



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.

24th August 2025

10th 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 24th

10.00am Holy Communion

Thursday 28th

9:30am Holy Communion

Our Lady & St Nicholas:

Sunday 24th

6pm BCP Evensong

What else is happening this week

Sunday 24th

2-4pm Visiting Bell Ringers St James

Monday 25th

12-3:30pm St James' Summer Fete St James

Tuesday 26th

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

Wednesday 27th

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

What's happening next week

Sunday 31st

8:30am	Holy Communion	St James
10am	Holy Communion	St James
12 noon	Bring & Share Lunch	Birstall Village Hall
6pm	5 th Sunday Special - Taizé Service	Our Lady & St Nicholas

Tuesday 2nd

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

Wednesday 3rd

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

Thursday 4th

9:30am Holy Communion St James

Saturday 6th

10am-12noon	Open Church	St James
1pm	Wedding of Christopher Parkins & Stacey Cufflin	St James

Notices

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

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Summer Fete - 25th August

Please see the separate sheet for the Summer Fete notices.

New Bins

There are two new, bigger bins in the kitchen. I can clean them later but it enables us to use full size bin bags and empty them less frequently. Thanks *manda*

Rota's

The new September - December rota's are now available, in the pigeon holes at St James and at the back of Our Lady & St Nicholas. Digital copies have been sent out.

Raymond Folland

Joan and the family would like to express their most grateful thanks to those who so generously made a donation to Lymphoma Cancer Research in memory of Raymond, Including Gift Aid the total raised was £2,500.00. A fitting tribute to a very special person.

Monthly Wednesday Holy Communion service followed by lunch

Would anyone be happy to provide lunch, (soup & roll) set up and clear away for lunch following our monthly Wednesday Holy Communion Service. If you can, please let Amanda or Rachael know.

Bring and Share Lunch - 31st August

Bring and share lunch in the village hall is next week. Please come if you can and invite any family or friends you'd like and something to share!

Help is required to put up tables and sorting out cutlery and crockery. Can you offer to help?

You will need to be at the village hall at 11:30am. Please ring Joan 2672010 if you can help. The lunch will start at 12:30pm.

We are doing Messy Church for All Age on Sunday 7th September

Please could you save us any glass jars and yoghurt pots (clean!) you have available and some stuff for junk modelling. Please bring on the day, or if you won't be there on the day, the Sunday before or in the week, if you will be in church. If you could help with one craft table, please let Amanda know. We will also be repeating it at Hallam Fields on the 14th, so we will need to keep what we don't use for then and will need more than just enough for the 7th! Thank you.

Wanlip Hall & Community Centre celebration - updated notice

Due to there being so many people away on the 5th September, we have decided to postpone the official opening of the refurbished Hall until a later date. If, however, you would like to have a quick look at what's been done, we will have the hall open between 5:30-6:30pm on the 5th, so please feel free to pop along for a guided tour. *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.

The Collect for the 10th Sunday after Trinity

Let your merciful ears, O Lord, be open to the prayers of your humble servants; and that they may obtain their petitions make them to ask such things as shall please you; 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 10th Sunday after Trinity

God of our pilgrimage, you have willed that the gate of mercy should stand open for those who trust in you: look upon us with your favour that we who follow the path of your will may never wander from the way of life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

BCP Evensong Collect for the 10th Sunday after Trinity

Let thy merciful ears, O Lord, be open to the prayers of thy humble servants; and that they may obtain their petitions make them to ask such things as shall please thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Emergency Phone Alert Test

The Government is testing the UK's Emergency Alerts system again on Sunday 7th September at 3pm. Emergency Alerts is a UK government system that provides warning and advice in a life threatening emergency. The government does not need to know your phone number or location to send you an alert. What happens when you get an emergency alert? Your mobile phone or tablet may: – make a loud siren-like sound, even if it's set on silent – vibrate – read out the alert The sound and vibration will last for about 10 seconds. For more information and advice, visit the GOV.UK website.

Amanda's Sermons on the Eucharist

If anyone would like a copy of any of Amanda's sermons on aspects of the Eucharist please let her know by email and she will send them a copy.

Return of the Kind: Comedy night – 12th September

Andy Kind will be returning on Friday 12th September at St James, starting at 7:30pm
A good laugh about everyday events (suitable for anyone). £10.00 per ticket or 2 for £18.00.
Tickets@ ticketsource.co.uk (digital -pay online) or physical tickets for cash after church services /welcome space/open church. (we will keep the money tin/tickets in the Church Office and request it goes back to keep money secure). All tickets must be paid for and shown on entry. A great night, bring your own drinks, (glasses provided) and light refreshments (crisps, snacks etc) will be served. Look forward to seeing you there. Queries/ticket orders please speak to Rose (0781 1662235) or Kevin Burrows.

Farewell Service for The Venerable Richard Worsfold - 15th September

Richard's farewell Service will be Monday 15th September, 5.30pm – Leicester Cathedral. All are invited to attend this service of thanks for Richard's 30 years of ministry in Leicestershire as he moves to be Area Dean of Salford and Leigh in the Diocese of Manchester.

Monthly tip for a less-plastic life - August

Make your own ice lollies in reusable freezer moulds.

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 24th 10th Sunday after Trinity

Reading 1: Isaiah 58:9b-end
Reading 2: Hebrews 12:18-end
Gospel: Luke 13:10-17

Wanlip Readings

Reading 1: Genesis 9:8-17
Reading 2: 2 Corinthians 9
Psalm: 119:49-72

Mon 25th Bartholomew the Apostle

Psalm: 86
Reading 1: Genesis 28:10-17
Reading 2: John 1:43-end

Tue 26th

Psalm: 73
Reading 1: Proverbs 1:20-end
Reading 2: Mark 3:7-19a

Wed 27th

Psalm: 77
Reading 1: Proverbs 2
Reading 2: Mark 3:19b-end

Thu 28th

Psalm: 78:1-39
Reading 1: Proverbs 3:1-26
Reading 2: Mark 4:1-20

Holy Communion Readings

Reading 1: 1 Thessalonians 3:7-end
Gospel: Matthew 24:42-end

Fri 29th

Psalm: 55
Reading 1: Proverbs 3:27 - 4:19
Reading 2: Mark 4:21-34

Sat 30th

Psalm: 76
Reading 1: Proverbs 6:1-19
Reading 2: Mark 4:35-end

Sun 31st 11th Sunday after Trinity

Reading 1: Proverbs 25:6-7
Reading 2: Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16
Gospel: Luke 14:1, 7-14

Wanlip

5th Sunday Special - Taizé Service

For our Prayers

For the persecuted church - Oman

Heavenly Father, thank You for Your church in Oman, and for all the ways that You are revealing Your Son to the Omani people. Protect and strengthen Christians who hide their faith, and comfort believers who have suffered for choosing to follow You. Help Christians to find church communities where they can flourish, and bless immigrant believers with creativity in how they share the gospel with others, **Amen**.

For our Churches, this week especially for:

Our Healing, Visiting & Pastoral Teams
Our Children: Katey, Katherine & Amaya

What are we thankful for this week:

Our friendships

For our Community, this week especially for:

Our Schools Pupils, Teachers & Governors

For those in need or unwell:

Nicky Hardy, David Bark, Dorothy Barsby, Michael Webb, John & Lesley Walton, Tricia Emmett & 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

For 1st 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 Insurgency in Balochistan ongoing since 1948

Mon: For an end to the Insurgency in Northeast India ongoing since 1954

Tues: For an end to the Papua Conflict ongoing since 1962

Wed: For an end to the Naxalite-Maoist insurgency ongoing since 1967

Thurs: For an end to the Civil Conflict in the Philippines ongoing since 1969

Fri: For an end to the Cabinda War ongoing since 1975

Sat: For an end to the Ethnic Violence in Papua New Guinea ongoing since 1988