

MAY 2026



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

Green Tip for the month: Use paper tape, reused bubble wrap and cardboard boxes for packaging.

Bible Book of the month: Hosea

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
KEY Birstall Both Wanlip Hallam Fields Wider Church/Village				2-4pm Welcome Space with May Day Quiz Amanda off	10-Noon Open Church Amanda off	5 th Sunday of Easter 10am 1 st Sunday Special Service with baptism of Aurelia 6pm Holy Communion
4 10am-4pm Duck Race at The White Horse - help needed!	5 12:30-4:30pm Welcome Space	6 3-4pm Open Church 6pm Meeting to plan Gala at Amanda's 8:15pm RBL Quiz Night	7 9:30am Holy Communion	8 2-4pm Welcome Space Amanda off	9 10:30am-12:30pm Visiting Bell Ringers 2-4pm Visiting Bell Ringers Amanda off	10 6 th Sunday of Easter 10am Holy Communion 11:30am Wedding Rehearsal 2-4pm Visiting Bell Ringers 6pm BCP Evensong
11 12:45pm Monday Group lunch at Sheila's house 1:30pm Wedding of Darren Poulton & Debra George (in Old Church)	12 12noon Christian Aid Frugal Lunch at St Theresa's 12:30-4:30pm Welcome Space	13 2:30pm Cedar Mews Care Home Service 1:30-4.15pm Great Gregorio bingo & Italian tea 3-4pm Open Church 8:15pm RBL Quiz Night	Ascension Day 14 9:30am Holy Communion 7pm Deanery Ascension Day Service	15 2-4pm Welcome Space Amanda off	16 10-Noon Open Church 2-4pm Wanlip May Fair	17 7 th Sunday of Easter 10am Holy Communion 6pm BCP Holy Communion
18 10-12noon Mothers Union Meeting 7:30pm APCM	19 10am Old Nick's Coffee Shop 12:30-4:30pm Welcome Space	20 12:30pm Midweek Communion & lunch 3-4pm Open Church 8:15pm RBL Quiz Night	21 9:30am Morning Prayer	22 2-4pm Welcome Space Amanda off	23 Pentecost 10am Holy Communion 6pm BCP Evensong	24
25 News/Prayer deadline for June Diary	26 12:30-4:30pm Welcome Space	27 2:30pm Cedar Mews Care Home Service 3-4pm Open Church 8:15pm RBL Quiz Night	28 9:30am Morning Prayer	29 2-4pm Welcome Space Amanda off	30 Trinity Sunday 10am Holy Communion 12:30pm Bring & Share Lunch at Birstall Village Hall 6pm 5 th Sunday Special	31

For Prayer:

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

Communion at home: Sheila Skidmore, Freda Sowards, Margery Orton, Gillian Hinton, John Harrison, John Walters, Michael Webb, & Dorothy Barsby

Friends & family of those who have died recently: Geoff Agar

	Those who died this time last year	Our Parish Churches & Villages	The Worldwide Anglican Church	The Persecuted Church	Places of conflict: Israel, Palestine, Ukraine and....
w/c 3 rd May		Our Clergy – Amanda, Kerry & Rachael Watermead Park Wardens	The Diocese of Wusasa – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)	<u>Morocco</u> - Strengthen, encourage & protect the people who are following You. Equip & raise up leaders & give them favour with the authorities.	For an end to the South Thailand Insurgency ongoing since 2004
w/c 10 th May		Our pastoral Visitors: Gill & Doreen Voluntary Workers	The Diocese of Yambio – Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan	<u>Cuba</u> – For fresh hope & encouragement for those who follow you. Give churches favour with the authorities & provide them with all they need to grow in faith.	For an end to the Insurgency in Paraguay ongoing since 2005
w/c 17 th May	Norma Bass & Dorothy Wakefield	Our Church Congregations Music & Drama Groups	The Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea	<u>Uzbekistan</u> - Equip, encourage & empower those who encounter opposition for their faith. Give leaders wisdom & discernment as they navigate restrictions & surveillance.	For an end to the Insurgency in Northern Chad ongoing since 2016
w/c 24 th May		Our Bishops Addicts: their families & carers	The Dioceses of Central, Easten & Westen Zambia – The Church of the Province of Central Africa	<u>Niger</u> - Pray for protection, stability & peace for followers & a change of heart of the militants who hate them. that they would see the light & love of Jesus.	For an end to the Ecuadorian Drug War ongoing since 2018
w/c 31 st May		Our Archdeacon & Area Dean Our Neighbours	The Episcopal Church in the Philippines	<u>Tajikistan</u> – For strength for those who encounter challenges for their faith. Give your leaders wisdom & courage as they lead congregations in a hostile climate.	For an end to the Salvadoran Gang Crackdown ongoing since 2022

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Our website is: birstall.org

A Church Near You website: www.achurchnearyou.com

Please feel free to contact Amanda or one of the Churchwardens during office hours (or other times in an emergency):

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Sadna (our Treasurer)

Sadna will collect Invoices and Expense Sheets from the 'Treasurer's Box' in the office, but if you need to contact her, her email is sadna_c@yahoo.co.uk and her mobile is 07341 269636. (best to text or use WhatsApp) Expenses need to be approved by the Clergy or Church Wardens before they are incurred. We're keeping a very close eye on our overheads.

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 for the information sheet, can you please email it to:

stjames.birstall@btconnect.com and/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 or by the date on the diary for the monthly notices.