



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.

27th April 2025

2nd Sunday of Easter

**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 27th

8:30am Holy Communion

10.00am Holy Communion

Thursday 1st

9:30am Morning Prayer

Our Lady & St Nicholas:

Sunday 27th

6pm BCP Evensong

What else is happening this week

Sunday 27th

2 - 4pm Visiting Bell Ringers St James

Monday 28th

10-12noon Mothers Union Meeting St James

Tuesday 29th

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

Wednesday 30th

1pm Save the Children Lunch

The White Horse

2-4:30pm Welcome Space St James

3:40-4:30pm Visit from the Stained Glass Museum in Ely St James

Saturday 3rd

10am-12noon Open Church St James

10am-2pm Methodist Playgroup Safeguarding training St James

What's happening next week

Sunday 4th

10am All Together Service St James
 6pm Holy Communion Our Lady & St Nicholas

Tuesday 6th

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

Wednesday 7th

2-4:30pm Welcome Space St James
 3:40-4:30pm Visit from the Stained Glass Museum in Ely St James

Thursday 8th

9:30am Morning Prayer St James
 10:50am Short service for 80th Anniversary of VE Day
 Sibson Road Car Park

Notices

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

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Time off

I'm off this Friday and Saturday, working Sunday, then off Monday 28th April - Saturday 10th May inclusive. *Amanda*

Wanlip May Fair - 17th May

This years Wanlip May Fair will be on Saturday 17th May 2pm - 4 pm in Wanlip Hall and Church.

We urgently needed offers of CAKES, any spare PLANTS, TOMBOLA items etc....

As always we look forward to seeing you for this Social Afternoon out. Any offers or queries please see or phone Julie Ward.

Before locking the Church Office

As I live outside the parish I sometimes use the Office as a workspace throughout the week. If you come in during the week and notice the office door unlocked and the light on, could you please pop your head in to say hello so I know you are in, or if I am not at the desk double check that I have not just popped to the loo or the kitchen, so I don't get accidentally trapped in the church. Thankyou! *Rev'd. Rachael*

Chicks & Rabbits

Thank you to Cynthia who helped with these, those who bought them, and donated towards the easter eggs. £250.00 being raised for Mothers union projects. Our fundraising to-date for different charities is £4,137.00. Your support is very much appreciated. Brenda & Joan

Rota's

If you are on the rota for Intercessors, Readers, Welcomers etc the rotas for May - August are now in the pigeon holes at St James and at the back of church at Our Lady & St Nicholas. Digital copies were sent out on Tuesday and Thursday, if you haven't received it and would like a digital copy please email me and I will send you a copy. *Sheryl*

Open Church & Private Prayer on Wednesdays at Our Lady & St Nicholas

Our Lady & St Nicholas will not be open for private prayer on 30th April and 7th May.

M. U. Meeting - 28th April

Change of plan!! Our meeting on Monday 28th April will be in St James at 10am to include a 'Sacred & Secular Quiz'. Visitors welcome. A visit to the Hebrew Synagogue in Leicester will take place at a later date. Rita Richards

VE Day 80th Anniversary - 8th May

There will be a short service on Thursday 8th May at 10:50am at the flag by Sibson Road Car Park near the roundabout., to mark the 80th Anniversary of VE Day. All Welcome.

The Collect for the 2nd Sunday of Easter

Almighty Father, you have given your only Son to die for our sins and to rise again for our justification: grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness that we may always serve you in pureness of living and truth; through the merits of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

The Post Communion Prayer for the 2nd Sunday of Easter

Lord God our Father, through our Saviour Jesus Christ you have assured your children of eternal life and in baptism have made us one with him: deliver us from the death of sin and raise us to new life in your love, in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen**

BCP Evensong Collect for the 2nd Sunday of Easter

Almighty Father, who hast given thine only Son to die for our sins, and to rise again for our justification: Grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness, that we may always serve thee in pureness of living and truth; through the merits of the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

New Electoral Roll 2025

This year ALL members of St James the Great, Birstall and Our Lady & St Nicholas, Wanlip need to re-apply to be on the church's New Electoral Roll. Enrolment forms will be available from 22nd March - 26th April. *Christine Suffolk*

APM & APCM

This year's APM & APCM will be on Monday 12th May at 7pm.

Open Church & Private Prayer on Wednesdays at Our Lady & St Nicholas

Our Lady & St Nicholas will not be open for private prayer on 30th April and 7th May.

Monthly tip for a less-plastic life - April

Reuse small soft-fruit punnets as seed trays or use cardboard loo roll.

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.

Shoebox Appeals 2024 and 2025

25,633 boxes were delivered – a wonderful result. A big thank you to all who contributed with boxes, gifts and donations. Pictures are at the back of the church. We are already collecting for 2025 and last week Sylvia and John put 17 bags of goods up in their loft, all goodies from our friends in Queniborough and, of course, Doreen likes to find parcels on her doorstep. This year, we are able to source even more from wholesalers, which means that we can buy even more for our money. Large shoeboxes are needed, so please collect trainer boxes from your grandchildren! Please keep collecting - we are very happy to receive offerings! *Sylvia Simes and Doreen Wilson*

Notices for the information sheets & when I'm in the Church Office

I will be in the office on Tuesdays & Thursdays between 9am and 1pm.

If you have a notice you would like putting in the Information sheet, can you please email it to either stjames.birstall@btconnect.com, or sheryljupp@hotmail.co.uk, or leave a message on the office answer machine (0116 2671797) or contact Amanda or a Churchwarden. I will need to have received it **before 11am** on the Thursday to get your items included in that week's news sheet. Thanks. *Sheryl*

Lectionary Readings

Sun 27th 2nd Sunday of Easter

Reading 1: Acts 5:27-32
Reading 2: Revelation 1:4-8
Gospel: John 20:19-end

Evensong Readings

Reading 1: Acts 5:27-32
Reading 2: John 20:19-end
Psalm: 16

Mon 28th St George (transferred from 23rd)

Psalm: 5
Reading 1: Joshua 1:1-9
Reading 2: Ephesians 6:10-20

Tue 29th Mark the Evangelist (tr from 25th)

Psalm: 37:23-end
Reading 1: Isaiah 62:6-10
Reading 2: Acts 12:25 - 13:13

Wed 30th

Psalm: 30
Reading 1: Deuteronomy 3:18-end
Reading 2: John 20:19-end

Thu 1st Phillip & James, Apostles

Psalm: 139
Reading 1: Proverbs 4:10-18
Reading 2: James 1:1-12

Holy Communion Readings

Reading 1: Isaiah 30:15-21
Reading 2: Ephesians 1:3-10
Gospel: John 14:1-14

Fri 2nd

Psalm: 61
Reading 1: Deuteronomy 4:15-31
Reading 2: John 21:15-19

Sat 3rd

Psalm: 84
Reading 1: Deuteronomy 4:32-40
Reading 2: John 21:20-end

Sun 4th 3rd Sunday of Easter

Reading 1: Acts 9:1-6
Reading 2: Revelation 5:11-end
Gospel: John 21:1-19

Wanlip Readings

Reading 1: Psalm 30
Reading 2: Acts 9:1-6
Gospel: John 21:20-end

For our Prayers

For the persecuted church - China

Dear God, we hear about China so often in world news. We know how important the country is, how much the church has grown, and how millions of our brothers and sisters live there. And yet, we also mourn because each year seems to bring new restrictions. Would You please intervene and make a way for Christians to worship freely? Would You help Your children stand strong and equip the next generation to continue serving You? We ask this in Your Son's name, Amen.

For our Churches, this week especially for:

Our work with Children
Our children: Simon & Logan

What are we thankful for this week:

The smell of freshly brewed coffee

For our Community, this week especially for:

Old Peoples homes & St James' Day Centre

For those in need or unwell:

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

For those who have Holy Communion at home:

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

For those who have recently died

For 1st anniversary of death this week:

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 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