

Lectionary Readings

Sun 25th 3rd Sunday of Epiphany

Reading 1: Isaiah 9:1-4
Reading 2: 1 Corinthians 1:10-18
Gospel: Matthew 4:12-23

Wanlip Readings

Reading 1: Isaiah 9:1-4
Gospel: Matthew 4:12-23
Psalm: 27:1, 5-13

Mon 26th Conversion of Paul

Psalm: 66
Reading 1: Ezekiel 3:22-end
Reading 2: Philippians 3:1-14

Tue 27th

Psalm: 36
Reading 1: Genesis 13:2-end
Reading 2: Matthew 26:17-35

Wed 28th

Psalm: 46
Reading 1: Genesis 14
Reading 2: Matthew 26:36-46

Thu 29th

Psalm: 47
Reading 1: Genesis 15
Reading 2: Matthew 26:47-56

Fri 30th

Psalm: 65
Reading 1: Genesis 16
Reading 2: Matthew 26:57-end

Sat 31st

Psalm: 68
Reading 1: Genesis 17:1-22
Reading 2: Matthew 27:1-10

Sun 1st Candlemass

Reading 1: Malachi 3:1-5
Reading 2: Hebrews 2:14-end
Gospel: Luke 2:22-40

25th January 2026

Collect for the 3rd Sunday of Epiphany

Almighty God, whose Son revealed in signs and miracles the wonder of your saving presence: renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your mighty power; 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 3rd Sunday of Epiphany

Almighty Father, whose Son our Saviour Jesus Christ is the light of the world: may your people, illumined by your word and sacraments, shine with the radiance of his glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen**

BCP Evensong Collect for the 3rd Sunday of Epiphany

Almighty and everlasting God, mercifully look upon our infirmities, and in all our dangers and necessities stretch forth thy right hand to help and defend us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

This week we are grateful for....

A hot warming drink on a cold day

Additional Notices for the Week

This week's information sheet

This week's information sheet was produced on Thursday 8th January. If you have sent me any notices since then, they will not appear until next week. If you would like them announcing in church, please give them to a member of the clergy or a churchwarden on the day. *Sheryl*

Swing night

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

February's Diary Sheet

February's diary will be produced next week, when I get back from India, and will be emailed out on Thursday 29th January and available in church on 1st February. Please could I have any items etc. you would like included by Monday 25th January. Thanks. *Sheryl*

Some upcoming 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 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

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)

RBL Quiz night

Several of us enjoy going to the quiz at the RBL on Wednesday evenings at 8:15pm. Please join us whenever you can. It's £1.50 per quizzer +£1 for non members. Text Amanda if you're coming just to double check we're going that evening. We can meet you outside if a bit nervous walking in alone - and who wouldn't be?!