

## Lectionary Readings

### Sun 11<sup>th</sup>      Baptism of Christ

Reading 1:      Isaiah 42:1-9

Reading 2:      Acts 10:34-43

Gospel:      Matthew 3:13-end

#### Wanlip Readings

Reading 1:      Isaiah 42:1-9 or Acts 10:34-43

Gospel:      Matthew 3:13-end

Psalm:      29

### Mon 12<sup>th</sup>

Psalm:      2

Reading 1:      Genesis 1:1-19

Reading 2:      Matthew 21:1-17

### Tue 13<sup>th</sup>

Psalm:      9

Reading 1:      Genesis 1:20 – 2:3

Reading 2:      Matthew 21:18-32

### Wed 14<sup>th</sup>

Psalm:      20

Reading 1:      Genesis 2:4-end

Reading 2:      Matthew 21:33-end

### Thu 15<sup>th</sup>

Psalm:      21

Reading 1:      Genesis 3

Reading 2:      Matthew 22:1-14

#### Holy Communion

Reading 1:      1 Samuel 4:1-11

Gospel:      Mark 1:40-end

### Fri 16<sup>th</sup>

Psalm:      67

Reading 1:      Genesis 4:1-16, 25-26

Reading 2:      Matthew 22:15-33

### Sat 17<sup>th</sup>

Psalm:      33

Reading 1:      Genesis 6:1-10

Reading 2:      Matthew 22:34-end

### Sun 18<sup>th</sup>      2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Epiphany

Reading 1:      Isaiah 49:1-7

Reading 2:      1 Corinthians 1:1-9

Gospel:      John 1:29-42

#### Wanlip Readings

Reading 1:      Isaiah 49:1-7 or 1 Corinthians 1:1-9

Gospel:      John 1:29-42

Psalm:      40:1-12

11<sup>th</sup> January 2026

### Collect for the Baptism of Christ

Eternal Father, who at the baptism of Jesus revealed him to be your Son, anointing him with the Holy Spirit: grant to us, who are born again by water and the Spirit, that we may be faithful to our calling as your adopted children; 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**

### Post Communion Prayer for the Baptism of Christ

Lord of all time and eternity, you opened the heavens and revealed yourself as Father in the baptism of Jesus your beloved Son: by the power of your Spirit complete the heavenly work of our rebirth through the waters of the new creation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

### BCP Evensong Collect

O LORD, we beseech thee mercifully to receive the prayers of thy people which call upon thee; and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil the same; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

**This week we are grateful for....**

A warm home

## Additional Notices for the Week

### Items for Information Sheets 18<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> January

The information sheets for the next two Sundays have already been produced. If you have any new notices and would like them announcing in church, please write them down and give them to a member of the clergy or a churchwarden on the day. Thanks. *Sheryl*

### Old Nick's Coffee Shop – 20<sup>th</sup> January

The next Old Nicks Coffee Shop will be on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> January at 10am - 12 noon, in Wanlip Hall.

### February's 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday Special Service - 1<sup>st</sup> February

The 10am 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday Special service at St James on 1<sup>st</sup> February will be ATC Sunday Service and Candlemas.

### Swing night

The total profit made from our Swing Night event in December after expenses is £727.00.

### Some upcoming event dates for your diary:

- **The Little Big Band with an Irish Tea - 6<sup>th</sup> February**

At St James on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> February 1.30pm till 4.00pm. £5.00 per ticket. A blend of popular tunes and hymns from Eileen Mosedale and her fellow musicians.

- **Cantamici Choir – 1<sup>st</sup> April**

The Cantamici Choir will make a return to St James with a blend of choral music. On Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April starting at 7.30pm. Further details to follow.

- **Return of the Great Gregorio - Bingo and an Italian tea**

Coming up in May 2026. Further details on date & time etc. to follow.

Thank you for your support, we hope you enjoy our events and we will see you and your friends in 2026. *Rose & Kevin (and the team)*

### February's Wednesday Communion followed by lunch – 18<sup>th</sup> February

The next Wednesday lunchtime communion at St James will be on Ash Wednesday (18<sup>th</sup> February) at 12:30pm.

### Holiday to India

A reminder that I will be away from the office from Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> January and will be back in on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> January. *Sheryl*

### Flowers for special occasions

We are fortunate to have two hugely experienced and professional flower arranging teams at Birstall & Wanlip who are willing to receive requests for flower arrangements to be placed in Church to mark your special occasion. Donations for the cost of the flowers are always welcome, but not always necessary. If you would like the teams to arrange a flower display with your special occasion in mind, please contact Sylvia Simes on 2674206 or email: [sylviasimes66@gmail.com](mailto:sylviasimes66@gmail.com) (Birstall) and Marjorie Bonshor on 2207964 (Wanlip)