



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



7th April 2024

2nd Sunday of Easter

Welcome to you all



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Our Services this week

St James:

Sunday 7th

8:30am Holy Communion
10.00am All Together Service

Thursday 11th

9:30am Holy Communion

Our Lady & St Nicholas:

Sunday 7th

6pm Holy Communion

What else is happening this week

Monday 8th

2-4:30pm Monday Group St James

Tuesday 9th

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

Wednesday 10th

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

Saturday 13th

10am-Noon Open Church St James
3:30-4:30pm Visiting Bell Ringers St James

What's happening next week

Sunday 14th
8:30am Holy Communion St James
10am Healing Service St James
6pm BCP Evensong Our Lady & St Nicholas

Monday 15th 10am-Noon Mothers Union St James

Tuesday 16th 10am-Noon Old Nick's Coffee Shop Wanlip Hall
12:30-4:30pm Welcome Space St James

Wednesday 17th 12:30-4:30pm Welcome Space St James
3-4pm Open Church & Private Prayer Our Lady & St Nicholas

Thursday 18th 9:30am Holy Communion St James

Saturday 20th 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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Time off

Amanda is off from tomorrow, Monday 8th - Saturday 20th April and will be back at work on Sunday 21st April. Please do not disturb! Thank you. (Queries to the wardens, please.)

Information Sheets for the week beginning 21st April

If you require any notices to be included in the 21st April information sheets can you please let me have them before 11am on Thursday 11th April. I will be out of the office from then until Tuesday 23rd April. Thanks *Sheryl*

Minister Community meeting - 23rd April

For the next stage of the Minster Community plan in the Diocese, we need 2 reps to attend the first meeting, on the 23rd April at 7pm at St Martin's House, as well as Amanda.

Whoever goes to this meeting does not commit themselves to future meetings, but they will need to feed back to the PCC. It's fine to have different people each time. Amanda will explain more about this in the services today. We will also be giving out "storyboard sheets" for everyone to put their opinions down - this is about the church not yourself! So one question says "Where have you come from?" which means "Where has the church come from?" for example. We will collate everyone's answers to feedback to the Minster Community meetings and everyone's opinions are important. Please return these by 14th April. Does anyone feel like they could do the collating job, please? So 2 reps and a collator are required, please!

Saving Paper

In an effort to save paper please could all the paper BIBLE READINGS be put into my pigeon hole after use as it is proposed that a file will be made of these readings and eventually it will be placed in the Parish Office so they can be reused. Thank you. *Josephine Burgess*

Duck Race

We will have a stall at the Duck Race this year. At the moment, I'm thinking of offering prayer and chat, but if anyone has any good ideas, and wants to help, please let me know! Thanks, manda

Church Storyboards

Please remember to give your filled in Storyboards about the church to the wardens at Wanlip or put in the box provided at St James. Thank you.

Chicks and Rabbits

We are pleased to say the sale of Chicks and Rabbits, together with donations received, raised £300 for Birstall Bags. Through your generosity supporting us to date, £3,587.00 has been raised for different charities. Thank you. *Brenda & Joan*

Circular Saw & JCB Drill

Does anyone own the Black & Decker Circular Saw and the JCB Drill in the cupboard in the office. Is they are yours, can you collect it by the end of the month please.

Summer Fair

Is anyone willing to organise this years Summer Fair please? Please let Amanda or a warden know.

A Collect for the 2nd Sunday of Easter

Almighty Father, you have given your only Son to die for our sins and to rise again for our justification: grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness that we may always serve you in pureness of living and truth; through the merits of your Son Jesus Christ 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 2nd Sunday of Easter

Lord God our Father, through our Saviour Jesus Christ you have assured your children of eternal life and in baptism have made us one with him: deliver us from the death of sin and raise us to new life in your love, in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen**

Keep in Touch

Anne is stepping down from editing our Keep in Touch magazine. If you would like to volunteer to take over from her or would like more information, can you please let Amanda or one of the church wardens know.

Monthly tip for a less-plastic life - April

Reuse small soft-fruit punnets as seed trays or use cardboard loo roll tubes for planting seedlings instead of little plastic pots

Beer and Hymns Night – 22nd April

Amanda will be leading a Beer and Hymns Night on Monday 22nd April from 7-8pm at the White Horse. There will be live music, provided by St Theresa's, and classic hymns to sing along to. St George food specials available.

Old Nick's Coffee Shop - 16th April

The next Old Nicks Coffee Shop will be on Tuesday 16th April at 10am - 12 noon, in Wanlip Hall.

Bible Book Club - 25th April

The next Bible Book club will be on the 25th April from about 10:30am after the Communion Service, and we'll be looking at Zephaniah.

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.

Flowers for special occasions

We are fortunate to have two hugely experienced and professional flower arranging teams at Birstall & Wanlip who are willing to receive requests for flower arrangements to be placed in Church to mark your special occasion. Donations for the cost of the flowers are always welcome, but not always necessary. If you would like the teams to arrange a flower display with your special occasion in mind, please contact Sylvia Simes on 2674206 or email: sylviasimes66@gmail.com (Birstall) and Marjorie Bonshor on 2207964 (Wanlip)

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 7th **2nd Sunday of Easter**

Readings used today:

Reading 1: **Psalm 32**

Reading 2 **1 John 2:1-14**

Gospel : **Luke 18:9-14**

Lectionary Readings:

Acts 4:32-35, John 1:1 - 2:2, John 20:19-end

Psalm 133

Mon 8th **Theme: 1 John 2:1-14**

Annunciation of our Lord to Blessed Virgin Mary

Psalm: 111

Reading 1: 1 Samuel 2:1-10

Reading 2: Romans 5:12-end

Tue 9th **Theme: Hosea 1:1-11**

Psalm: 8

Reading 1: Exodus 15:22 - 16:10

Reading 2: Colossians 1:15-end

Wed 10th **Theme: Romans 10:1-13**

Psalm: 30

Reading 1: Exodus 16:11-end

Reading 2: Colossians 2:1-15

Thu 11th **Theme: Leviticus 26:32-45**

Psalm: 28

Reading 1: Exodus 17

Reading 2: Colossians 2:16 - 3:11

Holy Communion Readings

Reading 1: Acts 5:27-33

Gospel: John 3:31-end

Fri 12th **Theme: Nehemiah 9:1-3**

Psalm: 61

Reading 1: Exodus 18:1-12

Reading 2: Colossians 3:12 - 4:1

Sat 13th **Theme: Proverbs 28:13**

Psalm: 84

Reading 1: Exodus 18:13-end

Reading 2: Colossians 4:2-end

Sun 14th **3rd Sunday of Easter**

Reading 1; Acts 3:12-19

Reading 2: 1 John 3:1-7

Gospel: Luke 24:36b-48

Psalm: 4

Evensong Readings

Reading 1: Philippians 4:1-9

Gospel : Matthew 7:7-12

Psalm: 5

Theme: Jeremiah 3:11-13

For our Prayers

Theme for the week - Confession

It's easier to confess some things than others. But it's usually the more difficult ones & the more personal problems that we need to confess for they are impeding our Christian growth. Quiet yourself before God this week & let him bring to your mind those things that you need to confess to him. He knows best what lies between the two of you.

For the persecuted church - Morocco

Lord Jesus, continue to empower our sisters & brothers as they face many challenges for following You. May they feel Your nearness when they need it most. Provide fresh opportunities for believers to talk about You with others, & give them boldness and the right words in those moments. Heal those carrying wounds from mistreatment, & provide for those whose faith has brought loss of income or security. Thank You that believers are finding ways to meet each other, & we praise You for the way You are meeting Moroccans online & in dreams, visions & divine encounters. We pray for more! Amen.

For our Churches, this week especially for:

Our Sides people & Welcomers

Our Children: Josh, Rosie & Bella

What are we thankful for this week:

Musicians & Composers

For our Community, this week especially for:

Music & Drama Groups

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 the Western Sahara conflict in

Morocco and the Saharawi Republic ongoing since 1973.

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

Tues: And for an end to internal conflict in Peru ongoing since 1980.

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

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

Fri: For an end to internal conflict in Bangladesh.

Sat: For an end to conflict in the Niger Delta in Nigeria & Cameroon ongoing since 2003.