



St James the Great • Birstall Our Lady and St Nicholas • Wanlip



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

10th August 2025

8th Sunday after Trinity

**Welcome
to you all**



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Our Services this week

Service type is subject to change due to illness or other unforeseen circumstances

St James:

Sunday 10th

8:30am Morning Prayer
10.00am Holy Communion with
Healing - M.U. Service

Wednesday 13th

12:30pm Holy Communion
followed by Lunch

Thursday 14th

9:30am Morning Prayer

Our Lady & St Nicholas:

Sunday 10th

6pm BCP Evensong

What else is happening this week

Monday 11th

6-7:30pm Pilates Class St James

Tuesday 12th

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

Wednesday 13th

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

Friday 15th

10:50am VJ Day 80th Anniversary Service
St James

Saturday 16th

10am-12noon Open Church St James

What's happening next week

Sunday 17th

8:30am Holy Communion St James
10am Holy Communion St James
6pm BCP Evensong Our Lady & St Nicholas

Tuesday 19th

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

Wednesday 20th

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

Thursday 21st

9:30am Holy Communion St James

Notices

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

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Monthly Wednesday Holy Communion service followed by lunch

Would anyone be happy to provide lunch, (soup & roll) set up and clear away for lunch following our monthly Wednesday Holy Communion Service. If you can, please let Amanda or Rachael know.

VJ Day 80th Anniversary Service – 15th August

There will be a short service for the 80th Anniversary of VJ Day on Friday 15th August at St James gathering at 10:50am

Amanda's Sermons on the Eucharist

If anyone would like a copy of any of Amanda's sermons on aspects of the Eucharist please let her know by email and she will send them a copy.

Summer Fete - 20th August

Please see the separate sheet for the Summer Fete notices.

Old Nick's Coffee Shop

There will be NO COFFEE SHOP in August due to refurbishment in the Hall. See you all in September. Thank you. *Julie*

Bible Chat group

We have decided to stop the Bible chat group due to low numbers. However, we would still like to encourage everyone to have a go and reading one book of the Bible each month - we started with the shortest - Philemon. (Ask Amanda, if you would like the list so you can start from the beginning.) We are now on James. If you would like to join in, we are going to do it "remotely". So, read James by the end of August and if you have any questions, please ask Amanda or Rachael and they will do their best to answer. If you are online, the group has found it helpful to watch The Bible Project explanation of each book - if you Google "Bible Project James" for example, it will bring it up on YouTube. If people are interested in a WhatsApp Group to discuss, then please let Amanda know and she will set it up. *Amanda*

Advance Notice - Bring and Share Lunch - 31st August

The next bring & share lunch will be on Sunday 31st August at the Village Hall. A list will be at both churches for names. Please make a note in your diary. Thank you. *Joan Folland*

Return of the Kind: Comedy night – 12th September

Andy Kind will be returning on Friday 12th September at St James, starting at 7:30pm

A good laugh about everyday events (suitable for anyone). £10.00 per ticket or 2 for £18.00.

Tickets@ ticketsource.co.uk (digital -pay online) or physical tickets for cash after church

services /welcome space/open church. (we will keep the money tin/tickets in the Church Office and request it goes back to keep money secure). All tickets must be paid for and shown on entry.

A great night, bring your own drinks, (glasses provided) and light refreshments (crisps, snacks etc) will be served. Look forward to seeing you there. Queries/ticket orders please speak to Rose

(07811662235) or Kevin Burrows.

The Collect for Mary Sumner - Founder of the Mothers' Union

Faithful and loving God, who called Mary Sumner to strive for the renewal of family life: give us the gift of your Holy Spirit, that through word, prayer and deed your family may be strengthened and your people served; 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 forever. **Amen**

The Post Communion Prayer for Mary Sumner

Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name, your servant Mary Sumner revealed your goodness in a life of tranquillity and service: grant that we who have gathered in faith around this table may like her know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge and be filled with all your fullness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

BCP Evensong Collect for the 8th Sunday after Trinity

O God, whose never-failing providence ordereth all things both in heaven and earth; We humbly beseech thee to put away from us all hurtful things, and to give us those things which be profitable for us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Farewell Service for The Venerable Richard Worsfold - 15th September

Richard's farewell Service will be Monday 15th September, 5.30pm – Leicester Cathedral. All are invited to attend this service of thanks for Richard's 30 years of ministry in Leicestershire as he moves to be Area Dean of Salford and Leigh in the Diocese of Manchester.

Wanlip Hall & Community Centre celebration - 5th September

As you may be aware we are having a final push to finish the total internal refurbishment of the Wanlip Hall and Community Centre. To celebrate this achievement and to show you where our fund raising money has been used we would like to invite you all to share in our celebrations with food and drinks & chat on Friday 5th September, 7.30 - 9.00pm. If possible please let us know if you are able to join us. There will be a display of 'before and after' photographs including ones of the work in progress. *Julie and Debbie*

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.

APCM 2026

We have pencilled in Monday 18th May for our next APCM, but please note that the date could change, we are just letting you know what we hope for in advance.

Also, with regards to the APCM, we will be asking for reports at the beginning of January for 2025 activities. The report needs to come from each church group so the group continues to be insured by the church and comes under church safeguarding. But mainly, we do love to read what the groups have been up to and what fun they have had, what God has been up to in their group, what they have learned and what funny things have happened! Please get these in as soon as you possibly can in the new year, but by the end of February, so that those who will be putting the report books together have a reasonable time to do this. Thank you so much.

Monthly tip for a less-plastic life - August

Make your own ice lollies in reusable freezer moulds.

Blister Packs

Sorry, but we can't take empty blister packs at St James', for recycling anymore as the places they are taken to won't accept a bin bag full! The good news, is that you can take your own with you whenever you go to any Superdrug with a pharmacy (the one at Loughborough does) or many Boots (the Chemist!): Eg Gallowtree Gate / Highcross / Fosse Park / Thurmaston Shopping Centre. *Amanda*

Lectionary Readings

Sun 10th 8th Sunday after Trinity

Reading 1: Genesis 15:1-6
Reading 2: Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16
Gospel: Luke 12:32-40

Wanlip Readings

Reading 1: Isaiah 11:10-16, 12:1-6
Reading 2: Hebrews 11:8-16
Psalm: 108

Mon 11th

Psalm: 30
Reading 1: Ezekiel 28:1-19
Reading 2: James 2:1-13

Tue 12th

Psalm: 36
Reading 1: Ezekiel 33:1-20
Reading 2: James 2:14-end

Wed 13th

Psalm: 34
Reading 1: Ezekiel 33:21-end
Reading 2: James 3

Thu 14th

Psalm: 37
Reading 1: Ezekiel 34:1-16
Reading 2: James 4:1-12

Holy Communion Readings

Reading 1: Joshua 3:7-11, 13-17
Gospel: Matthew 18:21 - 19:1

Fri 15th

The Blessed Virgin Mary
Psalm: 98
Reading 1: Isaiah 7:10-15
Reading 2: Luke 11:27-28

Sat 16th

Psalm: 42
Reading 1: Ezekiel 36:16-36
Reading 2: James 5:7-end

Sun 17th 9th Sunday after Trinity

Reading 1: Jeremiah 23:23-29
Reading 2: Hebrews 11:29 - 12:2
Gospel: Luke 12:49-56

Wanlip Readings

Reading 1: Jeremiah 23:23-29
Reading 2: Luke 12:49-56
Psalm: 82

For our Prayers

For the persecuted church - Nicaragua

Father God, we thank You for the courage and conviction of Christians in Nicaragua who are continuing to speak out against injustice. Encourage and strengthen them to be a united prophetic voice, and may those who hear them encounter Christ. We pray for Christians who have been attacked or are discouraged by the violence around them. Pour out Your healing on them and their families. Help the church to stand firm as a light in the darkness. **Amen.**

For our Churches, this week especially for:

Our Church Cleaners
Our Children: Oliver & Laura

What are we thankful for this week:

Bird song

For our Community, this week especially for:

Our Playgroups, Nurseries & Childminders

For those in need or unwell:

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

For those who have Holy Communion at home:

Sheila Skidmore, Monica Lucas, Freda Sowards, Margery Orton, Gillian Hinton, John Harrison, John Walters, Michael Webb & Dorothy Barsby

For those who have recently died

Barbara Luxton & Ann Ball

For 1st anniversary of death this week:

John Williams

Every day - 9pm (or another time!)

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

Sun: For an end to the Afghan Conflict ongoing since 1978

Mon: For an end to the Somali Civil War ongoing since 1991

Tues: For an end to the Communal Conflicts in Nigeria ongoing since 1998

Wed: For an end to the Insurgency in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa ongoing since 2004

Thurs: For an end to the Congolese conflicts ongoing since 2004

Fri: For an end to the Mexican Drug War ongoing since 2006

Sat: For an end to the Sudanese Nomadic Conflicts ongoing since 2008