



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.

30th March 2025

Mothering Sunday

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 30th

10.00am Holy Communion

Thursday 3rd

9:30am Morning Prayer

Our Lady & St Nicholas:

Sunday 30th

6pm 5th Sunday Special

What else is happening this week

Tuesday 1st

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

Wednesday 2nd

2-4:30pm Welcome Space St James

3-4pm Open Church & Private Prayer
Our Lady & St Nicholas

Saturday 5th

10am-12noon Open Church St James

10:30am Same Sex Marriage debate St James

2:30-3:15pm Visiting Bell Ringers St James

What's happening next week

Sunday 6th

10am All Together Service St James

6pm Holy Communion Our Lady & St Nicholas

Tuesday 8th

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

Wednesday 9th

2-4:30pm Welcome Space St James

3-4pm Open Church & Private Prayer Our Lady & St Nicholas

Thursday 10th

9:30am Holy Communion St James

10:30am Bible Book Club St James

7pm Same Sex Marriage debate St James

Saturday 12th

10-12noon Visiting Bell Ringers St James

Notices

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

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(Day off usually Friday)

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(Day off usually Friday)

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Personal Information

If you are storing personal information of others on behalf of the church (eg a member's list of a group you are part of; names and addresses of church contacts etc), please could you let our General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) officer, Kev Burrows know.

We just need a list of who in the Church holds people's personal data on behalf of the Church, in what context (why) and in what format hard copy or electronic. It needs please to include any other personal details you keep. We only need the titles of the data you keep not lists of names and addresses. This is for Data Protection purposes and to ensure we are only keeping personal data in accordance with the law. Thank you.

Bible Book Club - 10th April

The next Bible Book Club will be on Thursday 10th April starting at about 10:30am following the Holy Communion Service. The book we will be studying is Ruth. All welcome.

Be Aware of Fraudulent Letters

The Charity Commission has issued a warning about fraudsters targeting charities with fake letters. These letters may request actions such as removing trustees or executives, releasing funds, or providing personal documents like passports or utility bills. They may appear to come from the Commission, its chief executive, or its directors. If in doubt, charities are encouraged to contact the Charity Commission to check any correspondence they have received. While it is not known if only registered charities are at risk, it is important for all PCCs, as charities, to remain vigilant. Likewise, nearly half of PCCs are registered with the Charity Commission, and many parishes and volunteers are connected to other charities. *Amanda*

Easter Breakfast at Wanlip

The usual bacon butties along with drinks will be served after the early morning service on Easter Sunday in the Hall. We would love to see you all there but to help with catering could you please put your name on the sheet at the back of either of the churches. *Julie Ward*

Easter is a'coming!

The Knitted chicks have their tummies filled with a chocolate cream egg. £1.50 each. Proceeds to M.U. projects. *Brenda & Joan*

Wanlip Church and Community Centre May Fair

This will be held on Saturday 17th May 2 - 4 pm in the Hall, doesn't time fly!!

We would be grateful for any donations for the stalls, especially plants or cuttings you may have spare, raffle prizes, tombola items, cakes for both refreshments and the cake stall etc but please no bric a brac. Any offers please see Julie ward. Proceeds divided between Wanlip Church and the Hall. We look forward to seeing you on the day. *Julie*

Monthly tip for a less-plastic life - March

Buy loose fruit and veg.

The Collect for Mothering Sunday

God of compassion, whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary, shared the life of a home in Nazareth, and on the cross drew the whole human family to himself: strengthen us in our daily Living that in joy and in sorrow we may know the power of your presence to bind together and to heal; 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**

The Post Communion Prayer for Mothering Sunday

Loving God, as a mother feeds her children at the breast you feed us in this sacrament with the food and drink of eternal life: help us who have tasted your goodness to grow in grace within the household of faith; through 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*

Fire Drill

Last Sunday 23rd March, we had a fire drill at St James after the 10am service. All at church during the drill are kindly requested to send written feedback (note, email, SMS or WhatsApp) to any of our clergy or churchwardens. We would like you to share your experience and offer suggestions for improving such drills. *Ladi*

Same Sex Marriage debate - 5th & 10th April

As requested, we have sourced someone, Elaine Sutherland, to speak on the other side of the debate about same sex marriage. The options will be Saturday 5th April, 10:30am or Thursday 10th April at 7pm. *Manda*

Security

We urgently need to improve the accuracy of our St James key register. This is mandated by our building insurance provider, and will greatly improve church security.

I - Everyone who holds any church key and no longer needs it should please submit it to Ladi.

II - Everyone who holds any church key and still needs it should please let Ladi know. *Ladi*

Helpers

We are looking for volunteers to assist our churchwardens with opening St James church and getting it ready for the 10am Sunday service. There will be a rota, and each person will be on duty no more than once a month. If interested, please contact Ladi or Amanda for further details.

Save the Children Lunch 30th April

The next Save the Children's Lunch will be at the White Horse on Wednesday 30th April, eating at 1pm. Information at the back of the church. Numbers are limited. *Josephine*

Calendar

I've put a little calendar up in the entrance to St James' of anything I know is happening. Feel free to add other church events and edit changes, please! *Manda*

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.

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 and/or sheryljupp@hotmail.co.uk before 11am on Thursday. Thanks. *Sheryl*

Lectionary Readings

Sun 30th Mothering Sunday

Reading 1: Exodus 2:1-10
Reading 2: 2 Corinthians 1:3-7
Gospel: Luke 2:33-35

Mon 31st

Psalm: 77
Reading 1: Jeremiah 17:5-18
Reading 2: John 9:18-end

Tue 1st

Psalm: 79
Reading 1: Jeremiah 18:1-12
Reading 2: John 10:1-10

Wed 2nd

Psalm: 90
Reading 1: Jeremiah 18:13-end
Reading 2: John 10:11-21

Thu 3rd

Psalm: 86
Reading 1: Jeremiah 19:1-13
Reading 2: John 10:22-end

Holy Communion Readings

Reading 1: Exodus 32:7-14
Gospel: John 5:31-end

Fri 4th

Psalm: 102
Reading 1: Jeremiah 19:14 - 20:6
Reading 2: John 11:1-16

Sat 5th

Psalm: 32
Reading 1: Jeremiah 20:7-end
Reading 2: John 11:17-27

Sun 6th 5th Sunday of Lent

Reading 1: Isaiah 43:16-21
Reading 2: Philippians 3:4b-14
Gospel: John 12:1-8

For our Prayers

For the persecuted church - India

Lord, we pray for Your guidance for India's new government & ask You to convict & empower these elected leaders to protect religious freedom for minorities, including Christians. We pray for peace & healing in this nation. Help new believers endure the pressure & violence they face for their decision to follow Jesus & be ever-present with church leaders who are following Your call on their lives to preach the gospel & build Your church. May we always be fervent in our prayers for our Indian brothers & sisters. In Jesus's name we pray, Amen.

For our Churches, this week especially for:

Those who maintain our churches & our Children

What are we thankful for this week:

God's wonderful world including the birds & flowers

For our Community, this week especially for:

Our Carers: Sick, Dying & LOROS

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:

Lent Prayers

Over Lent, the Bishop has suggested the following daily pattern of prayers for the C of E, so we have replaced the list of countries we are praying for, with these. We hope you might join in!

Mon: Pray for all victims & survivors of abuse, and for all those who work to make our churches safe for children & vulnerable adults.

Tues: Pray for all who are anxious or lonely, particular those who feel they can no longer be part of the C of E.

Wed: Pray for the appointment of a new archbishop, & for all those dioceses seeking to appoint a new bishop, & for all bishops, priests, deacons & lay ministers that we may persevere in our calling.

Thurs: Pray for parish & diocesan finances, that God would supply all our needs & make us generous in giving to others.

Fri: Pray for the Living in Love & Faith process that we may learn to live well together in our differences.

Sat: Pray for all those exploring their vocation to ministry in the church – and for many more people to come forward in response to God's call.

Sun: Thanksgiving for all God's good gifts, particularly the gift of God's Son Jesus Christ – may we be formed in the character of Jesus Christ. Prayer for the Bishops' Lent Appeal for the Leprosy Mission.