

Lectionary Readings

Sun 4th Harvest

Birstall reading: 1st Sunday Special

Reading: Psalm 103

Wanlip Readings: Holy Communion

Reading 1: Psalm 103

Reading 2: 2 Corinthians 9:6-end

Gospel: Luke 12:16-30

Mon 5th

Psalm: 80

Reading 1: 2 Kings 5

Reading 2: Acts 26:1-23

Tue 6th

Psalm: 89:1-18

Reading 1: 2 Kings 6:1-23

Reading 2: Acts 26:24-end

Wed 7th

Psalm: 119:105-128

Reading 1: 2 Kings 9:1-16

Reading 2: Acts 27:1-26

Holy Communion Readings

Reading 1: Galatians 2:1-2, 7-14

Gospel: Luke 11:1-4

Thu 8th

Psalm: 92

Reading 1: 2 Kings 9:17-end

Reading 2: Acts 27:27-end

Fri 9th

Psalm: 88

Reading 1: 2 Kings 12:1-19

Reading 2: Acts 28:1-16

Sat 10th

Psalm: 97

Reading 1: 2 Kings 17:1-23

Reading 2: Acts 28:17-end

Sun 11th 19th Sunday after Trinity

Birstall readings

Reading 1: Isaiah 25:1-9

Reading 2: Philippians 4:1-9

Gospel: Matthew 22:1-14

Wanlip Readings: BCP Evensong

Reading 1: Proverbs 3:1-18

Reading 2: 1 John 3:1-15

Psalm: 139:1-18

4th October 2026

Harvest

Collect

Eternal God, you crown the year with your goodness and you give us the fruits of the earth in their season: grant that we may use them to your glory, for the relief of those in need and for our own well-being; 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

Lord of the harvest, with joy we have offered thanksgiving for your love in creation and have shared in the bread and the wine of the kingdom: by your grace plant within us a reverence for all that you give us and make us generous and wise stewards of the good things we enjoy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

This week we are grateful for....

Our Farmers & the availability
& choice of food we have to eat

Additional Notices for the Week

Harvest

Please bring something you made to harvest, or a photo of something you made, or a certificate of an achievement or something you just love!! Pass the info on. Also, if you can, please bring donations of packet, dried and tinned food and toiletries for Birstall Food Hub.

Dorothy and Colin Barsby's Ashes – Sunday (4th October)

Dorothy and Colin's ashes are going to be buried, after the service. All welcome.

Please note

We are trying to get a handle on spending in the church. All purchases must be approved by Amanda (or if she's on holiday, Kerry). If not approved, the church will consider the purchase as a gift. We will purchase "fair trade" wherever possible.

Janet will buy cleaning products, food and drink, Sunday School and First Aid supplies. Sheryl will order office supplies. Amanda will order worship supplies (bread, wine, candles etc). Some items have been purchased recently that we do not need and we often have duplicates too!

First Aid!

Last year, Amanda bought a new pack to replenish the First Aid Kit in the kitchen. Somehow, that has gone missing and when the kit was last checked, everything was many years out of date. We have no idea how this happened and would love it if anyone can shed any light on it, please! It is now up to date again. We know it feels wrong that old bandages can't be used if they haven't been opened, but actually, we can donate them to Sea and Air Cadets for practising First Aid, meaning when they are here, you are safe to have an accident! 🩹

Monday Group – 12th October

Prize bingo with the "Great" Gregorio. Come and join us as we eagerly await for the numbers to be called. Held in the community area of St James. Visitors most welcome. *Joan*

PCC Meeting Highlights

Easyfundraising has raised £368.79 for the church to date.

Parish Contribution to Diocese for 2027 agreed to be £30,000.

Minster Communities - awaiting update.

Seeking a volunteer to lead on church building issues, please speak to Amanda.

Handrails/access - in progress.

War Memorial Wanlip - quotation to remove and clean to be accepted.

St James Summer Fete 2027 - date to be Saturday 24 July.

Shoebox Appeal 2026

Once again, we are appealing as we hope to send lots of boxes. Many items can be bought wholesale, so gifts of money are very welcome. Last year the carriage bill was nearly £300 so help with that is useful. Evidently the old people like boiled sweets, so sweets and chocolates would be gratefully accepted. Thanks in advance for your generosity. *Sylvia and Doreen*

Leicester Half Marathon – Next Sunday (11th October)

There will be restrictions affecting roads between the following estimated times: 9:40am – 11:30am for Whiles Lane, Wanlip Lane and Birstall Road. The busiest times for runners passing through is likely to be between 10:00am – 11:00am, during which times access to Church Hill and Front Street will be almost impossible.