

Sunday 25th March – Palm Sunday

Extra Notices

Items for Information Sheet for Easter Sunday and 8th April

If you require any notices to be included on the above sheets can you please let me have them before **I am on Thursday 29th March** as the Friday will be Good Friday and I will not be in the office for the following week. If you have any other notices arising for announcement in church on Easter Sunday or the 8th April, please give them to a member of the clergy or a churchwarden on the day. Thanks.

Walk of Witness

Good Friday

We will meet at the top of Sibson road by Tesco at 10:00 and proceed down to St Theresa's with pauses along the way for Readings, Prayer and a hymn. Whilst we are walking the children will gather at St. Theresa's to enjoy Christian Themed activities and we will all gather together to enjoy Hot Cross Buns at the end of the walk.

Prayer visiting

In June 2017 members of Nearer visited some homes in Birstall and offered prayer for whatever people asked us to pray for. This was well received and we have decided to offer this to other homes in Birstall. As a result we are planning to visit more homes over the coming months, starting on April 9th & 10th. You would be most welcome to join us – either by joining the visiting/praying team or committing to praying whilst the visits are happening. If you would like to know more, are interested in joining us and/or are happy to pray whilst the visits are taking place please contact Gill or Peter Chester (0116 212 0236, gill@nearer.org, pete@nearer.org) to find out more.

Living and working in Lebanon Our link missionaries, Audrey and Colin Gibson, are back from Beirut for a few months. They are coming to St. James at 19:30 on 18th April and will let us know something of their work, the situation (with so many refugees having fled to Lebanon) and their experiences of working with children with special needs in a very different culture. The evening will be hoisted by Nearer and wine and nibbles are promised!

Peter Chester

Wanlip May Fayre.

19th May

Yes folks it's that time again! The Fayre will take place on Saturday 19th May 2pm - 4pm in the Hall in Wanlip. As usual we would appreciate your help with cakes, brick a brac, raffle prizes, tombola prizes etc. We look forward to seeing you on the day for this social event. Proceeds towards the Hall flooring. Thanking you. Julie 2677600.

Recycling Printer Cartridges and Mobile Phones

There is a box at the back of church for your used ink cartridges and mobile phones.

Leicester @ the Cross

Good Friday 30th March

Leicester @ the Cross will be a little different this year, it will take place at three different locations. It starts in the Cathedral Gardens (10:00 am) for Act 1 – The Garden of Gethsemane, then will move on to Market Square (10:30 am) for Act 2 – The trial of Jesus, ending up at Humberstone Gate (11:00 am) for Act 3 – The crucifixion and resurrection.

LOROS Quiz

If you like a challenge the next LOROS Quiz is available at the back of church. The answers to the previous one are pinned up on the notice board at the back of church. The total amount raised from the last quiz was nearly £3000. Thank you to all for your support. Sandra

Prayer Team

Please approach anyone wearing a Prayer Team badge at any time if you would like prayer. Two people will be available at the front left of the main church during the Communion at the 10am service, but we would love to pray with you at any time. Contact Kerry Emmett (319 4736) for further information.

Prayer Chain

If you have an urgent prayer request for yourself or for someone you know, please contact Doreen Wilson on 2674680 or Gill Pope on 2675086. This will be passed round the prayer chain as quickly as possible in strictest confidence.

Items for Information Sheet

To ensure all events, meetings etc are advertised in the Information Sheet, please send details to the church office at stjames.birstall@btconnect.com or telephone 2671797 (you can leave a message if no one is there), or email it direct to me at sheryljupp@hotmail.co.uk or you can leave a note next to the computer in the office. Please note that you have until **I am on the Friday** to get your items included in that week's news sheet.

Travel Talk – “Japan the land of the rising sun”

11th May

The Travel talk that was cancelled because of the snow has been rearranged for Friday 11th May at Wanlip starting at 7:30. The much-travelled Sue Ablett will talk about "Japan, the land of the rising sun", accompanied by the colourful illustrations of her photographer husband. There will be a charge of £4 for this event but that will include a glass of wine and some nibbles at the interval. Just the sort of evening to make us think of fine weather and holidays, even if we can't all go to Japan. Tickets are available from Beryl McHugh (2674913) or you can pay at the door.

Christian Aid

Christian Aid has so far this year raised a total of £550.40 from frugal lunches at the Methodist Church and St Theresa's and the Christian Unity service here at St James. If anyone has any ideas for raising more funds for Christian Aid throughout the year please let Mary Bruce know. Many thanks.

Palm Sunday - More Extra Notices

Social events

The Social committee are organising two more events, for April and May. The first, on Sunday 29th April, is our annual Parish Lunch. We have chosen to go to the Beedles Lake Golf Club again as it has proved a very popular venue. As usual, there will be a sign-up sheet at the back of the church as soon we have a few more details of price and time. It will be very helpful, if anyone travelling there by car, with spare seats, can indicate their willingness to take passengers. In the meantime please book this date in your diary! The second outing is to be on Wednesday 16th May, when we are proposing a trip to visit St. Bernard's Abbey, followed by a light lunch at St. Joseph's Tea Room nearby. Once again we hope to be able to share cars, there will be more details nearer the time. If you are a person with some bright ideas for future excursions etc., perhaps you would like to join our small committee? Please ring 2674913 to find out more.

Help would be appreciated

Easter Songs Of Praise is being held at Cedar Mews on Tuesday 27th March at 3pm and at Watermead Court on Wednesday 28th March at 10.30 am. If you are able to help, please contact Kerry for Cedar Mews and Gill Pope for Watermead Court. Thank you. *Gill and Kerry.*

Monday Group AGM Report

At our monthly meeting on 12th March, members were thanked for their generosity in helping to raise £1,200 for the Leicester Children's Holiday Centre (Mablethorpe) Reg. charity no. 217976. Although the Home's premises is closed for rebuilding, the charity will still provide holidays for children in alternative settings until their new Home has been completed. The following items were nominated and approved: - 1) Jane Scott continues as leader; 2) Committee membership unchanged; 3) The Baldwin Trust (Narrowboats for community action on Leicestershire waterways) Reg. Charity no. 515488, is our charity for the year. With emphasis on raising money towards providing defibrillators on each of their boats. Volunteer knitters have been recruited to knit teddy bears in the trust's colours, which will then be for sale on the boats or from Rose Parrott. Our next meeting is on Monday 9th April at 7:30pm when our speaker will be Liz Robson on English vineyards. *Rita Richards*

Birstall Methodist Lunch Club

Get together for a chat in the lounge every Wednesday 11:30am onwards. Two-course lunch & hot drink £6.50. Any seniors in the local area will be most welcome. Transport within Birstall subject to availability. Speak to Sandra Munford or Mary Downs on 0792 8864586