

FEBRUARY 2026

Revised version



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
KEY Birstall Wanlip Hallam Fields Wider Church/Village						ATC Sunday & Candlemas 1 10am 1 st Sunday Special 6pm Holy Communion
2 10:30am Home Group 12:30-4:30pm Welcome Space	3 2:30pm Cedar Mews Care Home Service 3-4pm Open Church 8:15pm RBL Quiz Night	4 9:30am Holy Communion	5 1:30-4pm The Little Big Band with Irish Tea 2-4pm Welcome Space <i>Amanda off</i>	6 10-12noon Open Church	7 2 nd Sunday before Lent 8 8:30am Holy Communion 10am Holy Communion 2-4pm Visiting Bell Ringers 6pm BCP Evensong	
9 2:30-4pm Monday Group Meeting	10 10am Philip Scriven's funeral 12:30-4:30pm Welcome Space. <i>Amanda away on a Chaplain's Course</i>	11 3-4pm Open Church 8:15pm RBL Quiz Night <i>Amanda away on a Chaplain's Course</i>	12 9:30am Morning Prayer <i>Amanda away on a Chaplain's Course</i>	13 2-4pm Welcome Space <i>Amanda off</i>	14 Sunday before Lent 15 10am Holy Communion 6pm BCP Holy Communion	
News/prayer deadline for March Diary 10-12noon Mothers Union Meeting	16 10am Old Nick's Coffee Shop 10:30am Home Group 12:30-4:30pm Welcome Space 3-4pm Hallam Fields Pancakes	17 Ash Wednesday 9:30am Ash Wed Service 10:30am Home Group 12:30pm Midweek Communion & lunch 2:30pm Cedar Mews Care Home Service 3-4pm Open Church 7pm Ash Wed Service	18 9:30am Morning Prayer	19 2-4pm Welcome Space <i>Amanda off</i>	20 10-12noon Open Church 10-12noon Minster Communities Workshop	21 1 st Sunday of Lent 22 10am Holy Communion 6pm BCP Evensong
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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...
w/c 1 st February		Our PCC Treasurer & Secretary	<u>Race equality week</u> 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 th February		Our Sacristan, Servers & Communion Assistants	<u>Unity and Mission</u> 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 th February		Our Sides People & Welcomers	<u>Protection for the Persecuted</u> 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 nd February	Hriday Sharma	Our Organist	<u>Service and Compassion</u> 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

Find out more on Facebook: <https://tinyurl.com/b2u8m7rc> Our website is: birstall.org

A Church Near You website: 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 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 and/or 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 11am** 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.