

Lectionary Readings

Sun 25th Last Sunday after Trinity

Birstall readings: *Holy Communion with Healing*

Reading 1: Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18

Reading 2: 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

Gospel: Matthew 22:34-end

Wanlip Readings: *BCP Evensong*

Reading 1: Ecclesiastes 11, 12

Reading 2: Matthew 5:13-16

Psalm: 119:89-104

Mon 26th

Psalm: 1

Reading 1: Exodus 22:21-27, 23:1-17

Reading 2: 1 Timothy 6:1-10

Tue 27th

Psalm: 5

Reading 1: Exodus 29:38 – 30:16

Reading 2: 1 Timothy 6:11-end

Wed 28th

Simon and Jude, Apostles

Psalm: 116

Reading 1: Isaiah 45:18-end

Reading 2: Luke 6:12-16

Thu 29th

Psalm: 15

Reading 1: Leviticus 9

Reading 2: 2 Timothy 1:15 – 2:13

Fri 30th

Psalm: 19

Reading 1: Leviticus 16:2-24

Reading 2: 2 Timothy 2:14-end

Sat 31st

Psalm: 23

Reading 1: Leviticus 17

Reading 2: 2 Timothy 3

Sun 1st All Saints Day

Birstall readings: *1st Sunday Special with Tearfund speaker*

Reading: Mark 6:30-44

Wanlip Readings: *Holy Communion*

Reading 1: Revelation 7:9-end

Reading 2: 1 John 3:1-3

Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12

25th October 2026

Last Sunday after Trinity

Collect

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: help us so to hear them, to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them that, through patience, and the comfort of your holy word, we may embrace and for ever hold fast the hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

Post Communion Prayer

God of all grace, your Son Jesus Christ fed the hungry with the bread of his life and the word of his kingdom: renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your true and living bread; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen**

BCP Collect

Grant, we beseech thee, merciful Lord, to thy faithful people pardon and peace; that they may be cleansed from all their sins, and serve thee with a quiet mind; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

This week we are grateful for....

Being able to read the PCC meeting highlights

Additional Notices for the Week

Amanda's holiday

Amanda is now on holiday until 1st November –please do NOT contact her during her time off. While she is off, please direct any pastoral queries or questions about services to Kerry; admin queries to Sheryl and buildings to the PCC via Lynn. Thank you. Kerry

Thursday's 9:30am – 29th October

The 9:30am service on Thursday 29th October will be Morning Prayer and is now back at St James.

Funeral of Jovo Maric – change of venue

The funeral for Jovo Maric at St James has been cancelled. His funeral will now be held at Gilroes Crematorium on 29th October at 10:30am taken by a Serbian Priest.

Harvest Food Donations

On behalf of Birstall Food Hub, thank you to all at St James and Our Lady and St Nicholas for the food collection of Harvest Thanksgiving donated to The Food Hub. It is much appreciated. Thank-you. Kind regards, *Pete Molesdale*

All Souls Service – 1st November

This year's All Souls Service is on Sunday 1st November at St James, starting at 3pm. The service will include the reading of the names of our loved ones and the lighting of candles in their memory.

Remembrance Services – 8th & 11th November

This year's Remembrance Sunday service will be on Sunday 8th November at St James, starting at 10am. Our Remembrance Day service will be on Wednesday 11th November, at the War Memorial (*opposite Birstall Royal British Legion*), starting at 10:50am.

Flowers for special occasions (updated notice)

We are fortunate to have two hugely experienced and professional flower arranging teams at Birstall & Wanlip who are willing to receive requests for flower arrangements to be placed in Church to mark your special occasion. Donations for the cost of the flowers are always welcome. If you would like the teams to arrange a flower display with your special occasion in mind, please contact Sylvia Simes on 2674206 or email: sylviasimes66@gmail.com (Birstall) and Rita Richards on 07754826976 (Wanlip)

Advent Windows

Churches Together in Birstall and Wanlip are planning something new for this advent (don't all groan at once, it'll be Christmas before we know it!!) There is information about it at the back of each church and a sign up sheet if you would like to be involved. It sounds like a lot of fun so I hope you join in. *Debbie Shephard*

Swing into Christmas Concert – 4th December

Our Swing into Christmas Concert with Junction 21 Big Band will be on Friday 4th December at St James. Doors open 6.30pm, concert starts at 7:30pm. Tickets £10 cash at church as normal / digital ticket source or pay on the day at the door £11 cash / card. Refreshments including mulled wine/mince pies available after the concert. Includes a raffle. Car parking available on School Lane. For any queries / road reserve parking see Rose / Kevin. or phone 07960723937. Rose

Coming up event

Friday Wanlip Warm space in December (date t.b.c.) Return of Riley T 'Christmas and popular songs'. Refreshments including Baileys / mince pies. Donations. Rose