

Lectionary Readings

Sun 8th 3rd Sunday of Lent

Reading 1: Exodus 17:1-7

Reading 2: Romans 5:1-11

Gospel: John 4:5-42

Wanlip Readings

Reading 1: Joshua 1:1-9

Reading 2: Ephesians 6:10-20

Psalm: 119:73-88

Mon 9th

Psalm: 5

Reading 1: Genesis 47:1-27

Reading 2: Hebrews 4:14 – 5:10

Tue 10th

Psalm: 9

Reading 1: Genesis 47:28 – end of 48

Reading 2: Hebrews 5:11 – 6:12

Wed 11th

Psalm: 38

Reading 1: Genesis 49:1-32

Reading 2: Hebrews 6:13-end

Thu 12th

Psalm: 56

Reading 1: Genesis 49:33 – end of 50

Reading 2: Hebrews 7:1-10

Fri 13th

Psalm: 22

Reading 1: Exodus 1:1-14

Reading 2: Hebrews 7:11-end

Sat 14th

Psalm: 31

Reading 1: Exodus 1:22 – 2:10

Reading 2: Hebrews 8

Sun 15th Mothering Sunday

Reading 1: Exodus 2:1-10

Reading 2: 2 Corinthians 1:3-7

Gospel: Luke 2:33-35

Wanlip Readings

Reading 1: Exodus 2:1-10

Reading 2: 2 Corinthians 1:3-7

Gospel: Luke 2:33-35

8th March 2026

Collect for the 3rd Sunday of Lent

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; 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**

Post Communion Prayer for the 3rd Sunday of Lent

Merciful Lord, grant your people grace to withstand the temptations of the world, the flesh and the devil, and with pure hearts and minds to follow you, the only God; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

BCP Collect for the 3rd Sunday of Lent

We beseech thee, Almighty God, look upon the hearty desires of thy humble servants, and stretch forth the right hand of thy Majesty, to be our defence against all our enemies; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

This week we are grateful for....

Libraries & the freedom to read anything
without censorship.

Additional Notices for the Week

Monica Lucas

Monica's funeral will be on Wednesday 25th March at St James starting at 11:30am.

Lent Course

Our Lent Course days & times are below. You are welcome to swap and change which one you attend. Each session lasts approx. one hour and will on every week until Palm Sunday.

- Tuesdays 2pm at Birstall Methodist; Wednesdays 7pm at St James; & Fridays 2pm at St Theresa's.

Mothers Union meeting - 16th March

M U meeting - Mon 16th March 10am in St James. Our speaker is Wendy Nye " Things ain't what they used to be!" As Easter falls before our April meeting and M U Spring Forum, our contributions of Easter eggs & Easter craft materials, will need to be available for collection by Kate Cooper MU Administrator from St Martin's House, at our March meeting. The eggs etc are distributed by PACT in Leicester prisons to prisoners & their families, when visiting over Easter. (See our notice board for more information about PACT's work in prisons.) Basket at back of church. Visitors are always welcome at our monthly meetings. *Rita Richards*

Jacqueline Garlick

Jacqueline's funeral will take place on Friday 13th March at Lough. Crem starting at 10:15am.

Bring & Share Lunch – 29th March

Our next Bring and Share Lunch is on Sunday 29th March in Birstall village hall starting at 12:30pm. Please come if you can and invite any family or friends you'd like and something to share!

Cantamici Choir Concert - 1st April

The Cantamici Choir returns to St James to perform John Stainer's 'Crucifixion' on 1st April starting at 7:30pm. The soloists are John Thawley and Simon Lumby with Simon Ainge on the organ. There will be hymns for the audience to join in. The whole event will last just over the hour with refreshments available afterwards. All are welcome to attend as part of your preparations for Easter. Admission is £7. Tickets available on the door or in advance from Rose 07811 662235. Rose