

Lectionary Readings

Sun 8th 2nd Sunday before Lent

Reading 1: Genesis 1:1 – 2:3
 Reading 2: Romans 8:18-25
 Gospel: Matthew 6:25-end

Wanlip Readings

Reading 1: Romans 8:18-25
 Reading 2: Matthew 6:25-end
 Psalm: 136

Mon 9th

Psalm: 30
 Reading 1: Genesis 29:31 – 30:24
 Reading 2: 2 Timothy 4:1-8

Tue 10th

Psalm: 36
 Reading 1: Genesis 31:1-24
 Reading 2: 2 Timothy 4:9-end

Wed 11th

Psalm: 34
 Reading 1: Genesis 31:25 – 32:2
 Reading 2: Titus 1

Thu 12th

Psalm: 37
 Reading 1: Genesis 32:3-30
 Reading 2: Titus 2

Fri 13th

Psalm: 31
 Reading 1: Genesis 33:1-17
 Reading 2: Titus 3

Sat 14th

Psalm: 42
 Reading 1: Genesis 35
 Reading 2: Philemon

Sun 15th Sunday next before Lent

Reading 1: Exodus 24:12-end
 Reading 2: 2 Peter 1:16-end
 Gospel: Matthew 17:1-9

Wanlip Readings

Reading 1: Exodus 24:12-end
 Reading 2: 2 Peter 1:16-end
 Gospel: Matthew 17:1-9

8th February 2026

Collect for the 2nd Sunday before Lent

Almighty God, you have created the heavens and the earth and made us in your own image: teach us to discern your hand in all your works and your likeness in all your children; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns supreme over all things, now and for ever. **Amen**

Post Communion Prayer for the 2nd Sunday before Lent

God our creator, by your gift the tree of life was set at the heart of the earthly paradise, and the bread of life at the heart of your Church: may we who have been nourished at your table on earth be transformed by the glory of the Saviour's cross and enjoy the delights of eternity; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

BCP Collect for the 2nd Sunday before Lent

O Lord God, who seest that we put not our trust in any thing that we do: Mercifully grant that by thy power we may be defended against all adversity; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

This week we are grateful for....

The voice of a real person at the end of a phone query

Additional Notices for the Week

8:30am Services

The 8:30am service today (8th Feb) will be the last one.

Monday Group – Tomorrow (9th Feb)

Forget about the housework and ironing, come and join us at our meeting on 9th February and enjoy a Magical Mystery Tour with Peter Fox, a member of the magic circle. All Welcome.

2:30pm at St James community area. *Joan Folland*

3rd Sundays at Our Lady & St Nicholas

The 6pm service on the 3rd Sunday will be BCP Holy Communion from 15th February.

February's Wednesday Communion followed by lunch – 18th February

The next Wednesday lunchtime communion at St James will be on Ash Wednesday (18th Feb) at 12:30pm.

Ash Wednesday Services

As well as the above Wednesday communion, there will also be services in both churches on Ash Wednesday. 9:30am at Our Lady & St Nicholas and 7pm at St James.

Bring & Share Lunches

Bring & Share lunches will take place at the Village Hall in Birstall on Sunday 29th March, 31st May, 30th August and 29th November. Please make a note in your diary.

Leaflets

The PCC has discussed leaflets that have been found in church. We have agreed that we cannot advertise for businesses as if something went wrong, we may be liable for advertising them. This does not apply to charities, mental health etc advertised by the NHS. If in doubt, please check with Amanda.

Annual Meeting (APCM) in May

Could all groups, gatherings and committees who are connected in any way with the church (Birstall and Wanlip) kindly email their annual report for 2025 to Amanda (with a copy to me lynnvanristell@hotmail.com) by the end of February please. This includes Home Groups, Monday Group, Mothers' Union, Old Nick's Coffee Shop, Churches Together, Cedar Mews, Welcome Space, Sunday School, etc etc. If you have any queries, please ask either Amanda or myself. Thank you. *Lynn*

World Day of Prayer - 6th March

This years' service has been prepared by the Christian women of Nigeria with the theme I will give you rest, come (Matthew 11: 28-30). It will be held at Birstall Methodist Church starting with a light lunch in the coffee shop at 12 midday. This is free of charge but any donations towards the cost are welcome. A slide presentation about Nigeria will commence at 1pm and the service will be held in the main church starting at 2pm. A collection will be taken during the service for the work of the World Day of Prayer. Everyone is welcome to join us for all or part of the day. Please come and join us for this global wave of prayer starting in Samoa and ending, 146 countries later, in American Samoa. *Jackie Bryan*