

Lectionary Readings

Sun 11th 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 12th

Psalm: 2
 Reading 1: Genesis 1:1-19
 Reading 2: Matthew 21:1-17

Tue 13th

Psalm: 9
 Reading 1: Genesis 1:20 – 2:3
 Reading 2: Matthew 21:18-32

Wed 14th

Psalm: 20
 Reading 1: Genesis 2:4-end
 Reading 2: Matthew 21:33-end

Thu 15th

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 16th

Psalm: 67
 Reading 1: Genesis 4:1-16, 25-26
 Reading 2: Matthew 22:15-33

Sat 17th

Psalm: 33
 Reading 1: Genesis 6:1-10
 Reading 2: Matthew 22:34-end

Sun 18th 2nd 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

11th 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 18th & 25th 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 – 20th January

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

February's 1st Sunday Special Service - 1st February

The 10am 1st Sunday Special service at St James on 1st 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 - 6th February**
At St James on Friday 6th 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 – 1st April**
The Cantamici Choir will make a return to St James with a blend of choral music. On Wednesday 1st 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 – 18th February

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

Holiday to India

A reminder that I will be away from the office from Tuesday 13th January and will be back in on Tuesday 27th 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 (Birstall) and Marjorie Bonshor on 2207964 (Wanlip)