



12th October 2025

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

Sunday 12 th		Monday 13 th	
<u>Birstall:</u>	2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c 2 Timothy 2:8-15 Luke 17:11-19	Psalm 71 2 Chronicles 9:1-12 Mark 14:1-11	
<u>Wanlip:</u>	Nehemiah 8:1-6,8-9 1 Corinthians 12:12-27 Psalm 135:1-13		
Tuesday 14 th		Wednesday 15 th	
Psalm 73 2 Chronicles 10:1 – 11:4 Mark 14:12-25		Psalm 77 2 Chronicles 12 Mark 14:26-42	
Thursday 16 th		Friday 17 th	
Psalm 78:1-39 2 Chronicles 6:13:1 – 14:1 Mark 14:43-52	<u>Holy Communion</u> Romans 3:21-30 Luke 11:47-end	Psalm 55 2 Chronicles 14:2-end Mark 14:53-65	
Saturday 18 th <i>(Luke the Evangelist)</i>		This week we are grateful for....	
Psalm 145 Isaiah 55 Luke 1:1-4		All types of music	

Notices for this Week

The Collect for the 17th Sunday after Trinity

Almighty God, you have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless till they find their rest in you: pour your love into our hearts and draw us to yourself, and so bring us at last to your heavenly city where we shall see you face to face; 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 17th Sunday after Trinity

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, and make us continually to be given to all good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

BCP Evensong Collect for the 17th Sunday after Trinity

Lord, we pray thee that thy grace may always prevent and follow us, and make us continually to be given to all good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Change of treasurer

At our AGM Sadna Don kindly took on the role of treasurer from David Owen. David has spent the last few months showing her the ropes so Sadna is now in the driving seat. She will continue to 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. As she is a teacher, it is best to text or WhatsApp her, she is very quick to respond. Just a quick reminder, expenses have to be approved by the Clergy or Church Wardens before they are incurred. We're keeping a very close eye on our overheads.

Church discussion – Today (12th October)

We are having a church wide discussion concerning the church's decision of whether we will adopt the Prayers for Love and Faith (PLF) or not, following our talks on the subject earlier this year. This will take place on the 12th of October, following the Sunday service at St James the Great. (11:15am) Rachael

All Together Services

We are going to stop doing All Together Services, at least for now. This is because we rarely have children at this service. Instead, we are going to try some different styles of worship (a bit like 5th Sunday Special at Wanlip) for a few months, to see if people find something else helpful. Please do let us have feedback on these - what you liked / what you didn't like / and any ideas for future services. We will create a form for people to fill in. Thank you. *Manda*

Monday Group 13th October

We meet in the Community Area at St James at 2:30pm. Do you enjoy playing bingo? Come and join us as we eagerly wait for the numbers to be called by the 'Great' Gregorio. *Joan Folland*

Volunteers required for Night-time Church visits during Remembrance week

As we must all remember, St James Church has been broken into every November, during Remembrance week, for the last two years. We are taking a few measures to deter another break-in. One of them is to have people visit church about 10pm every night during Remembrance Week and spend an hour or two on the premises. Names will be published on a rota. We ask that you please support this crime-prevention effort if you are able to. Kindly let any priest or churchwarden know if you wish to volunteer. *Ladi*

Mothers Union – 20th October

This month our meeting is on Monday 20th October at 10am in St James. Our speaker is Carol Spooner telling us about her time as a Care Home Manager. We are holding a fund-raising Coffee morning in the Methodist Coffee Shop, on Saturday 25th October 10 - 12noon, please join us. Visitors to our meetings are welcome. A prayer for October "As we focus on prison ministry this month, we give thanks for the M U members who support prisoners, their families & prison staff. Amen" *Rita Richards*

John Aldis' funeral

John's funeral will be on Thursday 23rd October at 2pm at St John's Church, Lock's Heath Hampshire.

Save the Children lunch

The next lunch is on Wednesday 5th November at the White Horse. Details are on the poster at the back of the church or from me. *Josephine*

PCC highlights from the June meeting

- A whole church meeting to be called on Sunday 12th October at 11:15 to discuss our response to prayers for same sex couples.
- Minster Communities - we will be joining with villages to the west.
- Safeguarding - we agreed to again adopt the national policy.
- Worship - we agreed to have the same pattern of worship next Easter as last.
- Harvest - 1st Sunday in October. A VJ Day and a Battle of Britain service were also planned.
- 8:30am Communion will be on the 2nd & 4th Sundays, while Rachael is with us. To be reviewed when she is not.
- We agreed to pay a parish share of at least £30,000 in 2026, but this only covers the pay of a full time Rector and not housing, NI, tax etc.
- The office refurb and handrail for the church path are still in progress.

The Tearfund Big Night Quiz - Saturday 15th November

Date for your Diary: The Tearfund Big Night Quiz on Saturday 15th November, 7.00pm at the Scout HQ on Birstall Road. Tearfund help equip people to lift themselves out of poverty for good this is a project Amanda likes to support. Last year we raised over £100 with only 4 teams attending this is a fun night, a quiz with multiple guess answers so let's see if we can do better this year. Look out for the Posters giving full details. *Vic Dolby*

St Theresa's Forthcoming Event

Fashion Show - Thursday 16th October. Doors open at 6:30pm for 7pm Start. Tickets £5 includes a glass of wine. Plus raffle, raising funds for Rainbows Hospice. Tickets available from Daphne Stevenson at St. Theresa's or Debbie Shephard.

The Sound of Power and Pride' concert on Saturday 18th October

Starts at 6pm at HTL Church Leicester. This will be a chance for the whole family to enjoy a plethora of Black diaspora musical acts. We ask that you invite all those in your church communities, remembering that Black History Month is not just for Black people but a chance for all people to share in the heritage and culture of people from African and Caribbean descent – who have contributed so much to all of our lives.