



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.

9th March 2025

1st Sunday of Lent

**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 9th

8:30am Morning Prayer
 10.00am Holy Communion

Thursday 13th

9:30am Holy Communion

Our Lady & St Nicholas:

Sunday 9th

6pm BCP Evensong

What else is happening this week

Sunday 9th

4pm Pancake Party Hallam Fields Hall

Monday 10th

2:30-4:30pm Monday Group AGM & quiz St James
 7:30pm F & S Meeting Rectory

Tuesday 11th

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

Wednesday 12th

2-4:30pm Welcome Space St James
 3-4pm Open Church & Private Prayer
 Our Lady & St Nicholas

Thursday 13th

10:30am Bible Book Club St James

Saturday 15th

10am-12noon Open Church St James

What's happening next week

Sunday 16th

10am Holy Communion St James
 11:10am Stuart Burns - Q&A about Minister Communities St James
 6pm BCP Evensong Our Lady & St Nicholas

Monday 17th

10am-12noon Mothers Union Meeting St James

Tuesday 18th

10am-12noon Old Nick's Coffee Shop St James
 12:30-4:30pm Welcome Space St James

Wednesday 19th

2-4:30pm Welcome Space St James
 2-5pm Healing and Wellness event St James
 3-4pm Open Church & Private Prayer Our Lady & St Nicholas

Thursday 20th

9:30am Morning Prayer St James

Saturday 22nd

10am-12noon Visiting Bell ringers St James

Notices

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

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| Rev Amanda Digman (Day off usually Friday) | 251 Birstall Road | 07803 625049 revamandadigman@me.com |
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Pancake Party - Today (9th March)

We are having a Pancake Party on Sunday 9th March at Hallam Fields Hall starting at 4pm. Fun, games and pancakes, suitable for all ages to play and learn about Shrove Tuesday. All welcome.

Monday Group - 10th March

We meet on 10th March 2.30pm in the community area, A.G.M. followed by a quiz. Visitors welcome. *Joan Folland*

Bible Book Club - 13th March

The next Bible Book Club will be on Thursday 13th March starting at about 10:30am following the Holy Communion Service. The book we will be studying is Ruth. All welcome.

Reporting an accident in church

If you have had an accident in church in the past year, or do in the future, or are with someone who does, please ensure you fill in a report in the accident book in the kitchen at St James' or the clergy vestry at Wanlip.

Birstall Health & Wellbeing Event - 19th March

Birstall Health & Wellbeing Event will be held at St James on Wednesday 19th March between 2pm - 5pm. Are you looking for support for yourself or someone you care about? If so, come along to the and meet some of your local support services. Everyone welcome! *Janet Waters*

Stuart Burns Q&A Visit about Minister Communities - 16th March

Stuart Burns, Director of Parish Transition & Ministry Development is coming to St James' on Sunday 16th March for coffee time Q&A about Minister Communities, the process, and any other questions around this. If you have any questions, please could you give them to Amanda (written on a piece of paper legibly!) or emailed, by midday on Wednesday 12th March.

There will be the opportunity to ask questions on the day too, but it would help Stuart to have time to look up anything he needs to find out beforehand. Please try to come to this even if you don't usually come to the 10am service. (So aim for about 11:10am.)

Change of date - Bring and Share Lunch

Please note the bring and share lunch in the village hall has been brought forward from the 30th March to the 23rd March. Lists are in both Churches for names. There will also be bring and share lunches on Sunday 29th June and Sunday 30th November. Please put these dates in your diary. Thank you. *Joan Folland*

APCM Reports

Please can you let us have your reports for the APCM by the end of February for 2024 (ie January to December 2024). We still need reports from the Churchwardens at St James and the following groups: Monday Group, Mothers' Union, Deanery Synod (Rose), Churches Together (Andrzej), Home Groups (Ladi). Thanks.

The Collect for the 1st Sunday of Lent

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are, yet without sin: give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit; and, as you know our weakness, so may we know your power to save; 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 1st Sunday of Lent.

Lord God, you have renewed us with the living bread from heaven; by it you nourish our faith, increase our hope, and strengthen our love: teach us always to hunger for him who is the true and living bread, and enable us to live by every word that proceeds from out of your mouth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

BCP Evensong Collect for the 1st Sunday of Lent

O Lord, who for our sake didst fast forty days and forty nights: Give us grace to use such abstinence, that, our flesh being subdued to the Spirit, we may ever obey thy godly motions in righteousness and true holiness, to thy honour and glory, who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. **Amen**

Save the Children

Dates for your diary:

- Lunch at the White Horse on Wednesday 30th April information at the back of the church.
- The Strawberry teas will take place all being well on Saturday 21st June and Saturday 19th July
- The Autumn lunch at the White Horse will be on Wednesday 5th November.

Further details for the Strawberry teas and Autumn Lunch nearer the time. Numbers are limited for all events. *Josephine*

Monthly tip for a less-plastic life - March

Buy loose fruit and veg.

New Electoral Roll 2025

This year ALL members of St James the Great, Birstall and Our Lady & St Nicholas, Wanlip need to re-apply to be on the church's New Electoral Roll. Enrolment forms will be available from 22nd March - 26th April. *Christine Suffolk*

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.

RBL Quiz night

Several of us enjoy going to the quiz at the RBL on Wednesday evenings at 8:15pm. Please join us whenever you can. It's £1.50 per quizzier +£1 for non members. Text Amanda if you're coming just to double check we're going that evening. We can meet you outside if a bit nervous walking in alone - and who wouldn't be?!

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 leave a message on the office answer machine (0116 2671797) 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 Readings

Sun 9th **1st Sunday of Lent**
Reading 1: Deuteronomy 26:1-11
Reading 2: Romans 10:8b-13
Gospel: Luke 4:1-13

Evensong Readings

Reading 1: Deuteronomy 26:1-11
Reading 2: Luke 4:1-13
Psalm: 91:1-11

Mon 10th

Psalm: 98
Reading 1: Jeremiah 4:19-end
Reading 2: John 5:1-18

Tue 11th

Psalm: 44
Reading 1: Jeremiah 5:1-19
Reading 2: John 5:19-29

Wed 12th

Psalm: 6
Reading 1: Jeremiah 5:20-end
Reading 2: John 5:30-end

Thu 13th

Psalm: 42
Reading 1: Jeremiah 6:9-21
Reading 2: John 6:1-15

Holy Communion Readings

Reading 1: Isaiah 55:6-9
Gospel: Matthew 7:7-12

Fri 14th

Psalm: 22
Reading 1: Jeremiah 6:22-end
Reading 2: John 6:16-27

Sat 15th

Psalm: 63
Reading 1: Jeremiah 7:1-20
Reading 2: John 6:27-40

Sun 16th **2nd Sunday of Lent**

Reading 1: Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18
Reading 2: Philippians 3:17 - 4:1
Gospel: Luke 13:31-end

Evensong Readings

Reading 1: Jeremiah 22:1-9, 13-17
Reading 2: Luke 14:27-33
Psalm: 135

For our Prayers

For the persecuted church - Pakistan

Lord God, we pray for protection around our sisters & brothers in Pakistan—remind them that You are with them in all things & will never leave them (*Deuteronomy 31:6*) Bring an end to the mob violence & polarisation of the country; open the eyes of Muslims to the value of Christians that they may live & work together in harmony. Strengthen Your church & may their witness shine Your light & love in the darkness.

For our Churches, this week especially for:

Our Monday Group & Our Children: Megan Rose & Callum

What are we thankful for this week:

Being able get up and do something every day

For our Community, this week especially for:

Our Nurses

For those in need or unwell:

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

For those who have Holy Communion at home:

Sheila Skidmore, Monica Lucas, Freda Sowards, and Margery Orton

For those who have recently died

For 1st anniversary of death this week:

Lent Prayers

Over Lent, the Bishop has suggested the following daily pattern of prayers for the Church of England, so we have replaced the list of countries we are praying for, on the back of the notice sheet with these, just during Lent. We hope you might join in!

Mon: Pray for all victims & survivors of abuse, and for all those who work to make our churches safe for children & vulnerable adults.

Tues: Pray for all who are anxious or lonely, particular those who feel they can no longer be part of the Church of England.

Wed: Pray for the appointment of a new archbishop, & for all those dioceses seeking to appoint a new bishop, & for all bishops, priests, deacons & lay ministers that we may persevere in our calling.

Thurs: Pray for parish & diocesan finances, that God would supply all our needs & make us generous in giving to others.

Fri: Pray for the Living in Love & Faith process that we may learn to live well together in our differences.

Sat: Pray for all those exploring their vocation to ministry in the church – and for many more people to come forward in response to God's call.

Sun: Thanksgiving for all God's good gifts, particularly the gift of God's Son Jesus Christ – may we be formed in the character of Jesus Christ. Prayer for the Bishops' Lent Appeal for the Leprosy Mission.