

APRIL 2026



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

Green Tip for the month: Reuse small soft-fruit punnets as seed trays or use cardboard loo roll tubes for planting seedlings instead of little plastic pots.

Bible Book of the month: Ecclesiastes

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
KEY Birstall Both Wanlip Hallam Fields Wider Church/Village		2:30pm Cedar Mews Care Home Service 3-4pm Open Church 7:30pm Cantamici Choir Concert 8:15pm RBL Quiz Night	Maundy Thursday 9:30am Holy Communion 7pm Holy Communion with Foot Washing	Good Friday 10am Churches Together Walk of Witness (starts outside Tesco) 2pm Good Friday Service	10-Noon Open Church	Easter Sunday 6am Dawn Service followed by breakfast 10am Holy Communion with Easter Egg Hunt 6pm Holy Communion
6	7 12:30-4:30pm Welcome Space	8 12:30pm Midweek Communion & lunch 3-4pm Open Church 8:15pm RBL Quiz Night	9 9:30am Morning Prayer 4pm Afternoon Tea at RBL (Need to book in advance)	10 2-4pm Welcome Space Amanda off	11	12 2 nd Sunday of Easter 10am Holy Communion 2-4pm Visiting Bell Ringers 6pm BCP Evensong
13 2:30-4pm Monday Group	14 12:30-4:30pm Welcome Space	15 1pm Save the Children Lunch at The White Horse (Need to book in advance) 2:30pm Cedar Mews Care Home Service 3-4pm Open Church 8:15pm RBL Quiz Night	16 9:30am Holy Communion	17 2-4pm Welcome Space Amanda off	18	19 3 rd Sunday of Easter 10am Holy Communion 6pm BCP Holy Communion
20 News/Prayer deadline for May Diary 10-12noon Mothers Union Meeting	21 10am Old Nick's Coffee Shop 12:30-4:30pm Welcome Space	22 3-4pm Open Church 8:15pm RBL Quiz Night	23 9:30am Morning Prayer	24 2-4pm Welcome Space Amanda off	25	26 4 th Sunday of Easter 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, Freda Sowards, Margery Orton, Gillian Hinton, John Harrison, John Walters, Michael Webb, & Dorothy Barsby

Friends & family of those who have died recently: Jacqueline Garlick, Monica Lucas & Celina Munns

	Those who died this time last year	Our Parish Churches & Villages	The Worldwide Anglican Church	The Persecuted Church	Places of conflict: Israel, Palestine, Ukraine and...
w/c 5 th April		Our Mothers Union Office & Administrative workers	The Diocese of Wad Medani Province of the Episcopal Church of Sudan (a province of the Anglican Communion)	<u>Maldives</u> – Pray for encouragement & new opportunities to gather. Pray, they see the Holy Spirit move in wonderful ways in and through them. Protect them from harm and provide the resources and community to grow in their faith.	For an end to the Peruvian Conflict ongoing since 1980
w/c 12 th April		Our Church Cleaners Finance & Legal workers	The Anglican Church of the Province of Myanmar (Burma)	<u>Algeria</u> – Pray for safety, resilience & courage. Pray for those imprisoned or face arrest & fines simply because they are Christian. Pray for those who are shunned by their families or expelled from their homes.	For an end to the Islamic Terrorism in Egypt ongoing since 1981
w/c 19 th April		Our Church Gardeners Our Cafes, Restaurants & Pubs	The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)	<u>Mauritania</u> – Pray for safety, comfort & help to overcome the daily stress of simply living as a Christian. Pray for ways underground believers can worship with other Christians.	For an end to the Casamance Conflict ongoing since 1982
w/c 26 th April		Our Healing, Visiting & Pastoral Teams Our Vets	The Diocese of Windward Islands – The Church in the Province of the West Indies	<u>Central African Republic</u> – Pray hope in every circumstance – even when we are tempted to despair. Pray for healing to the broken-hearted, bind the wounds of those who suffer and care for them.	For an end to the Nagorno-Karabakh Conflict ongoing since 1988

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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 (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. (best to text or use WhatsApp) Expenses need 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 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.