



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.

21st September 2025

14th 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 21st

10.00am Holy Communion

Thursday 25th

9:30am Holy Communion

Our Lady & St Nicholas:

Sunday 21st

6pm BCP Evensong

What else is happening this week

Sunday 21st

2-4pm Visiting Bell Ringers St James

Monday 22nd

1:30pm Funeral for Hazel Andrews St James

Tuesday 23rd

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

Wednesday 24th

2pm Funeral for Janet Newall St James

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

Thursday 25th

2pm Funeral for Beryl McHugh St James

Saturday 27th

11am-4pm Wedding Fair Both Churches

7pm God, the Bible & Everything
St Mary's Church Sileby

What's happening next week

Sunday 28th

8:30am	Holy Communion	St James
10am	Holy Communion	St James
2-4pm	Visiting Bell Ringers	St James
6pm	BCP Evensong	Our Lady & St Nicholas

Tuesday 30th

12:30-4:30pm	Welcome Space	St James
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Wednesday 1st

3-4pm	Open Church & Private Prayer	Our Lady & St Nicholas
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Thursday 2nd

9:30am	Holy Communion	St James
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Friday 3rd

2-4pm	Welcome Space at Wanlip	Wanlip Hall
7pm	Quiz Night	St Theresa's

Saturday 4th

10am-12noon	Open Church	St James
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Notices

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

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Use of phone

It has come to my attention that there is a concern about me using my phone during services and meetings.

Please note that on my phone are the notices; the Bible Readings; the Collect and Post Communion for the Day; the music we may be playing through the speakers. Therefore, I need to use my phone!

I also have a register app, so may quickly make a note of who is in church. There are two reasons for this. One - if there is a fire, we will know who should be outside with us; two - if someone hasn't been for a while, I will be able to see a pattern and we can check on them.

I also use it in meetings that are not urgent - I go to Mothers' Union and Monday Group in order to spend time with people - this is mostly during the coffee and chat afterwards. I do not have the luxury of being able to sit and listen to talks that are not urgent, with full attention when I have a lot of emails and admin to respond to. Therefore, I have asked speakers if they mind if I listen and respond to messages at the same time. The talks are not usually giving me information I have to retain but if they are, I may be on my phone making notes. I think most of you understand this. If anyone does have an issue with this, please do speak to ME about it - not in front of a whole group of people, especially when I am not present to explain what I am doing and why. I am trying to see as many people as possible and I think this is a way to do it. *Manda*

2025 Shoebox Appeal

We are short of bars of soap, toothpaste and shampoo (400ml max). Please do not donate liquid soap nor shower gel. Donations of money are also very welcome as we can buy a lot at wholesale prices, but not the three goods above. Link to Hope managed to deliver a lot of boxes to eastern Ukraine in 2024 where many people, who were quite comfortable, are now marginalised and have nothing. The shoeboxes are particularly welcome there. We hope to send approximately 80 boxes this year and this will mean at least £240, so donations towards carriage are gratefully received. Many thanks. *Sylvia and Doreen*

A Welcome Space at Wanlip – starting Friday 3rd October

Please come and join us in the newly refurbished Wanlip Village Hall from 2 until 4 pm to enjoy light refreshments and friendly conversation. Look forward to seeing you from the Welcome Space team.

Recycling of plastic milk bottle tops

Unfortunately, we have been advised by the charity concerned that they are no longer able to collect and recycle these to raise money for the hospice so I will be removing the box from the back of church. They thank us for all the donations we have made. *Janet Waters*

Monthly tip for a less-plastic life - September

Reuse bread and cereal bags as sandwich or freezer bags.

The Collect for the 14th Sunday after Trinity

Almighty God, whose only Son has opened for us a new and living way into your presence: give us pure hearts and steadfast wills to worship you in spirit and in truth; 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 14th Sunday after Trinity

Lord God, the source of truth and love, keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, united in prayer and the breaking of bread, and one in joy and simplicity of heart, in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

BCP Evensong Collect for the 14th Sunday after Trinity

Almighty and everlasting God, give unto us the increase of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain that which thou dost promise, make us to love that which thou dost command; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

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.

God, the Bible & Everything (in 60 minutes) - 27th September

God, the Bible and Everything is the ultimate one-hour comedy charge through the whole Bible! 66 books, 12 tribes, 2 testaments and a snake in a pear tree. BBC sitcom writer and stand-up theologian James Cary explains iconic stories as Zadok, it's fast, furious, and laugh-out-loud funny. Faith or not, you'll love it!. Held at St Mary's Church Sileby on 27th September starting at 7pm. Tickets £5. Email scsparishes@gmail.com or go to Eventbrite.

St Theresa's Forthcoming Events

Friday 3rd October - Quiz Night at 7pm. Pay on the door. £3 plus raffle.

Thursday 16th October - Fashion Show - Doors open at 6:30pm for 7pm Start. Tickets £5 includes a glass or wine. Plus raffle, raising funds for Rainbows Hospice.

Tickets available from Daphne Stevenson at St. Theresa's or ask Debbie Shephard.

APCM 2026

We have pencilled in Monday 18th May for our next APCM, but please note that the date could change, we are just letting you know what we hope for in advance.

Also, with regards to the APCM, we will be asking for reports at the beginning of January for 2025 activities. The report needs to come from each church group so the group continues to be insured by the church and comes under church safeguarding. But mainly, we do love to read what the groups have been up to and what fun they have had, what God has been up to in their group, what they have learned and what funny things have happened! Please get these in as soon as you possibly can in the new year, but by the end of February, so that those who will be putting the report books together have a reasonable time to do this. Thank you so much.

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 21st 14th Sunday after Trinity

Reading 1: Psalm 113

Reading 2: 1 Timothy 2:1-7

Gospel: Luke 16:1-13

Wanlip's Readings

Reading 1: 1 Tim 2:1-7

Reading 2: Luke 16:1-13

Psalm: 113

Mon 22nd Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist

Psalm: 49

Reading 1: 1 Kings 19:15-end

Reading 2: 2 Timothy 3:14-end

Tue 23rd

Psalm: 5

Reading 1: 1 Chronicles 13

Reading 2: Mark 10:1-16

Wed 24th

Psalm: 119:1-32

Reading 1: 1 Chronicles 15:1 - 16:3

Reading 2: Mark 10:17-31

Thu 25th

Psalm: 15

Reading 1: 1 Chronicles 17

Reading 2: Mark 10:32-44

Holy Communion Readings

Reading 1: Haggai 1:1-8

Gospel: Luke 9:7-9

Fri 26th

Psalm: 19

Reading 1: 1 Chronicles 21:1 - 22:1

Reading 2: Mark 10:35-45

Sat 27th

Psalm: 23

Reading 1: 1 Chronicles 22:2-end

Reading 2: Mark 10:46-end

Sun 28th 15th Sunday after Trinity

Reading 1: Amos 6:1a, 4-7

Reading 2: 1 Timothy 6:6-19

Gospel: Luke 16:19-end

Wanlip's Readings

Reading 1: Amos 6:1a 4-7 or 1 Tim 6:6-19

Reading 2: Luke 16:19-end

Psalm: 146

For our Prayers

For the persecuted church - Bhutan

Dear Lord, please be with our brothers and sisters in Bhutan as they risk so much to follow You. We pray for stamina, for courage and for wisdom. Let them find places where they can gather for worship, and protect them as they do. Help young Bhutanese believers to not grow weary, but rather to grow in faith to be the next generation of the church in this beautiful nation. We pray these things in the name of Your Son, Jesus, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

For our Churches, this week especially for:

Our Church Congregations

Our Children: Rachel & India

What are we thankful for this week:

Our Great- Grand Children

For our Community, this week especially for:

Our Cafés, Restaurants & Pubs

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

Thomas Hendry, Beryl McHugh, Nicola Wood, Hazel Andrews & Janet Newall

For 1st anniversary of death this week:

Lynn Lynch & Ann Clinton

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 Ethiopian Conflict ongoing since 2018

Mon: For an end to the insurgency in the Maghreb ongoing since 2002

Tues: For an end to the Arab-Israeli Conflict ongoing since 1948

Wed: For an end to the Russia-Ukraine War ongoing since 2014

Thurs: For an end to the Sudanese Civil War ongoing since 2023

Fri: For an end to the Myanmar Conflict ongoing since 1948

Sat: For an end to the Colombian Conflict ongoing since 1964