like playing Bingo? Who doesn't? Come and join us as we eagerly await for numbers to be called by the 'Great' Gregorio. Held in the Community Area at St James. *Joan Folland*

## **Old Nick's Coffee Shop - 15<sup>th</sup> October**

The next Old Nick's Coffee Shop will be on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> October at 10am-12 noon, in Wanlip Hall.

## **Mothers Union Coffee Morning - 19<sup>th</sup> October**

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

## **Leicester Marathon - 13<sup>th</sup> October**

The Leicester Marathon is on the 13<sup>th</sup> October, please arrive by about 9:30-9:45am for church that day, for the 10am service.

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

Don't buy individually wrapped sweets – go for those sold loose in boxes or jars.

## **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.

## **The Collect for Harvest**

Eternal God, you crown the year with your goodness and you give us the fruits of the earth in their season: grant that we may use them to your glory, for the relief of those in need and for our own well-being; 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 Harvest**

Lord of the harvest, with joy we have offered thanksgiving for your love in creation and have shared in the bread and the wine of the kingdom: by your grace plant within us a reverence for all that you give us and make us generous and wise stewards of the good things we enjoy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

## **Bible chat Group**

We have a funeral on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October at 11am, so there will **not** be a Bible chat group that day, but there will still be the Communion service at 9:30am.

## **Save the Children**

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

## **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*)

## **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*

## **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](mailto:stjames.birstall@btconnect.com), or [sheryljupp@hotmail.co.uk](mailto: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 6<sup>th</sup> Harvest**

### Readings used

**Reading 1: Psalm 103**

**Reading 2: Romans 10:9-15**

**Gospel: Mark 4:26-34**

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

**Mon 7<sup>th</sup> Theme: Mark 4:1-34**

Psalm: 98

Reading 1: 2 Kings 17:24-end

Reading 2: Philippians 1:1-11

**Tue 8<sup>th</sup> Theme: Matthew 13:10-17**

Psalm: 106

Reading 1: 2 Kings 18:1-12

Reading 2: Philippians 1:12-end

**Wed 9<sup>th</sup> Theme: 2 Samuel 12:1-25**

Psalm: 111

Reading 1: 2 Kings 18:13-end

Reading 2: Philippians 2:1-13

**Thu 10<sup>th</sup> Theme: Romans 10:1-21**

Psalm: 115

Reading 1: 2 Kings 19:1-19

Reading 2: Philippians 2:14-end

### Holy Communion Readings

Reading 1: Galatians 3:1-5

Gospel: Luke 11:5-13

**Fri 11<sup>th</sup> Theme: John 16:1-16**

Psalm: 139

Reading 1: 2 Kings 19:20-36

Reading 2: Philippians 3:1 - 4:1

**Sat 12<sup>th</sup> Theme: Proverbs 6:20-23**

Psalm: 121

Reading 1: 2 Kings 20

Reading 2: Philippians 4:2-end

**Sun 13<sup>th</sup> 20<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity**

### Readings used

**Reading 1: Psalm 139: 1-18, 23-24**

**Reading 2: Galatians 6: 11-18**

**Gospel: Matthew 23: 1-12**

Lectionary readings: Amos 5:6-7, 10-15, Hebrews 4:12-end, Mark 10:17-31

### BCP Evensong Readings:

**Reading 1: Proverbs 15: 1-8, 19-33**

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

**Psalm: 25**

**Theme: Isaiah 48:14-22**

## For our Prayers

### Theme for the week - The Parables

Jesus often explained the deep things about his Father with stories from everyday life. Ask him this week to speak to you from all the events and people in your daily living.

### For the persecuted church - Bangladesh

Dear God, we ask that You will be with Your people in Bangladesh, especially those who came to know You out of a different faith. We thank You for being a God who calls each of us by name, & we ask You to remember Your children in Bangladesh. We also pray for the families of the tribal Christians who were killed this year – please be with them & help them heal as they mourn. Finally, we pray for our brothers & sisters among the Rohingya refugees – please protect & help them to find fellowship even in a refugee camp. Amen.

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

Churches Together in Birstall & Wanlip

Our Children: Rex & Sumay

### What are we thankful for this week:

The antics of the birds & squirrels at the bird feeder

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

Our sense of Community

### 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

Patricia Ayres & Lynn Lynch

### 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 the ISIL insurgency in the North Caucasus ongoing since 2017.

**Mon:** For an end to the Internal Conflict in Myanmar (Kachin, Karen, Rohingya, Rakhine, protests & insurgency) ongoing since 1948.

**Tues:** For or an end to the Ethiopian Civil Conflict (Ethiopia, Eritrea, Sudan) ongoing since 2018.

**Wed:** For an end to Colombian Conflict in Colombia, Venezuela, Ecuador ongoing since 1964.

**Thurs:** For an end to the Afghanistan conflict (IS - Taliban) ongoing since 1978.

**Fri:** For an end to the Somali Civil War (with Kenya) ongoing since 1991.

**Sat:** For an end to Allied Democratic Forces insurgency in Africa (DR Congo and Uganda) ongoing since 1996.