

## Lectionary Readings

### Sun 4<sup>th</sup>

#### Epiphany

Reading 1: Isaiah 60:1-6  
Reading 2: Ephesians 3:1-12  
Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

### Mon 5<sup>th</sup>

Psalm: 48  
Reading 1: Ruth 3  
Reading 2: Colossians 3:12 – 4:1

### Tue 6<sup>th</sup>

Psalm: 89:1-37  
Reading 1: Ruth 4:1-17  
Reading 2: Colossians 4:2-end

### Wed 7<sup>th</sup>

Psalm: 99  
Reading 1: Jeremiah 23:1-8  
Reading 2: Matthew 20:1-16

#### Holy Communion

Reading 1: 1 John 4:11-18  
Gospel: Mark 6:45-52

### Thu 8<sup>th</sup>

Psalm: 46  
Reading 1: Jeremiah 30:1-17  
Reading 2: Matthew 20:17-28

### Fri 9<sup>th</sup>

Psalm: 148  
Reading 1: Jeremiah 30:18 – 31:9  
Reading 2: Matthew 20:29-end

### Sat 10<sup>th</sup>

Psalm: 149  
Reading 1: Jeremiah 31:10-17  
Reading 2: Matthew 23:1-12

### Sun 11<sup>th</sup>

#### Baptism of Christ

Reading 1: Isaiah 42:1-9  
Reading 2: Acts 10:34-43  
Gospel: Matthew 3:13-end

#### Wanlip Readings

Reading 1: Isaiah 42:1-9 or Acts 10:34-43  
Gospel: Matthew 3:13-end  
Psalm: 29

**4<sup>th</sup> January 2026**

#### **Collect for Epiphany**

O God, who by the leading of a star manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth: mercifully grant that we, who know you now by faith, may at last behold your glory 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**

#### **Post Communion Prayer for Epiphany**

Lord God, the bright splendour whom the nations seek: may we who with the wise men have been drawn by your light discern the glory of your presence in your Son, the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

**This week we are grateful for....**

For waking up each morning

Additional Notices for the Week:

### **Information Sheets for Today (4<sup>th</sup> January)**

The Information sheets for today (4<sup>th</sup> January) were produced on 18<sup>th</sup> December. If you have any other notices for announcement in church, please give them to a member of the clergy or a churchwarden on the day. Thanks. *Sheryl*

### **Items for Information Sheets 17<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> January**

I will be on holiday for 2 weeks in January, so if you have any notices to be included in the information sheets for the 17<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> Jan, can you please let me have them before I am on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> Jan as I will be out of the office from then until Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> Jan. Thanks. *Sheryl*

### **House blessings**

We will be wandering around blessing your houses for Epiphany on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January! Please email Amanda or put a note in her hand, if you would like us to come and bless you and your house and all who visit / live there!

### **Rotas for January – April 2026**

Paper copies of the new rota are in your pigeon holes at St James, if you haven't collected yours yet. Please see Debbie or Julie for the Our Lady & St Nicholas ones.

### **Warm Space 2026**

Warm space in Birstall will reopen on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January, and Wanlip will reopen on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> January. *Janet & Team*

### **Old Nick's Coffee Shop – 20<sup>th</sup> January**

The next Old Nicks Coffee Shop will be on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> January at 10am - 12 noon, in Wanlip Hall

### **Flowers for special occasions**

We are fortunate to have two hugely experienced and professional flower arranging teams at Birstall & Wanlip who are willing to receive requests for flower arrangements to be placed in Church to mark your special occasion. Donations for the cost of the flowers are always welcome, but not always necessary. If you would like the teams to arrange a flower display with your special occasion in mind, please contact Sylvia Simes on 2674206 or email: [sylviasimes66@gmail.com](mailto:sylviasimes66@gmail.com) (Birstall) and Marjorie Bonshor on 2207964 (Wanlip)