

# October 2025



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

Green Tip for the month... Don't buy individually wrapped sweets – go for those sold loose in boxes or jars

Bible Book of the month:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
<b>KEY</b> Birstall Wanlip Hallam Fields Wider Church/Village		1 2:30pm Cedar Mews Care Home Service 3-4pm Open Church 8:15pm RBL Quiz Night	2 9:30am Eucharist 5:30pm Richard Trethewey Installation as Archdeacon at The Cathedral	3 2-4pm Welcome Space 7pm Quiz Night @ St Theresa's Amanda & Rachael off	4 10-12noon Open Church	5 Harvest/Trinity 16 10am Harvest Service 6pm Harvest Communion
6 9:30-10am Morning Prayer at the Rectory	7 12:30-4:30pm Welcome Space 6-7:30 Beavers in church	8 12:30pm Midweek Communion & lunch 3-4pm Open Church 8:15pm RBL Quiz Night	9 9:30am Morning Prayer	10 2-4pm Welcome Space Amanda off	11 Rachael off	12 Trinity 17 8:30am Eucharist 10am Eucharist 11:15 Church Discussion 5pm Palestine Talk @ Methodist Church 6pm BCP Evensong
13 9:30-10am Morning Prayer at the Rectory 2:30pm Monday Group	14 12:30-4:30pm Welcome Space	15 2:30pm Cedar Mews Care Home Service 3-4pm Open Church 8:15pm RBL Quiz Night	16 9:30am Eucharist 7pm Fashion Show at St Theresa's	17 2-4pm Welcome Space Amanda Off	18 Amanda Holiday	19 Trinity 18 10am Eucharist 6pm BCP Evensong Amanda Holiday
20 News/prayer items deadline 10am Mothers' Union Amanda Holiday	21 10am Coffee Shop 12:30-4:30pm Welcome Space Amanda Holiday	22 3-4pm Open Church 8:15pm RBL Quiz Night Amanda Holiday	23 9:30am Eucharist Amanda Holiday	24 2-4pm Welcome Space Amanda Off	25 10-12noon Open Church Amanda Holiday	26 Last After Trinity 10am Eucharist 6pm BCP Evensong Run Leicester Amanda Holiday
27 Amanda Holiday	28 12:30-4:30pm Welcome Space Amanda Holiday	29 3-4pm Open Church 8:15pm RBL Quiz Night Amanda Holiday	30 9:30am Morning Prayer Amanda Holiday	31 2-4pm Welcome Space 6-8pm Giving out hot choc & sweets on Hallam Fields		

## For Prayer:

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

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

**Friends & family of those who have died recently:** Janet Newall, John Aldis, Pauline Hill, John Aldis & Bradley Hurst

	Those who died at this time of year	Our parish	The Worldwide Anglican Church- Black History Month	Persecuted Church	Places of conflict: Israel, Palestine, Ukraine and...
w/c 5 <sup>th</sup> October		Monday Group	Thanking God for the unique & consistent contributions that Black clergy, staff & church members have made within our churches, both locally & nationally.	Kazakhstan - abuse in their homes, unjust court cases & misuse of regulations	For an end to the Syrian Civil War ongoing since 2011
w/c 12 <sup>th</sup> October		Old Nick's Coffee Shop	For us to be safe spaces for our Black communities in Leicestershire, where people feel seen, welcomed & included in our churches.	Tajikistan - authorities to stop raiding & restricting faith communities	For an end to the Yemeni Civil War ongoing since 2014
w/c 19 <sup>th</sup> October		Baptisms & Weddings	That God would continue to heal the racial prejudices & hurt that have been experienced by our Black colleagues & friends, both in society & within religious spaces.	Egypt - For courage, protection & strength.	For an end to the Anglophone Crisis ongoing since 2017
w/c 26 <sup>th</sup> October		Funerals & the Bereaved	That the work of the Racial Justice Unit, in the national church, will continue to grow and impact change on a larger scale.	Qatar – people to have freedom to choose their own beliefs & practice them peacefully.	For an end to the Gang War in Haiti ongoing since 2020

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## 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](mailto:stjames.birstall@btconnect.com) 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. Thanks. Sheryl