



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



8th September 2024 **15th 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 8th
 8:30am Morning Prayer
 10.00am Holy Communion

Thursday 12th
 9:30am Holy Communion

Our Lady & St Nicholas:
Sunday 8th
 6pm BCP Evensong

What else is happening this week

Sunday 8th
 12:30 for 1pm Parish Lunch Beedles Lake, East Goscote
 3:30pm Eucharist to celebrate the 30th Anniversary of the Ordination of Women Priests L. Cathedral

Monday 9th
 2:30-4:30pm Monday Group St James

Tuesday 10th
 12:30-4:30pm Welcome Space St James

Wednesday 11th
 2.00-4:30pm Welcome Space St James
 3-4pm Open Church & Private Prayer Our Lady & St Nicholas

Friday 13th
 2:45pm Funeral for John Williams St James

Saturday 14th
 10am-12noon Open Church St James
 10am-6pm Ride & Stride Both Churches

What's happening next week

Sunday 15th
 8:30am Morning Prayer St James
 10am Holy Communion St James
 6pm BCP Evensong Our Lady & St Nicholas

Tuesday 17th
 12:30-4:30pm Welcome Space St James

Wednesday 18th
 10am-12noon Mothers Union Meeting St James
 2-4:30pm Welcome Space St James
 3-4pm Open Church & Private Prayer Our Lady & St Nicholas
 7pm PCC Meeting St James

Thursday 19th
 9:30am Morning Prayer St James

Saturday 21st
 10am-12noon Open Church St James
 10am-12 noon 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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St James Monday Group - 9th September

You are invited to come and join us for a fun game of 'Beetle Drive' at 2:30pm-4:30pm. Do not worry if you don't know how to play, we have 'Professor Pete' to guide us. Visitors most welcome. *Joan Folland*

Use of Microphones Practice - 23rd September

Please could everyone who uses the microphones in church on any rota (eg reads, leads intercessions); those who are on the welcome team; and those who are in the altar party; or might like to be, please join us for practice and a discussion on Monday 23rd September at 5pm for a max of 1 hour, even if you have been doing it for years! If you can't make it, please let me know and we can find another time for anyone left out! Thanks, *manda*

Bible Book Club - 26th September

The next Bible Book Club will be on Thursday 26th September starting at about 10:30am following the Holy Communion Service. The book we will be studying is 1 Timothy. All welcome.

Shoebbox Appeal 2024

We are grateful for any contributions, but we particularly need toothpaste, toothbrushes, soap and sweets. If you would rather give a donation, we can buy what is needed. Many thanks. *Sylvia Simes and Doreen Wilson*

Thank you

Thanks to everyone who helped with the Summer Fair in any way. *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*

Old Nick's Coffee Shop

There will NOT be a coffee shop in September. Please pass message on to people you may know. Sorry for any inconvenience. *Julie*

Thank you to the Bakers

We would like to say a "Big Thank You" to all who baked cakes for the Fete and to Janet for her Jams and Marmalade. Please continue to practise your baking skills as we would love to call on your services again! Many thanks. *Cynthia Chapman, Elaine and Steve Goodman*

The Collect for the 15th Sunday of Trinity

God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit upon your Church in the burning fire of your love: grant that your people may be fervent in the fellowship of the gospel that, always abiding in you, they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service; 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 the 15th Sunday of Trinity

Keep, O Lord, your Church, with your perpetual mercy; and, because without you our human frailty cannot but fall, keep us ever by your help from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

BCP Collect for 15th Sunday after Trinity

Keep, we beseech thee, O Lord, thy Church with thy perpetual mercy; and, because the frailty of man without thee cannot but fall, keep us ever by thy help from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Change of Theme Readings at Our Lady & St Nicholas

Last week the theme readings at Birstall they were for The Lord's Prayer as they were more suitable for the All Together Service. The readings Amanda used at Wanlip were for God's Absence. This week's readings will switch around to God's Absence at Birstall & The Lord's Prayer at Wanlip, which Sheila will be using.

The daily readings for The Lord's Prayer are:

Mon: Matthew 26:40-41

Tues: John 16:23-24

Wed: Luke 11:1-14

Thurs: Matthew 6:6-15

Fri: Luke 18:1-8

Sat: John 17

Sun: John 12:23-28

For our prayers:

The only lesson that the disciples asked Jesus to teach them was how to pray. And recorded in the Lord's Prayer is the model which Jesus incorporated to teach them how to have sweet communication with the Father. Let it shape your prayer life, and be the model of communication for you.

Candles for Ukraine

We have been asked to start collecting candles for Ukraine again so please add them to the box in the Old Church by the candle stand. Thank you for your contributions in the past and hopefully for some more. *Josephine*

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.

Forthcoming events at St. Theresa's

Saturday 14th Mass and Afternoon Tea for the elderly and housebound & their carers 2-4pm

Friday 27th September at St Theresa's: Quiz night £3 at door proceeds to Rainbows. 7pm.

Monthly tip for a less-plastic life - September

Reuse bread and cereal bags as sandwich or freezer bags.

Lectionary & Theme Readings

(Please see notice inside for theme readings for Wanlip)

Sun 8th 15th Sunday after Trinity

Readings used

Reading 1: Job 19:1-27

Reading 2 2 Corinthians 1:3-11

Gospel: Matthew 27:45-54

Lectionary readings: Isaiah 35:4-7a, James 2:1-10, 14-17, Mark 7:24-end

BCP Evensong Readings:

Reading 1: 1 Kings 8: 22-31, 52-56,

Reading 2: Matthew 6:5-15

Psalm: 4

Mon 9th Theme: 2 Corinthians 1:1-11

Psalm: 30

Reading 1: 1 Kings 8:31-62

Reading 2: Acts 16:6-24

Tue 10th Theme: Deuteronomy 7:1-9

Psalm: 36

Reading 1: 1 Kings 8:63 - 9:9

Reading 2: Acts 16:25-end

Wed 11th Theme: Hebrews 12:1-13

Psalm: 34

Reading 1: 1 Kings 10:1-25

Reading 2: Acts 17:1-15

Thu 12th Theme: Job 19:1-27

Psalm: 37

Reading 1: 1 Kings 11:1-13

Reading 2: Acts 17:16-end

Holy Communion Readings

Reading 1: 1 Corinthians 8:1-7, 11-end

Gospel: Luke 6:27-38

Fri 13th Theme: 1 Peter 4:1-19

Psalm: 31

Reading 1: 1 Kings 11:26-end

Reading 2: Acts 18:1-21

Sat 14th Theme: Job 23:1-17

Holy Cross Day

Psalm: 2

Reading 1: Genesis 3:1-15

Reading 2: John 12:27-36a

Sun 15th 16th Sunday after Trinity

Readings used

Reading 1: Isaiah 50:4-9a,

Reading 2 Philippians 2:1-11

Gospel: Luke 22:14-22

Lectionary readings: Isaiah 50:4-9a, James 3:1-12, Mark 8:27-end

BCP Evensong Readings:

Reading 1: T.B.C

Reading 2:

Psalm: Theme: Isaiah 40:12-31

For our Prayers

Theme for the week - God's Absence

Rest your prayers in the love of an ever-present God. Remember that he is not present because you feel he is present nor is he absent because you feel he is absent. He is always present because he has promised to be: Speak to him because he is there.

(For the theme for Wanlip, please see notice inside)

For the persecuted church - Cuba

Dear God, we ask You to be with our sisters & brothers in Cuba. We pray especially for those who speak out against the injustice they see in their country – thank You for giving them boldness & Your heart for justice. We ask You to protect them & help them to know You love them. We also pray for those who lead churches, that you would help them navigate the tension of daily life & ministry. Amen.

For our Churches, this week especially for:

Those who carry out maintenance work in our Churches
Our Children: Ben & Joe

What are we thankful for this week:

A handy seat with a view along a walk

For our Community, this week especially for:

The Food Hub

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 Sowards, Margery Orton & Pat Wilby

For those who have recently died

John Williams

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 Nagorno-Karabakh conflict in Artsakh, Azerbaijan & Armenia ongoing since 1988.

Mon: For an end to insurgency in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa in Pakistan ongoing since 2004.

Tues: For an end to The Libyan Crisis ongoing since 2011.

Wed: For an end to Sinai insurgency in Egypt ongoing since 2011.

Thurs: For an end to the Central African Republic Civil War ongoing since 2012.

Fri: For an end to the insurgency in Northern Chad ongoing since 2021.

Sat: For an end to the Philippine Drug War ongoing since 2016.