

Lectionary Readings

Sun 15th Mothering Sunday

Reading 1: Exodus 2:1-10

Reading 2: 2 Corinthians 1:3-7

Gospel: Luke 2:33-35

Wanlip Readings

Reading 1: Exodus 2:1-10

Reading 2: 2 Corinthians 1:3-7

Gospel: Luke 2:33-35

Mon 16th

Psalm: 77

Reading 1: Exodus 2:11-22

Reading 2: Hebrews 9:1-14

Tue 17th

Psalm: 79

Reading 1: Exodus 2:23 – 3:20

Reading 2: Hebrews 9:15-end

Wed 18th

Psalm: 90

Reading 1: Exodus 4:1-23

Reading 2: Hebrews 10:1-18

Holy Communion Readings

Reading 1: Isaiah 49:8-15

Gospel: John 5:17-30

Thu 19th *Joseph of Nazareth*

Psalm: 25

Reading 1; Isaiah 11:1-10

Reading 2: Matthew 13:54-end

Holy Communion Readings

Reading 1: 2 Samuel 7:4-16 or Romans 4:13-18

Gospel: Matthew 1:18-end

Fri 20th

Psalm: 102

Reading 1: Exodus 6:2-13

Reading 2: Hebrews 10:26-end

Sat 21st

Psalm: 32

Reading 1: Exodus 7:8-end

Reading 2: Hebrews 11:1-16

Sun 22nd 5th Sunday of Lent

Reading 1: Ezekiel 37:1-14

Reading 2: Romans 8:6-11

Gospel: John 11:1-45

Wanlip Readings

Reading 1: Ezekiel 37:1-14 or Romans 8:6-11

Reading 2: John 11:1-45

Psalm: 130

15th March 2026

Collect for the Mothering Sunday

God of compassion, whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary, shared the life of a home in Nazareth, and on the cross drew the whole human family to himself: strengthen us in our daily living that in joy and in sorrow we may know the power of your presence to bind together and to heal; 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 Mothering Sunday

Loving God, as a mother feeds her children at the breast you feed us in this sacrament with the food and drink of eternal life: help us who have tasted your goodness to grow in grace within the household of faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

This week we are grateful for....

A car that starts

Additional Notices for the Week

Mothers Union meeting - 16th March

M U meeting - Mon 16th March 10am in St James. Our speaker is Wendy Nye "Things ain't what they used to be!" As Easter falls before our April meeting and M U Spring Forum, our contributions of Easter eggs & Easter craft materials, will need to be available for collection by Kate Cooper MU Administrator from St Martin's House, at our March meeting. The eggs etc are distributed by PACT in Leicester prisons to prisoners & their families, when visiting over Easter. (See our notice board for more information about PACT's work in prisons.) Basket at back of church. Visitors are always welcome at our monthly meetings. *Rita Richards*

Monica Lucas

Monica's funeral will be on Wednesday 25th March at St James starting at 11:30am.

Bring & Share Lunch – 29th March

Our next Bring and Share Lunch is on Sunday 29th March in Birstall village hall starting at 12:30pm. Please come if you can and invite any family or friends you'd like and bring something to share!

Save the Children Lunch

There is a lunch on Wednesday 15th April at the White Horse. If anyone is interested, please see the details at the back of the church or from Josephine. Booking by 8th April is necessary.

Events

- Wednesday 1st April: 7.30pm start - Cantamizzi choir - Stainer's Crucifixion. Tickets £7.00 from our tin at services or welcome space. Refreshments will be served after performance.
- Wednesday 13th May: 1.30pm till 4.15pm: the Great Gregorio bingo (with prizes) and an Italian tea. Sign up for your place. £5.00 pay on the day. (note: for this to go ahead we need 15 - 20 people decision by 27th April)

If you have any queries etc. for both events, please see Rose or Kevin.

Easter Breakfast

Tea, coffee, juices and bacon cobs will be served in the Hall after the Vigil/Communion service at Wanlip on Easter Sunday. So that we have a rough idea on the numbers we are catering for, please add your name to the sign-up sheet (at the back of both churches) if you wish to join us. There is no charge, but any donations are gratefully accepted. *Julie*