



2nd November 2025

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

Sunday 2 nd - All Saints	Monday 3 rd
<u>Birstall:</u> Hebrews 11:32 - 12:2 <u>Wanlip:</u> Isaiah 1:10-18 2 Thessalonians 1 Luke 19:1-10 or Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18 Ephesians 1:11-end Luke 6:20-31	Psalm 2 Isaiah 1:1-20 Matthew 1:18-end
Tuesday 4 th	Wednesday 5 th
Psalm 5 Isaiah 1:21-end Matthew 2:1-15	Psalm 9 Isaiah 2:1-11 Matthew 2:16-end
Thursday 6 th	Friday 7 th
Psalm 15 <u>Holy Communion</u> Isaiah 2:12-end Romans 14:7-12 Matthew 3 Luke 15:1-10	Psalm 16 Isaiah 3:1-15 Matthew 4:1-11
Saturday 8 th	This week we are grateful for....
Psalm 18:31-end Isaiah 4:2 – 5:7 Matthew 42:12-22	The freedom to criticise our politicians

Notices for this Week

The Collect for All Saints

Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord: grant us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living that we may come to those inexpressible joys that you have prepared for those who truly love 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.

The Post Communion Prayer for All Saints

God, the source of all holiness and giver of all good things: may we who have shared at this table as strangers and pilgrims here on earth be welcomed with all your saints to the heavenly feast on the day of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Souls Service – 2nd November

Our All Souls service is at St James at 3pm. The service will include the reading of the names of our loved ones and the lighting of candles in their memory.

St James Monday Group – 10th November

We meet at 2:30pm in the Community Area. Come and join us to enjoy a musical afternoon with 'The little big band.' All Welcome. *Joan Folland*

Updates to Novembers Diary

Amanda will also be off on Saturday 8th and the Wanlip Service on the 30th will be Advent Carols.

Electoral role

If you are not already on the electoral role, please join in October or November! Ask a Churchwarden for a form and further details - you have to be baptised and live in the Parish or regularly attend worship here.

December Diary

Please can you add your events for December in both diaries please (2025 & 2026) Thanks. *Sheryl*

New format Information sheets

If you have any feedback on our new format, please write a note and give to Doreen Wilson. Thanks.

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*

Bring & Share Lunch – 30th November

Our next Bring and share lunch in the village hall is on 30th November.

Swing into Christmas – 5th December

At St James Church on 5th December at 7:30pm. Come and Swing into Christmas with a selection of music from famous swing artists including Etta James, Michael Buble, Louis Prima, Benjamin Shah, Frank Sinatra, Ella Fitzgerald & Bobby Darin. With Junction 21 Big Band. £10 a ticket or 2 for £18. Tickets available from the church, 0116 2671797 & Warm Space or Text/Tel Rose Parrott 07811 662235 or online at Ticket Source.

Save the Children Christmas Cards

I have a selection of religious Christmas cards, if anyone is interested please get in touch. *Josephine Burgess*

Candles for Ukraine – Update

The candles have been collected from Leicester churches and from St Mary's Arnold, near Nottingham. In May an amazing delivery of another 53kg of wax was made to the Ukrainian Centre in Nottingham, making a grand total of about 400kg – enough for over 4,000 Trench Candles! The Centre still has enough of the wax left to cover their needs for now, and with the increased use of drones by both sides, the benefit of using candle lighting is becoming very limited. Very many thanks to all those who have been collecting their unburnt candle bits for this cause. We all pray that this most unusual way to spread the Light of Christ to those in need of His love and care has been helpful to so many, but collections of wax is now paused unless we are asked again by the Centre. Your previous gifts of candles have been very welcomed and so very much appreciated by the Ukrainians. Thank you.

Exploring Christianity Course

Exploring Christianity course is for adults to recap the foundations of Christianity faith if they are looking at taking a formal step such as baptism / confirmation or simply want a refresher. It will be on Wednesday evenings at 7pm at St James on the following dates:

5 th November – Session 2	Who is Jesus?
12 th November – Session 3	Who is the Holy Spirit?
19 th November – Session 4	What is the Bible and Why/ How do we Read it?
26 th November – Session 5	What is Prayer and How do We Pray?
3 rd December – Session 6	What is Church and Why do We Go?
10 th December – Session 7	What are the Sacraments: Baptism and Eucharist

Christmas 2025 Services and Events in our Churches for your diary

<u>Sunday 30th November</u>	Advent Carol Service at 6pm - Our Lady & St Nicholas
<u>Friday 5th December</u>	Swing into Christmas Concert at 7:30pm - St James
<u>Saturday 6th December</u>	Wanlip Fair at 2-4pm in Wanlip Hall
<u>Sunday 7th December</u>	Advent Service at 10am - St James Wanlip Patronal Festival at 6pm – Our Lady & St Nicholas
<u>Wednesday 10th December</u>	Churches Together Carol Singing at 6pm – around the village
<u>Sunday 14th December</u>	A Light in the Darkness Service at 4pm - St James
<u>Monday 15th December</u>	Carols in the Pub at 7pm - White Horse
<u>Wednesday 17th December</u>	Carols for All at 7pm - St James
<u>Sunday 21st December</u>	Nativity service at 10am - St James, Christingle & Carols at 4pm - Hallam Fields Carols by Candlelight at 6pm – Our Lady & St Nicholas
<u>Wednesday 24th December</u>	Christingle Service at 4:30pm – St James Midnight Mass at 11:30pm – St James
<u>Thursday 25th December</u>	Joint Christmas Day Service at 9:30am – Our Lady & St Nicholas

St Theresa's Forthcoming events

Friday 21st November. Turlough Musical Evening at 7pm. Tickets £5 to include a glass of wine. Plus raffle. Tickets available from Daphne Stevenson at St. Theresa's or Debbie Shephard.

Saturday 6th December: Christmas bazaar 10am-2pm. Raffle, tombola's, cake stall, Christmas goods, toys etc.

Sunday 21st December: Christmas concert at 6pm. Free entry, bucket collection on exit, raising funds for the parish and Wishes 4 Kids. Plus raffle. Refreshments at half time.