



# 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.*

**27<sup>th</sup> July 2025**

**6<sup>th</sup> Sun 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 27<sup>th</sup>

8:30am Holy Communion

10.00am Holy Communion

#### Thursday 31<sup>st</sup>

9:30am Holy Communion

### Our Lady & St Nicholas:

#### Sunday 27<sup>th</sup>

6pm BCP Evensong

## What else is happening this week

#### Sunday 27<sup>th</sup>

2-4pm Visiting Bellringers St James

#### Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup>

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

#### Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup>

3-4pm Open Church & Private Prayer  
Our Lady & St Nicholas

#### Thursday 31<sup>st</sup>

12:30pm Funeral for Ann Ball St James

#### Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup>

10am-12noon Open Church St James

## What's happening next week

#### Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup>

10am All Together Service St James  
6pm Holy Communion Our Lady & St Nicholas

#### Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup>

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

#### Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup>

1:30pm Celebration Service for Barbara Luxton St James  
3-4pm Open Church & Private Prayer Our Lady & St Nicholas

#### Thursday 7<sup>th</sup>

9:30am Holy Communion St James

# Notices

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

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## **This weeks Information Sheets**

This weeks information sheet was produced on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July, if you have sent any notices since then, they will not appear until next week. *Sheryl*

## **Barbara Luxton's Celebration Service - 6<sup>th</sup> August**

Barbara's funeral will on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> August at L Crem at 12:30pm, followed by a Celebration Service at St James' at 1:30pm. People are welcome to come to the crematorium, but the main service is at church and the family would like people to have the church service as their priority. As it will be a celebration service at St James, Tony has asked if you could wear bright clothes.

## **Summer Fete - The Surprise Parcel stall**

We are hoping once again to run 'The Surprise Parcel' stall at this years Sunner Fete on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> August. Any donations would be most welcome - from toiletries to teabags! Items for Children and for gentlemen would be much appreciated too, These can be given to Joan or Jane or left in the box at the back of St James marked "Surprise parcels". Thank you. *Joan Folland & Jane Scott*

## **Summer Fete - Sign-up sheet**

There is a sign up sheet at the back of church for anyone willing to run a stall or help with the Summer Fete which will be held on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> August this year please.

## **Summer Fete - Raffle Hamper**

Please see the 'Extra Notices' sheet for donations needed for the raffle Hamper. There are boxes at the back of St James for your donations for the Hamper and also one for other Raffle prizes.

## **Summer Fete - The Bottle Stall**

We are planning to run "The Bottle Stall" again this year, so would really welcome any donations please from ~ "Sauce to Champs", and anything in between. !!!!! Thankyou very much. There will be a box at the back of the Church. *Rita Cowham and Gail Bradley*

## **Bible Chat group**

We have decided to stop the Bible chat group due to low numbers. However, we would still like to encourage everyone to have a go and reading one book of the Bible each month - we started with the shortest - Philemon. (Ask Amanda, if you would like the list so you can start from the beginning.) We are now on James. If you would like to join in, we are going to do it "remotely". So, read James by the end of August and if you have any questions, please ask Amanda or Rachael and they will do their best to answer. If you are online, the group has found it helpful to watch The Bible Project explanation of each book - if you Google "Bible Project James" for example, it will bring it up on YouTube. If people are interested in a WhatsApp Group to discuss, then please let Amanda know and she will set it up. *Amanda*

## **Monthly tip for a less-plastic life - July**

Cut up old clothes that aren't good enough to pass on and turn them into cleaning cloths.

### **The Collect for the 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity**

Merciful God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as pass our understanding: pour into our hearts such love toward you that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; 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 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity**

God of our pilgrimage, you have led us to the living water: refresh and sustain us as we go forward on our journey, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

### **BCP Evensong Collect for the 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity**

O God, who hast prepared for them that love thee such good things as pass man's understanding: Pour into our hearts such love toward thee, that we, loving thee above all things, may obtain thy promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

### **Blister Packs**

Sorry, but we can't take empty blister packs at St James', for recycling anymore as the places they are taken to won't accept a bin bag full! The good news, is that you can take your own with you whenever you go to any Superdrug with a pharmacy (the one at Loughborough does) or many Boots (the Chemist!): Eg Gallowtree Gate / Highcross / Fosse Park / Thurmaston Shopping Centre. *Amanda*

### **Advance Notice - Bring and Share Lunch - 31<sup>st</sup> August**

The next bring & share lunch will be on Sunday 31st August at the Village Hall. A list will be at both churches for names. Please make a note in your diary. Thank you. *Joan Folland*

### **Save the Children**

Thanks to all who supported the Strawberry Tea, despite the inclement weather, I was able to bank £640 due to ticket sales, raffle and generous donations. A marvellous total. *Josephine*

### **Andy Kind - 12<sup>th</sup> September**

Date for your diaries: we have booked comedian Andy Kind to come again on 12<sup>th</sup> September. Now you know he's good, please invite more people! Funds raised will go to upgrading the sound system where needed and to fund other events.

### **Wanlip Hall & Community Centre celebration - 5<sup>th</sup> September**

As you may be aware we are having a final push to finish the total internal refurbishment of the Wanlip Hall and Community Centre. To celebrate this achievement and to show you where our fund raising money has been used we would like to invite you all to share in our celebrations with food and drinks & chat on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> September, 7.30 - 9.00pm If possible please let us know if you are able to join us. There will be a display of 'before and after' photographs including ones of the work in progress. *Julie and Debbie*

### **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.

### **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](mailto:stjames.birstall@btconnect.com), or [sheryljupp@hotmail.co.uk](mailto: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 27<sup>th</sup> 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity**

Reading 1: Genesis 18:20-32

Reading 2: Colossians 2:6-15

Gospel: Luke 11:1-13

#### Wanlip Readings

Reading 1: Genesis 18:20-32

Reading 2: Luke 11:1-13

Psalm: 138

### **Mon 28<sup>th</sup>**

Psalm: 126

Reading 1: Ezekiel 10:1-19

Reading 2: 2 Corinthians 6:1 - 7:1

### **Tue 29<sup>th</sup>**

Psalm: 132

Reading 1: Ezekiel 11:14-end

Reading 2: 2 Corinthians 7:2-end

### **Wed 30<sup>th</sup>**

Psalm: 119:153-end

Reading 1: Ezekiel 12:1-16

Reading 2: 2 Corinthians 8:1-15

### **Thu 31<sup>st</sup>**

Psalm: 143

Reading 1: Ezekiel 12:17-end

Reading 2: 2 Corinthians 8:16 - 9:5

#### Holy Communion Readings

Reading 1: Exodus 40:16-21, 34-end

Gospel: Matthew 13:47-53

### **Fri 1<sup>st</sup>**

Psalm: 144

Reading 1: Ezekiel 13:1-16

Reading 2: 2 Corinthians 9:6-end

### **Sat 2<sup>nd</sup>**

Psalm: 147

Reading 1: Ezekiel 14:1-11

Reading 2: 2 Corinthians 10

### **Sun 3<sup>rd</sup> 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity**

Reading 1: Eccl. 1, 2, 12-14 & 2:18-23

Reading 2: Colossians 3:1-11

Gospel: Luke 12:13-21

## For our Prayers

### For the persecuted church- Niger

Heavenly Father, we lift to You our brothers and sisters in Niger. Comfort and encourage believers who are fearful of attacks and who face persecution from their families and communities. Please heal, protect and provide for those who've been affected by the violence of Islamist extremists. We pray for an end to the Islamist insurgency and for the restoration of a stable and compassionate government. Fill the Nigerien church with peace, joy and love as they continue to share the gospel. **Amen.**

### For our Churches, this week especially for:

Our Prayer chain

Our Children: Charley-Ann & Tom

### What are we thankful for this week:

The different green spaces we can access in our villages.

### For our Community, this week especially for:

Riverside, Highcliffe & Hallam Fields Schools

### For those in need or unwell:

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

### For those who have Holy Communion at home:

Sheila Skidmore, Monica Lucas, Freda Sowards, Margery Orton, Gillian Hinton, John Harrison, John Walters, Michael Webb & Dorothy Barsby

### For those who have recently died

Barbara Luxton & Ann Ball

### For 1<sup>st</sup> anniversary of death this week:

### Every day - 9pm (or another time!)

Praying for peace in Ukraine & Israel / Palestine / Iran. And a different area each day.

**Sun:** For an end to the Casamance Conflict ongoing since 1982

**Mon:** For an end to the Nagorno-Karabakh Conflict ongoing since 1988

**Tues:** For an end to the South Thailand Insurgency ongoing since 2004

**Wed:** For an end to the Insurgency in Paraguay ongoing since 2005

**Thurs:** For an end to the Insurgency in Northern Chad ongoing since 2016

**Fri:** For an end to the Ecuadorian Drug War ongoing since 2018

**Sat:** For an end to the Salvadoran Gang Crackdown ongoing since 2022