



St James the Great • Birstall Our Lady and St Nicholas • Wanlip



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

7th September 2025

12th Sunday after Trinity

**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 7th

10.00am All Together Service

Wednesday 10th

12:30pm Holy Communion
followed by Lunch

Thursday 11th

9:30am Morning Prayer

Our Lady & St Nicholas:

Sunday 7th

6pm Holy Communion

What else is happening this week

Monday 8th

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

Tuesday 9th

10am Funeral of Thomas Hendry St James

10:30am Visiting Bell Ringers

Our Lady & St Nicholas

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

Wednesday 10th

3-4pm Open Church & Private Prayer
Our Lady & St Nicholas

Friday 12th

7:30pm Andy Kind Comedy Night
St James

What's happening next week

Sunday 14th

8:30am Holy Communion St James

10am Holy Communion St James

4pm Messy Church - Creationtide Hallam Fields Hall

6pm BCP Evensong Our Lady & St Nicholas

Monday 15th

10-12noon Mothers Union Meeting St James

Tuesday 16th

10-12 noon Old Nick's Coffee Shop Wanlip Hall

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

Wednesday 17th

11am Funeral for Nicola Wood St James

3-4pm Open Church & Private Prayer Our Lady & St Nicholas

Thursday 18th

9:30am Holy Communion St James

Saturday 20th

10am-12noon Open Church St James

2-4pm Visiting Bell Ringers Our Lady & St Nicholas

Notices

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

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Amanda's days off

Amanda is off on Thursday 11th, instead of Friday 12th and both Friday 19th and Saturday 20th September.

Monthly Wednesday Holy Communion service followed by lunch

Would anyone be happy to provide lunch, (soup & roll) set up and clear away for lunch following our monthly Wednesday Holy Communion Service. If you can, please let Amanda or Rachael know.

Monday Group – 15th September

St James Monday Group meets in the Community Area at St James at 2:30pm. Our Speaker is Sylvia Simes, who is a flower arranger at St James, is coming to talk to us on “The Laws and Legends of flowers.” Do hope you can join us. All welcome. *Joan Folland*

Old Nick's Coffee Shop - 16th September

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

September Funerals at St James

Thomas Hendry's funeral will be on Tuesday 9th September at 10am

Nicola Wood's funeral will be on Wednesday 17th September at 11am.

Hazel Andrew's will be on Monday 22nd September at 1:30pm.

Beryl McHugh's will be on Thursday 25th September at 2pm.

2025 Shoebox Appeal

We are short of bars of soap, toothpaste and shampoo (400ml max). Please do not donate liquid soap nor shower gel. Donations of money are also very welcome as we can buy a lot at wholesale prices, but not the three goods above. Link to Hope managed to deliver a lot of boxes to eastern Ukraine in 2024 where many people, who were quite comfortable, are now marginalised and have nothing. The shoeboxes are particularly welcome there. We hope to send approximately 80 boxes this year and this will mean at least £240, so donations towards carriage are gratefully received. Many thanks. *Sylvia and Doreen*

A Welcome Space at Wanlip – starting Friday 3rd October

Please come and join us in the newly refurbished Wanlip village Hall from 2 until 4 pm to Enjoy light refreshments and friendly conversation. Look forward to seeing you from the Welcome Space team.

Recycling of plastic milk bottle tops

Unfortunately, we have been advised by the charity concerned that they are no longer able to collect and recycle these to raise money for the hospice so I will removing the box from the back of church. They thank us for all the donations we have made. *Janet Waters*

Monthly tip for a less-plastic life - September

Reuse bread and cereal bags as sandwich or freezer bags.

The Collect for the 12th Sunday after Trinity

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray and to give more than either we desire or deserve: pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask but through the merits and mediation of 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 the 12th Sunday after Trinity

God of all mercy, in this eucharist you have set aside our sins and given us your healing: grant that we who are made whole in Christ may bring that healing to this broken world, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Return of the Kind: Comedy night – 12th September

Andy Kind will be returning on Friday 12th September at St James, starting at 7:30pm
A good laugh about everyday events (suitable for anyone). £10.00 per ticket or 2 for £18.00.
Tickets@ ticketsource.co.uk (digital -pay online) or physical tickets for cash after church services /welcome space/open church. (we will keep the money tin/tickets in the Church Office and request it goes back to keep money secure). All tickets must be paid for and shown on entry. A great night, bring your own drinks, (glasses provided) and light refreshments (crisps, snacks etc) will be served. Look forward to seeing you there. Queries/ticket orders please speak to Rose (07811662235) or Kevin Burrows.

Bible Book Club

The book to read this month is Song of Songs! Let Amanda or Rachael know if you have any questions on it!

Prayer Thank you to the Bakers

We would like to say a big thank you to all who baked cakes for the Summer Fair. We Appreciate your skills and generosity. Many thanks. *Cynthia Chapman, Elaine & Steve Goodman*

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.

RNLI Leicester Branch Coffee Morning - 20th September

There will be a Coffee Morning on Saturday 20th September at the Methodist Church Coffee Shop at 10am-12 noon. Raffle, Bring & Buy Stall & Cakes. Please come along and support the Lifeboats.

Emergency Phone Alert Test - Today (7th September)

The Government is testing the UK's Emergency Alerts system again on Sunday 7th September at 3pm. Emergency Alerts is a UK government system that provides warning and advice in a life threatening emergency. The government does not need to know your phone number or location to send you an alert. What happens when you get an emergency alert? Your mobile phone or tablet may: – make a loud siren-like sound, even if it's set on silent – vibrate – read out the alert The sound and vibration will last for about 10 seconds. For more information and advice, visit the GOV.UK website.

God, the Bible & Everything (in 60 minutes) - 27th September

God, the Bible and Everything is the ultimate one-hour comedy charge through the whole Bible! 66 books, 12 tribes, 2 testaments and a snake in a pear tree. BBC sitcom writer and stand-up theologian James Cary explains iconic stories as Zadok, it's fast, furious, and laugh-out-loud funny. Faith or not, you'll love it!. Held at St Mary's Church Sileby on 27th September starting at 7pm. Tickets £5. Email scsparishes@gmail.com or go to Eventbrite.

Lectionary Readings

Sun 7th 12th Sunday after Trinity

Reading 1: Deuteronomy 30:15-end

Reading 2: Philemon 1-21

Gospel: Luke 14:25-33

Mon 8th

Psalm: 98

Reading 1: Proverbs 14:31-15:17

Reading 2: Mark 6:45-end

Tue 9th

Psalm: 106

Reading 1: Proverbs 15:18-end

Reading 2: Mark 7:1-13

Wed 10th

Psalm: 111

Reading 1: Proverbs 18:10-end

Reading 2: Mark 7:14-23

Holy Communion Readings

Reading 1: Colossians 3:1-11

Gospel: Luke 6:20-26

Thu 11th

Psalm: 115

Reading 1: Proverbs 20:1-22

Reading 2: Mark 7:24-30

Holy Communion Readings

Reading 1: Colossians 3:12-17

Gospel: Luke 6:27-38

Fri 12th

Psalm: 139

Reading 1: Proverbs 22:1-16

Reading 2: Mark 7:31-end

Sat 13th

Psalm: 121

Reading 1: Proverbs 24:23-end

Reading 2: Mark 8:1-10

Sun 14th 13th Sunday after Trinity

Reading 1: Exodus 32:7-14

Reading 2: 1 Timothy 1:12-17

Gospel: Luke 15:1-10

Wanlip's Readings

Reading 1: 1 Kings 19:3-9

Reading 2: John 6:26-27, 32-40, 53-57

Psalm: 34:1-11

For our Prayers

For the persecuted church - Tunisia

Father God, we pray that it will become increasingly easy for Tunisian Christians to meet together and encourage one another. Please speak to the families of people who become believers, so that they will come to know and trust Jesus as well, instead of rejecting their loved ones. We pray for peace in this country where tensions run high. In Jesus' name, **Amen.**

For our Churches, this week especially for:

Our Readers: Lesley & Sheila

Our Children: Ben & Cosmo

What are we thankful for this week:

Our homes

For our Community, this week especially for:

Office & Administrative workers

For those in need or unwell:

Nicky Hardy, David Bark, Dorothy Barsby, Michael Webb, John & Lesley Walton, Tricia Emmett & all who care for them.

For those who have Holy Communion at home:

Sheila Skidmore, Monica Lucas, Freda Sowards, Margery Orton, Gillian Hinton, John Harrison, John Walters, Michael Webb & Dorothy Barsby

For those who have recently died

Thomas Hendry, Beryl McHugh, Nicola Wood & Hazel Andrews

For 1st anniversary of death this week:

Every day - 9pm (or another time!)

Praying for peace in Ukraine & Israel / Palestine / Iran. And a different area each day.

Sun: For an end to the Islamic State insurgency in Northern Caucasus ongoing since 2017

Mon: For an end to the Honduran gang crackdown ongoing since 2022

Tues: For an end to the Kurdish-Turkish Conflict ongoing since 1921

Wed: For an end to the Korean Conflict ongoing since 1948

Thurs: For an end to the Western Sahara Conflict ongoing since 1970

Fri: For an end to the Peruvian Conflict ongoing since 1980

Sat: For an end to the Islamic Terrorism in Egypt ongoing since 1981