

Lectionary Readings

Sun 28th Ist Sunday of Christmas

Reading 1: Isaiah 63:7-9
 Reading 2: Hebrews 2:10-end
 Gospel: Matthew 2:13-end

Wanlip Readings

Reading 1: Isaiah 63:7-9 or Hebrews 2:10-end
 Reading 2: Matthew 2:13-end
 Psalm: 148

Mon 29th *The Holy Innocents*

Psalm: 36
 Reading 1: Genesis 37:13-20
 Reading 2: Matthew 18:1-10

Tue 30th

Psalm: 113
 Reading 1: Jonah 2
 Reading 2: Colossians 1:15-23

Wed 31st

Psalm: 102
 Reading 1: Jonah 3 - 4
 Reading 2: Colossians 1:24 -2:7

Thu 1st *Naming & Circumcision of Jesus*

Psalm: 103
 Reading 1: Genesis 17:1-13
 Reading 2: Romans 2:17-end

Fri 2nd

Psalm: 18:1-30
 Reading 1: Ruth 1
 Reading 2: Colossians 2:8-end

Sat 3rd

Psalm: 127
 Reading 1: Ruth 2
 Reading 2: Colossians 3:1-11

Sun 4th Epiphany

Reading 1: Isaiah 60:1-6
 Reading 2: Ephesians 3:1-12
 Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

28th December 2025

Collect for the 1st Sunday of Christmas

Almighty God, who wonderfully created us in your own image and yet more wonderfully restored us through your Son Jesus Christ: grant that, as he came to share in our humanity, so we may share the life of his divinity; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

Post Communion Prayer

Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son shared at Nazareth the life of an earthly home: help your Church to live as one family, united in love and obedience, and bring us all at last to our home in heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

BCP Evensong Collect

Almighty God, who hast given us thy only begotten Son to take our nature upon him, and as at this time to be born of a pure Virgin: Grant that we being regenerate, and made thy children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by thy Holy Spirit; through the same our Lord Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the same Spirit, ever one God, world without end. **Amen.**

This week we are grateful for....

Our Church Services

Additional Notices for the Week:

This week's Information Sheets and 4th January

The Information sheets for today (28th December) and next week (4th January) were produced on 18th December. If you have any other notices for announcement in church, please give them to a member of the clergy or a churchwarden on the day. Thanks. *Sheryl*

Items for Information Sheets 17th & 25th January

I will be on holiday for 2 weeks in January, so if you have any notices to be included in the information sheets for the 17th & 25th Jan, can you please let me have them before I am on Thursday 8th Jan as I will be out of the office from then until Tuesday 27th Jan. Thanks. *Sheryl*

Thank you

Thank you to everyone who helped in any way towards Christmas services and events. We've had lots of good feedback and are very grateful for everything anyone did, no matter how small you think it was - it all adds up! God bless, *manda*

Amanda & Rachael's time off

Amanda is off from Monday 29th December until Monday 5th January.

Rachael is off from Saturday 26th December until Saturday 3rd January.

Warm Space

Warm space in Birstall will be closed on Tuesday 30th December, and Wanlip will be closed on Friday 2nd January. *Janet & Team*

Knitted stockings & Christmas decorations

Grateful thanks to those who bought items, Kate & Cynthia for help with the knitting and Doreen & Rosie for selling items, also for donations received. £350.00 raised for St James handrail fund. *Brenda & Joan*

Wanlip Christmas Fair

Thank you to everyone who helped and supported the Wanlip Fair. £1377.67 was raised. *Julie*

Rotas for January – April 2026

Paper copies of the new rota are in your pigeon holes at St James, if you haven't collected yours yet. Please see Debbie or Julie for the Our Lady & St Nicholas ones.