

Lectionary Readings

Sun 2nd 9th Sunday after Trinity

Birstall readings - 1st Sunday Special

Reading 1: Psalm 145:8-9, 15-end

Reading 2: Matthew 14:13-21

Wanlip Readings – Holy Communion

Reading 1: Psalm 145:8-9, 15-end

Reading 2: Romans 9:1-5

Gospel: Matthew 14:13-21

Mon 3rd

Psalm: 44

Reading 1: 1 Samuel 19:1-18

Reading 2: Acts 1:1-14

Tue 4th

Psalm: 48

Reading 1: 1 Samuel 20:1-17

Reading 2: Acts 1:15-end

Wed 5th

Psalm: 119:57-80

Reading 1: 1 Samuel 20:18-end

Reading 2: Acts 2:1-21

Thu 6th Transfiguration of Our Lord

Psalm: 27

Reading 1: 1 Kings 19:1-16

Reading 2: 1 John 3:1-3

Holy Communion Readings

Reading 1: Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

Gospel: Luke 9:28-36

Fri 7th

Psalm: 51

Reading 1: 1 Samuel 22:6-end

Reading 2: Acts 2:37-end

Sat 8th

Psalm: 68

Reading 1: 1 Samuel 23

Reading 2: Acts 3:1-10

Sun 9th 10th Sunday after Trinity

Birstall readings

Reading 1: 1 Kings 19:9-18

Reading 2: Romans 10:5-15

Gospel: Matthew 14:22-33

Wanlip Readings

Reading 1: 1 Kings 11:41-43, 12:1-20

Reading 2: Acts 14:8-20

Psalm: 85

2nd August 2026

9th Sunday after Trinity

Collect

Almighty God, who sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your Church: open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit in love and joy and peace; 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

Holy Father, who gathered us here around the table of your Son to share this meal with the whole household of God: in that new world where you reveal the fullness of your peace, gather people of every race and language to share in the eternal banquet of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

This week we are grateful for....

A sandy beach suitable for building sandcastles

Additional Notices for the Week

Amanda

Please note: Amanda is on holiday until Friday 7th August. From the 8th-15th August she is at Sea Cadet Camp and will try to reply to messages / emails when possible, but it will be busy!

Summer Fete

Thank you to everyone who helped in any way towards the summer fete. Volunteering, baking, donating, setting up, packing away, spending and counting money, etc. And an especially big thank you to Lynn (and Richard?) for organising and sorting so many things out. We raised around £2000 but just a reminder for volunteers to claim back any expenses. There's an expense claim form for this which will be sent out by email with the notices and some printed and left at the back of church. Please use these for any expenses moving forward, but please check with Amanda before spending!

Mothers Union – 9th August

Mothers Union members will be attending the Mothers Union 150th Anniversary Celebration Service in Leicester Cathedral on Sunday 9th August at 3:30pm. We meet again in September in St James. *Rita Richards*

Monday Group 10th August

Our August meeting on 10th August at 2:30pm in St James, will be a Musical Mystery Tour with slides and music by Peter and Kelvin. *Joan Folland*

Parish Carvery lunch at Beedles Lake - 23rd August

Please note: Lunch will be served at 12:15pm. To order drinks, please arrive earlier. The closing date for signing the list is Sunday 9th August. *Joan Folland*

Thank you to the Bakers

We would like to say a big thank you to all who baked cakes for the Summer Fair. We appreciate your skill and generosity. *Cynthia Chapman, Alane and Kevin Burrows*

Minster Communities

Our parish forms part of the Bradgate Minster Community, consisting of the following parishes:

St James the Great, Birstall	Our Lady and St Nicholas, Wanlip
All Saints, Thurstaston and Cropston	St Mary's, Anstey
All Saints, Newtown Linford	St Philip and St James, Groby
St Philip and St James, Ratby	St Peter's, Copt Oak
St Michael and All Angels, Markfield	St Peter's, Thornton
St Mary and All Saints, Stanton Under Bardon	St Giles, Barlestone
St James, Newbold Verdon	All Saints, Kirkby Mallory

A MINSTER COMMUNITY is a group of churches working together in mission. A Minster Community brings together churches to collaborate in mission and ministry, and shares resources where appropriate. Please pray for all our churches as we work closer together.

Strawberry Teas

Thanks to friends from near and far, who shared the two Strawberry Teas I hosted, I have banked £861 for Save the Children. This is a result of donations, raffle, and the sale of tickets. *Josephine*

Ride & Stride – 12th September

Both Churches will be open for Leicestershire Historic Churches Trust Ride and Stride Day. Please sign up on the sheets at the back of both churches if you can 'church sit' or collect a sponsor form if you are feeling energetic. For more info speak to John Borrajo or Debbie Shepherd.