

Lectionary Readings

Sun 7th 2nd Sunday of Advent

Birstall: Advent Carol Service

Reading 1: Zechariah 9:9-10
 Reading 2: Jeremiah 23:5-6
 Reading 3: Psalm 24
 Reading 4: Isaiah 9:2,6-7
 Reading 5: Psalm 132:10-16
 Reading 6: Romans 12
 Reading 7: Matthew 25:1-13

Wanlip: Patronal Festival

Reading 1: Genesis 3:8-15
 Reading 2: Acts 1:12-14
 Gospel: Luke 1:26-38

Mon 8th

Psalm: 44
 Reading 1: Isaiah 30:1-18
 Reading 2: Matthew 14:1-12

Tue 9th

Psalm: 56
 Reading 1: Isaiah 30:19-end
 Reading 2: Matthew 14:13-end

Wed 10th

Psalm: 62
 Reading 1: Isaiah 31
 Reading 2: Matthew 15:1-20

Holy Communion Readings

Reading 1: Isaiah 40:25-end
 Gospel: Matthew 11:28-end

Thu 11th

Psalm: 54
 Reading 1: Isaiah 32
 Reading 2: Matthew 15:21-28

Fri 12th

Psalm: 86
 Reading 1: Isaiah 33:1-22
 Reading 2: Matthew 15:29-end

Sat 13th

Psalm: 145
 Reading 1: Isaiah 35
 Reading 2: Matthew 16:1-12

Sun 14th 3rd Sunday of Advent

Reading 1: Isaiah 35:1-10
 Reading 2: James 5:7-10
 Gospel: Matthew 11:2-11

Wanlip Readings:

Reading 1: Isaiah 35:1-10 or James 5:7-10
 Reading 2: Matthew 11:2-11
 Psalm: 146:4-10

7th December 2025

Collect for the 2nd Sunday of Advent

O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power and come among us, and with great might succour us; that whereas, through our sins and wickedness we are grievously hindered in running the race that is set before us, your bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be honour and glory, now and for ever. **Amen**

Post Communion prayer for the 2nd Sunday of Advent

Father in heaven, who sent your Son to redeem the world and will send him again to be our judge: give us grace so to imitate him in the humility and purity of his first coming that, when he comes again, we may be ready to greet him with joyful love and firm faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

This week we are grateful for....

A warm bed to sleep in

Additional Notices for the Week:

Drinks & Nibbles at the Rectory – 22nd December

Everyone is welcome to join us on Monday 22nd December 7-10:30pm for drinks and nibbles.

Ho Ho Ho – Santa is around

Santa has been busy filling the knitted stockings with tubes of smarties. £2 each. Christmas decoration with a Ferrero Rocher chocolate £1.50 each. On sale from Sunday. Proceeds to St James' handrail fund. Many thanks. *Brenda & Joan*

Tear Fund

A big thank you to Vic and team who hosted the Tearfund Big Quiz for us and raised £160 for Tearfund? *Amanda*

Notices for the Information Sheets & January's Monthly Diary

I will need any dates for January's monthly diary before Tuesday 16th December please to enable me to get it produced before Christmas. Thanks. *Sheryl*

Time off over Christmas

I will be off for Christmas from Thursday 18th December until Tuesday 6th January. The Information sheets for 21st, 28 Dec and 4th Jan will be produced on the 18th December.

Highlights from the November PCC meeting

Christian Charities for 2026 – We generally donate 10% of our income to one Local, one National and one international charity. The agreed charities for 2026 will be:-

SHARP (Shelter Housing Advice and Research Project) in Leicester (Local); Green Pastures (National); and Tear Fund (International).

easyfundraising UK - we have now registered with this organisation to raise funds for the church. They partner with over 8,000 brands who will donate part of what is spent. Further details on how to be involved will follow.

Minster Communities - volunteers invited to join the working group from our church.

Advertising – it was agreed that no advertising of business leaflets be accepted/displayed in church.

Christmas Service Rota - volunteers please to sign up on the rota for cover our Christmas services.

Churches Together Carol Singing around the village – 10th December

Please can you let me know by the end of Sunday (7th) if you are planning to attend and support this event. We need to know a rough idea of how many in total from all of the churches are planning on attending so we can decide if to go ahead & where. *Amanda*

Carols at Watermead Court - 9th December

Please join us on Tuesday 9th December at 2:30pm as we lead a short Carol Service with the residents of Watermead Court. *Gill Pope*

Flowers at Our Lady & St Nicholas

I wish to thank everyone who gave and arranged the flowers and also gave donations towards the flowers at Our Lady and St Nicholas Church at Wanlip during 2025, the new flowers rota will be in the church for new year 2026 wishing you all a merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. *love Marjorie*