



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



31st March 2024

Easter Sunday

**Welcome
to you all**



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St James



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Our Services this week

St James:

Easter Sunday

10:00am Holy Communion

Thursday 4th

9:30am Holy Communion

Our Lady & St Nicholas:

Easter Sunday

6:30am Easter Vigil & Holy Communion

6pm Easter 5th Sunday Special

What else is happening this week

Easter Sunday

8am Easter Breakfast Wanlip Hall

12 Noon Bring & Share Lunch Birstall Village Hall

Tuesday 2nd

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

Wednesday 3rd

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

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

Saturday 6th

10am-Noon Open Church St James

What's happening next week

Sunday 7th

8:30am Holy Communion St James

10am All Together Service St James

6pm Holy Communion Our Lady & St Nicholas

Monday 8th

2-4:30pm Monday Group St James

Tuesday 9th

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

Wednesday 10th

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

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

Thursday 11th

9:30am Holy Communion St James

Saturday 13th

10am-Noon Open Church St James

3:30-4:30pm Visiting Bell Ringers St James

Notices

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

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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*

Bring & Share Lunch – Today (31st March)

Bring and share lunch in the village hall is today. Please come if you can. Even if you didn't realise, and have no food to bring, please come anyway!

Easter Egg Hunt – Today (31st March)

There will be an Easter Egg Hunt on Sunday 31st 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 - 23rd 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 14th April. Does anyone feel like they could do the collating job, please? So 2 reps and a collator are required, please!

Saving Paper

In an effort to save paper please could all the paper BIBLE READINGS be put into my pigeon hole after use as it is proposed that a file will be made of these readings and eventually it will be placed in the Parish Office so they can be reused. Thank you. *Josephine Burgess*

Chicks and Rabbits

We are pleased to say the sale of Chicks and Rabbits, together with donations received, raised £300 for Birstall Bags. Through your generosity supporting us to date, £3587.00 has been raised for different charities. Thank you. *Brenda & Joan*

A Collect for Easter Sunday

Lord of all life and power, who through the mighty resurrection of your Son overcame the old order of sin and death to make all things new in him: grant that we, being dead to sin and alive to you in Jesus Christ, may reign with him in glory; to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be praise and honour, glory and might, now and in all eternity. **Amen**

A Post Communion Prayer for Easter Sunday

God of Life, who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection have delivered us from the power of our enemy: grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his risen life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **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 – 22nd April

Amanda will be leading a Beer and Hymns Night on Monday 22nd 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 21st April

If you require any notices to be included in the 21st April information sheets can you please let me have them before I am on Thursday 11th April. I will be out of the office from then until Tuesday 23rd 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 - 25th April

The next Bible Book club will be on the 25th 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 31st 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

Mon 1st
Psalm: 111
Reading 1: Exodus 12:1-14
Reading 2: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Tue 2nd
Psalm: 112
Reading 1: Exodus 12:14-36
Reading 2: 1 Corinthians 15:12-19

Wed 3rd
Psalm: 113
Reading 1: Exodus 12:37-end
Reading 2: 1 Corinthians 15:20-28

Thu 4th
Psalm: 114
Reading 1: Exodus 13:1-16
Reading 2: 1 Corinthians 15:29-34

Holy Communion Readings

Reading 1: Acts 3:11-end
Gospel: Luke 24:35-48

Fri 5th
Psalm: 115
Reading 1: Exodus 13:17 - 14:14
Reading 2: 1 Corinthians 15:35-50

Sat 6th
Psalm: 116
Reading 1: Exodus 14:15-end
Reading 2: 1 Corinthians 15:51-end

Sun 7th 2nd Sunday of Easter
Reading 1: Acts 4:32-35
Reading 2: 1 John 1:1 - 2:2
Gospel: John 20:19-end
Psalm: 133

For our Prayers

For the persecuted church - Mauritania

Heavenly Father, thank You for the bold faith of our Mauritanian family. Surround all believers with Your love, & give each one a glimpse into the deep & precious work You are doing in & through them. We pray especially for those experiencing severe pressure for knowing You – empower them to persevere in their faith & witness. Provide fresh opportunities for believers to gather & even tell others about You. Soften the staunchly Islamic views that shape Mauritanian society, that the country may move towards greater religious freedom. Pour Your Holy Spirit into every corner of Mauritania; may today be the day of salvation for many (2 Corinthians 6:2). Amen.

For our Churches, this week especially for:

Our Sacristan, Servers & Communion Assistants
Our Children: Kelan, Kome & Sophie

What are we thankful for this week:

The availability and choice of food we have to eat.

For our Community, this week especially for:

Voluntary workers

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 1st anniversary of death this week:

Sheila Newbold

Every day - 9pm (or another time!)

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

Sun: For an end to the FRG9 insurgency in Haiti ongoing since 2020.

Mon: For an end to the Salvadoran gang crackdown ongoing since 2022.

Tues: For an end to the Las Anod conflict in Somaliland ongoing since 2023.

Wed: For an end to the Jamaican Political Conflict ongoing since 1943,

Thurs: For an end to the Korean Conflict ongoing since 1950.

Fri: And for an end to the Papua Conflict in Indonesia ongoing since 1962.

Sat: And for an end to Katanga insurgency in DR Congo ongoing since 1963.