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Lectionary Readings

Sun 22nd **Christ the King**
Birstall readings
Reading: Ephesians 1:15-end
Gospel: Matthew 25:31-end
Wanlip Readings: *BCP Evensong*
Reading 1: Ephesians 1:15-end
Reading 2: Matthew 25:31-end
Psalm: 95:1-7

Mon 23rd
Psalm: 96
Reading 1: Isiah 40:1-11
Reading 2: Revelation 14:1-13

Tue 24th
Psalm: 97
Reading 1: Isaiah 40:12-26
Reading 2: Revelation 14:14 – end of 15

Wed 25th
Psalm: 112
Reading 1: Isaiah 40:27 – 41:7
Reading 2: Revelation 16:1-11

Thu 26th
Psalm: 125
Reading 1: Isaiah 41:8-20
Reading 2: Revelation 16:12-end

Fri 27th
Psalm: 139
Reading 1: Isaiah 41:21 – 42:9
Reading 2: Revelation 17

Sat 28th
Psalm: 145
Reading 1: Isaiah 42:10-17
Reading 2: Revelation 18

Sun 29th **Advent Sunday**
Birstall readings
Reading 1: Isaiah 64:1-9
Reading 2: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9
Gospel: Mark 13:24-end
Wanlip Readings: *Advent Carols*
Reading 1: Exodus 3:1-6
Reading 2: Psalm 103:8-17
Reading 3: Isaiah 40:1-11
Reading 4: Isaiah 52:7-10
Reading 5: Malachi 3:1-5
Reading 6: Isaiah 61:1-3, 11
Reading 7: Psalm 146
Reading 8: Philippians 4:4-7
Reading 9: Luke 1:5-25

22nd November 2026

Christ the King

Collect

Eternal Father, whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven that he might rule over all things as Lord and King: keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of peace, and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

Post Communion Prayer

Stir up, O Lord, the wills of your faithful people; that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may by you be plenteously rewarded; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

BCP Evensong Collect

Stir up, we beseech thee, O Lord, the wills of thy faithful people; that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may of thee be plenteously rewarded; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

This week we are grateful for….

Books and the gift of being able to read

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Additional Notices for the Week

Bring and Share Lunch – 29th November
Our next Bring and Share Lunch is next Sunday (29th Nov), starting at 12:30pm at Birstall Village Hall. If you would like to come, please add your name to the sign-up sheet at the back of both churches. *Joan*

Wednesday communion followed by lunch
There will not be a monthly Wednesday Holy Communion service until March 2027.

Electoral Roll
If you are not on the Electoral Roll and would like to be, please could you fill in a form, found at the back of church, and give it to Christine Suffolk or Janet Waters please.

Ho! Ho! Ho! Christmas is coming
Santa is busy filling the knitted red and green stockings with smarties at £2. Proceeds for the handrail. *Brenda & Joan*

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*

Wanlip Christmas Fair – 5th December
This year's Christmas Fair is on Saturday 5th December 2-4 pm in the Church and Community Centre in Wanlip. Please come along and support this event and meet old and new friends. We would appreciate help with items for the stalls, tombola, cakes, bottles, raffle. Thanking you in advance. Contact Julie Ward for any further information. *Julie*

Welcome Space over Christmas
Welcome Space will be closed on the following dates over Christmas: 22nd and 29th December at Birstall, 25th December and 1st January at Wanlip

Kitchen items
- Please can you switch off the pump/sink/water heater switches in the kitchen before you leave
- Missing cake tongs : If you have borrowed these or know where they are please return them to the kitchen. *Rose*

Home groups
We do have home groups and if anyone is interested in joining one, please speak to me. *Amanda*

Return of Riley T : Singer
Due to other arrangements for Warm Space Christmas Parties and Riley T's moving house, this Events session has been postponed to the New Year. *Rose*

RBL Quiz night
Several of us enjoy going to the quiz at the RBL on Wednesday evenings at 8:15pm. Please join us whenever you can. It's £1.50 per quizzer +£1 for non members. Text Amanda if you're coming just to double check we're going that evening. We can meet you outside if a bit nervous walking in alone - and who wouldn't be?!