



Our vision is to be an open Christian community where people feel loved, respected, and free to be fully themselves.



**24<sup>th</sup> March 2024**

**Palm Sunday**

**Welcome  
to you all**



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## Our Services this week

### St James:

#### Palm Sunday (24<sup>th</sup>)

8:30am Holy Communion

10:00am Holy Communion

#### Maundy Thursday (28<sup>th</sup>)

9:30am Holy Communion

7:30pm Holy Communion

#### Good Friday (29<sup>th</sup>)

2pm Holy Communion

### Our Lady & St Nicholas:

#### Palm Sunday (24<sup>th</sup>)

6pm Holy Communion

## What else is happening this week

#### Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup>

12:30-4:30pm Welcome Space St James

#### Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup>

12:30-4:30pm Welcome Space St James

3-4pm Open Church & Private Prayer  
Our Lady & St Nicholas

#### Friday 29<sup>th</sup>

10am Good Friday Walk of Witness  
Starts outside Tesco's

#### Saturday 30<sup>th</sup>

10am-Noon Open Church St James

## What's happening next week

#### Sunday 31<sup>th</sup>

6:30am	Vigil & Holy Communion	Our Lady & St Nicholas
	Followed by Breakfast	Wanlip Hall
10am	Holy Communion	St James
12 Noon	Bring & Share Lunch	Birstall Village Hall
6pm	Easter 5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday Special	Our Lady & St Nicholas

#### Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup>

12:30-4:30pm	Welcome Space	St James
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#### Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup>

12:30-4:30pm	Welcome Space	St James
3-4pm	Open Church & Private Prayer	Our Lady & St Nicholas

#### Thursday 4<sup>th</sup>

9:30am	Holy Communion	St James
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#### Saturday 6<sup>th</sup>

10am-Noon	Open Church	St James
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# Notices

**Please feel free to contact Amanda or one of the Churchwardens at any time**

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## **Walk of Witness - Good Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March**

This years Good Friday Walk of Witness will start at 10am outside Tesco's and will finish at St Theresa's for Hot Cross Buns. *Debbie*

## **WhatsApp & Text Messages to Amanda**

Please could you keep WhatsApp and text messages etc to between 9am and 9pm and not on her day off (usually Friday) A 12 hour working day should be enough. The reason is that then she doesn't have to have her phone on silent overnight. She really wants to be available if needed in the night. You can email her outside these times, though - her phone doesn't ping for emails.

## **Conversations with Amanda after services**

If you need to speak to me about something after services, please could you also email me a little reminder of the conversation or stick a bit of paper in my hand with a keyword and your name on please?! (eg Sylvia spoke to me about the garden, so she could just send an email or give me a note that says "Sylvia - garden".) I won't take offence at it being short!! *Amanda*

## **Easter Morning Breakfast at Our Lady and St. Nicholas Wanlip**

Bacon / sausage or both, cobs and drinks will be available after the vigil / communion service . To help with catering would you please add your name to the list at the back of one of the churches. Looking forward to seeing you all again on this joyous occasion. *Julie*

## **Bring & Share Lunch – 31<sup>st</sup> March**

Bring and share lunch in the village hall is next week. Please come if you can and invite any family or friends you'd like and something to share!

## **Easter Egg Hunt – 31<sup>st</sup> March**

There will be an Easter Egg Hunt on Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> March at 11:30am at St James following our 10am service.

## **Easter Flowers at St James**

Our grateful thanks to Teresa who has donated the Easter flowers in memory of her husband Paul and son Andrew.

## **Minister Community meeting - 23<sup>rd</sup> April**

For the next stage of the Minster Community plan in the Diocese, we need 2 reps to attend the first meeting, on the 23rd April at 7pm at St Martin's House, as well as Amanda.

Whoever goes to this meeting does not commit themselves to future meetings, but they will need to feed back to the PCC. It's fine to have different people each time. Amanda will explain more about this in the services today. We will also be giving out "storyboard sheets" for everyone to put their opinions down - this is about the church not yourself! So one question says "Where have you come from?" which means "Where has the church come from?" for example. We will collate everyone's answers to feedback to the Minster Community meetings and everyone's opinions are important. Please return these by 14<sup>th</sup> April. Does anyone feel like they could do the collating job, please? So 2 reps and a collator are required, please!

## **A Collect for Palm Sunday**

Almighty and everlasting God, who in your tender love towards the human race sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ to take upon him our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross: grant that we may follow the example of his patience and humility, and also be made partakers of his resurrection; 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**

## **A Post Communion Prayer for Palm Sunday**

Lord Jesus Christ, you humbled yourself in taking the form of a servant, and in obedience died on the cross for our salvation: give us the mind to follow you and to proclaim you as Lord and King, to the glory of God the Father. **Amen**

## **Summer Fair**

Is anyone willing to organise this years Summer Fair please? Please let Amanda or a warden know.

## **Church garden**

Sylvia and her husband have kindly offered to tidy up the garden to the right of the main entrance to St James' door as you go in. However, Amanda thinks someone else may have offered! Was it you - if so, please remind Amanda and let her know if you want to do it or are happy for Sylvia to do it! Thank you.

## **Church Diary**

If you write an event in the church diary, or send me an email, please could you also put a finish time and which part of the church you will be using, for heating reasons. Thanks. *Sheryl*

## **Keep in Touch**

Anne is stepping down from editing our Keep in Touch magazine. If you would like to volunteer to take over from her or would like more information, can you please let Amanda or one of the church wardens know.

## **Monthly tip for a less-plastic life - March**

Buy loose fruit and veg.

## **Beer and Hymns Night – 22<sup>nd</sup> April**

Amanda will be leading a Beer and Hymns Night on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> April from 7-8pm at the White Horse. There will be live music, provided by St Theresa's, and classic hymns to sing along to. St George food specials available.

## **Information Sheets for the week beginning 21<sup>st</sup> April**

If you require any notices to be included in the 21<sup>st</sup> April information sheets can you please let me have them before I am on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> April. I will be out of the office from then until Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April. Thanks *Sheryl*

## **APCM reports**

If you write a report for the APCM (Annual meeting) now is the time, please? Remember it's for the whole of 2023. Even though the meeting is in April, the report is for January to December. It helps us to get the ASAP so we can get the report book ready. Thank you so much. Please send to Sheryl.

## **Bible Book Club - 25<sup>th</sup> April**

The next Bible Book club will be on the 25<sup>th</sup> April from about 10:30am after the Communion Service, and we'll be looking at Zephaniah.

## **Prayer Chain**

If you have an urgent prayer request, please contact Doreen Wilson (2674680) or Gill Pope (2675086) it will be passed round the prayer chain as quickly as possible in strictest confidence.

## Lectionary Readings

### **Sun 24<sup>th</sup> Palm Sunday**

#### Birstall - Liturgy of the Palms

Reading 1: Mark 11:1-11

Psalm: 118:1-2, 19-end

#### Wanlip - Liturgy of the Passion

Reading 1: Isaiah 50:4-9a

Psalm: 31:9-16

Gospel: Mark 14:1 - end of 15

### **Mon 25<sup>th</sup>**

Psalm: 41

Reading 1: Lamentations 1:1-12a

Reading 2: Luke 22:1-23

### **Tue 26<sup>th</sup>**

Psalm: 27

Reading 1: Lamentations 3:1-18

Reading 2: Luke 22:39:53

### **Wed 27<sup>th</sup>**

Psalm: 102

Reading 1: Jeremiah 11:18-20

Reading 2: Luke 22:54-end

### **Thu 28<sup>th</sup> Maundy Thursday**

Psalm: 42

Reading 1: Leviticus 16:2-24

Reading 2: Luke 23:1-25

#### Holy Communion Readings

Reading 1: Exodus 12:1-4 11-14

Reading 2: 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

Gospel: John 13:1-17, 31b-35

### **Fri 29<sup>th</sup> Good Friday**

Psalm: 69

Reading 1: Genesis 22:1-18

Reading 2: Hebrews 10:1-10

#### Holy Communion Readings

Reading 1: Isaiah 52:13 - end of 53

Reading 2: Hebrews 10:16-25

Gospel: John 18:1 - end of 19

### **Sat 30<sup>th</sup>**

Psalm: 142

Reading 1: Hosea 6:1-6

Reading 2: John 2:18-22

### **Sun 31<sup>st</sup> Easter Sunday**

Reading 1: Acts 10:34-43

Reading 2: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Gospel: John 20:1-18

Psalm: 118:1-2, 14-24

## For our Prayers

### **For the persecuted church - Cuba**

Dear God, we ask You to be with our sisters & brothers in Cuba. We pray especially for those who speak out against the injustice they see in their country – thank You for giving them boldness & Your heart for justice. We ask You to protect them & help them to know You love them. We also pray for those who lead churches, that you would help them navigate the tension of daily life & ministry. Amen.

### **For our Churches, this week especially for:**

Our PCC Treasurer and Secretary

Our Children: Christopher, Lucy & Bea

### **What are we thankful for this week:**

Our freedom to criticise politicians

### **For our Community, this week especially for:**

Watermead Wardens

### **For those in need or unwell:**

Nicky Hardy, David Bark, Dorothy Barsby, John Walton, Michael Webb, Tricia Emmett, Ray Folland & all who care for them.

### **For those who have Holy Communion at home:**

Sheila Skidmore, Monica Lucas, Freda Sowards, Margery Orton & Pat Wilby

### **For those who have recently died:**

### **For 1<sup>st</sup> anniversary of death this week:**

### **Every day - 9pm (or another time!)**

Praying for peace in Ukraine & Israel / Palestine. And a different area each day.

**Sun:** For an end to Sinai insurgency in Egypt ongoing since 2011.

**Mon:** For an end to the Central African Republic Civil War ongoing since 2012.

**Tues:** For an end to the insurgency in Northern Chad ongoing since 2021.

**Wed:** For an end to the Philippine Drug War ongoing since 2016.

**Thurs:** For an end to Insurgency in Cabo Delgado (Mozambique and Tanzania) ongoing since 2017.

**Fri:** For an end to the Anglophone Crisis in Cameroon ongoing since 2017.

**Sat:** For an end to the Bangladesh drug war ongoing since 2018. 800+ deaths to date.