

# FEBRUARY 2026



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

Green Tip for the month: Carry wet flannels in a box instead of wet wipes for babies and toddlers  
 Bible Book of the month: Amos

| Monday  | Tuesday  | Wednesday  | Thursday  | Friday  | Saturday         | Sunday   |
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| <b>KEY</b><br>Birstall<br>Wanlip<br>Hallam Fields<br>Wider Church/Village     |  |  |   |   |                  | ATC Sunday & Candlemas 1<br>10am 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday Special<br>6pm Holy Communion  |
| 2   | 3<br>10:30am Home Group<br>12:30-4:30pm Welcome Space  | 4<br>2:30pm Cedar Mews Care Home Service<br>3-4pm Open Church<br>8:15pm RBL Quiz Night   | 5<br>9:30am Eucharist   | 6<br>1:30-4pm The Little Big Band with Irish Tea<br>2-4pm Welcome Space<br>Amanda off | 7                | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday before Lent 8<br>8:30am Eucharist<br>10am Holy Communion<br>2-4pm Visiting Bell Ringers<br>6pm BCP Evensong |
| 9<br>2:30-4pm Monday Group Meeting  | 10<br>10am Philip Scriven's funeral<br>12:30-4:30pm Welcome Space.<br>Amanda away on a Chaplain's Course                 | 11<br>3-4pm Open Church<br>8:15pm RBL Quiz Night<br>Amanda away on a Chaplain's Course   | 12<br>9:30am Morning Prayer<br>Amanda away on a Chaplain's Course | 13<br>2-4pm Welcome Space<br>Amanda off   | 14               | Sunday before Lent 15<br>10am Eucharist<br>6pm BCP Evensong  |
| 16<br>News/prayer deadline for March Diary<br>10-12noon Mothers Union Meeting | 17<br>10am Old Nick's Coffee Shop<br>10:30am Home Group<br>12:30-4:30pm Welcome Space<br>Time TBC: Halam Fields Pancakes | 18<br><b>Ash Wednesday</b><br>9:30am Ash Wed Service<br>12:30pm Midweek Communion & lunch<br>2:30pm Cedar Mews Care Home Service<br>3-4pm Open Church<br>7pm Ash Wed Service | 19<br>9:30am Morning Prayer                                       | 20<br>2-4pm Welcome Space<br>Amanda off   | 21               | 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent 22<br>8:30am Eucharist<br>10am Holy Communion<br>6pm BCP Evensong                                   |
| 23  | 24<br>10:30am Home Group<br>12:30-4:30pm Welcome Space   | 25<br>3-4pm Open Church<br>8:15pm RBL Quiz Night   | 26<br>9:30am Eucharist  | 27<br>2-4pm Welcome Space<br>Amanda off   | 28<br>Amanda off |  |

## For Prayer:

**Sick:** David Bark, Dorothy Barsby, Michael Webb, John & Lesley Walton, Tricia Emmett & all who care for them.

**Communion at home:** Sheila Skidmore, Monica Lucas, Freda Sowards, Margery Orton, Gillian Hinton, John Harrison, John Walters, Michael Webb, & Dorothy Barsby

**Friends & family of those who have died recently:** Philip Scriven

|                               | Those who died at this time last year | Our parish                                    | The Worldwide Anglican Church  | The Persecuted Church  | Places of conflict: Israel, Palestine, Ukraine and...                   |
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| w/c 1 <sup>st</sup> February  |                                       | Our PCC Treasurer & Secretary                 | <u>Race equality week</u><br>Pray for: healing division, promoting unity, and recognizing every person as created in the divine image.     | <u>Iran</u> –Protect and grow house churches, sustain Your people, and heal those recovering from awful experiences. In Jesus’ name, Amen.   | For an end to the Conflict in the Niger Delta ongoing since 2003        |
| w/c 8 <sup>th</sup> February  |                                       | Our Sacristan, Servers & Communion Assistants | <u>Unity and Mission</u><br>Pray that the global church stands united in the mission to spread the gospel to all nations.                  | <u>Afghanistan</u> – For protection for Afghanistan Christians, keep them from harm & provide avenues for them to flourish. Soften the hearts of the Taliban, towards women and vulnerable minorities. | For an end to the Libyan Crisis ongoing since 2011                      |
| w/c 15 <sup>th</sup> February |                                       | Our Sides People & Welcomers                  | <u>Protection for the Persecuted</u><br>Pray for Christians who are marginalized or oppressed, asking for safety and strength.             | <u>India</u> –For thanks that countless people are encountering Jesus, often through healings & miracles. For protection for those who face discrimination & violent attacks.                          | For an end to the Central African Republic Civil war ongoing since 2012 |
| w/c 22 <sup>nd</sup> February | Hriday Sharma                         | Our Organist                                  | <u>Service and Compassion</u><br>Pray that the church acts as a light, providing hope, healing & support to communities and those in need. | <u>Saudi Arabia</u> - For courage and perseverance of Christians. Please grant them Your peace, wisdom and protection as they walk a difficult path.   | For an end to the Insurgency in Cabo Delgado ongoing since 2017         |

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A Church Near You website: [www.achurchnearyou.com](http://www.achurchnearyou.com)

**Please feel free to contact Amanda or one of the Churchwardens during office hours (or other times in an emergency):**

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## Sadna Don our Treasurer

Sadna will 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](mailto: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.

## 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 for the information sheet, can you please email it to:

[stjames.birstall@btconnect.com](mailto:stjames.birstall@btconnect.com) and/or [sheryljupp@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:sheryljupp@hotmail.co.uk) or leave a message on the office answer machine (0116 2671797) or contact Amanda/Rachael or a Churchwarden. I will need to have received it **before I I am** on the Thursday to get your items included in that week’s news sheet or by the date on the diary for the monthly notices.