



**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.*

**3<sup>rd</sup> August 2025**

**7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity**

**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 3<sup>rd</sup>**

10.00am All Together Service

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup>**

9:30am Holy Communion

**Our Lady & St Nicholas:**

**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup>**

6pm Holy Communion

**What else is happening this week**

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup>**

6-7:30pm Pilates Class St James

**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup>**

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

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup>**

1:30pm Barbara Luxton's Celebration Service St James

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

**What's happening next week**

**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup>**

8:30am Morning Prayer  
 10am Holy Communion with Healing (Mary Sumner Service) St James  
 6pm BCP Evensong Our Lady & St Nicholas

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup>**

6-7:30pm Pilates Class St James

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup>**

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

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup>**

12:30pm Holy Communion St James  
 3-4pm Open Church & Private Prayer Our Lady & St Nicholas

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup>**

9:30am Morning Prayer St James

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup>**

10:50am VJ Day 80th Anniversary Service St James

**Saturday 16<sup>th</sup>**

10am-12noon Open Church St James

# Notices

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

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## **Barbara Luxton's Celebration Service - 6<sup>th</sup> August**

Barbara's funeral will on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> August at L Crem at 12:30pm, followed by a Celebration Service at St James' at 1:30pm. People are welcome to come to the crematorium, but the main service is at church and the family would like people to have the church service as their priority. As it will be a celebration service at St James, Tony has asked if you could wear bright clothes.

## **VJ Day 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Service – 15<sup>th</sup> August**

There will be a short service for the 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of VJ Day on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> August at St James gathering at 10:50am

## **Amanda's Sermons on the Eucharist**

If anyone would like a copy of any of Amanda's sermons on aspects of the Eucharist please let her know by email and she will send them a copy.

## **Summer Fete**

Please see the separate sheet for the Summer Fete notices.

## **Old Nick's Coffee Shop**

There will be NO COFFEE SHOP in August due to refurbishment in the Hall . See you all in September. Thank you. *Julie*

## **Bible Chat group**

We have decided to stop the Bible chat group due to low numbers. However, we would still like to encourage everyone to have a go and reading one book of the Bible each month - we started with the shortest - Philemon. (Ask Amanda, if you would like the list so you can start from the beginning.) We are now on James. If you would like to join in, we are going to do it "remotely". So, read James by the end of August and if you have any questions, please ask Amanda or Rachael and they will do their best to answer. If you are online, the group has found it helpful to watch The Bible Project explanation of each book - if you Google "Bible Project James" for example, it will bring it up on YouTube. If people are interested in a WhatsApp Group to discuss, then please let Amanda know and she will set it up. *Amanda*

## **Return of the Kind: Comedy night – 12<sup>th</sup> September**

Andy Kind will be returning on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> September at St James, starting at 7:30pm

A good laugh about everyday events (suitable for anyone). £10.00 per ticket or 2 for £18.00.

Tickets@ticketsource.co.uk (digital -pay online) or physical tickets for cash after church services /welcome space/open church. (we will keep the money tin/tickets in the Church Office and request it goes back to keep money secure). All tickets must be paid for and shown on entry. A great night, bring your own drinks, (glasses provided) and light refreshments (crisps, snacks etc) will be served. Look forward to seeing you there. Queries/ticket orders please speak to Rose (0781 1662235) or Kevin Burrows.

## **Monthly tip for a less-plastic life - August**

Make your own ice lollies in reusable freezer moulds

## **The Collect for the 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity**

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: graft in our hearts the love of your name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and of your great mercy keep us in the same; 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 the 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity**

Lord God, whose Son is the true vine and the source of life, ever giving himself that the world may live: may we so receive within ourselves the power of his death and passion that, in his saving cup, we may share his glory and be made perfect in his love; for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen**

## **Blister Packs**

Sorry, but we can't take empty blister packs at St James', for recycling anymore as the places they are taken to won't accept a bin bag full! The good news, is that you can take your own with you whenever you go to any Superdrug with a pharmacy (the one at Loughborough does) or many Boots (the Chemist!): Eg Gallowtree Gate / Highcross / Fosse Park / Thurmaston Shopping Centre. *Amanda*

## **Advance Notice - Bring and Share Lunch - 31<sup>st</sup> August**

The next bring & share lunch will be on Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> August at the Village Hall. A list will be at both churches for names. Please make a note in your diary. Thank you. *Joan Folland*

## **Save the Children**

Thanks to all who supported the Strawberry Tea, despite the inclement weather, I was able to bank £640 due to ticket sales, raffle and generous donations. A marvellous total. *Josephine*

## **Wanlip Hall & Community Centre celebration - 5<sup>th</sup> September**

As you may be aware we are having a final push to finish the total internal refurbishment of the Wanlip Hall and Community Centre. To celebrate this achievement and to show you where our fund raising money has been used we would like to invite you all to share in our celebrations with food and drinks & chat on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> September, 7.30 - 9.00pm If possible please let us know if you are able to join us. There will be a display of 'before and after' photographs including ones of the work in progress. *Julie and Debbie*

## **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.

## **APCM 2026**

We have pencilled in Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May for our next APCM, but please note that the date could change, we are just letting you know what we hope for in advance.

Also, with regards to the APCM, we will be asking for reports at the beginning of January for 2025 activities. The report needs to come from each church group so the group continues to be insured by the church and comes under church safeguarding. But mainly, we do love to read what the groups have been up to and what fun they have had, what God has been up to in their group, what they have learned and what funny things have happened! Please get these in as soon as you possibly can in the new year, but by the end of February, so that those who will be putting the report books together have a reasonable time to do this. Thank you so much

## **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](mailto:stjames.birstall@btconnect.com) and/or [sheryljupp@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:sheryljupp@hotmail.co.uk) before 11am on Thursday. Thanks. *Sheryl*

## Lectionary Readings

**Sun 3<sup>rd</sup>**      **7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity**  
Reading 1: Eccl. 1, 2, 12-14 & 2:18-23  
Reading 2: Colossians 3:1-11  
Gospel: John 20:30-31; 21:24-25

**Mon 4<sup>th</sup>**  
Psalm: 1  
Reading 1: Ezekiel 14:12-end  
Reading 2: 2 Corinthians 11:1-15

**Tue 5<sup>th</sup>**  
Psalm: 5  
Reading 1: Ezekiel 18:1-20  
Reading 2: 2 Corinthians 11:16-end

**Wed 6<sup>th</sup>**      *Transfiguration of Our Lord*  
Psalm: 27  
Reading 1: 1 Kings 19:1-16  
Reading 2: 1 John 3:1-3

**Thu 7<sup>th</sup>**  
Psalm: 15  
Reading 1: Ezekiel 20:1-20  
Reading 2: 2 Corinthians 13  
Holy Communion Readings  
Reading 1: Numbers 20:1-13  
Gospel: Matthew 16:13-23

**Fri 8<sup>th</sup>**  
Psalm: 19  
Reading 1: Ezekiel 20:21-38  
Reading 2: James 1:1-11

**Sat 9<sup>th</sup>**  
Psalm: 23  
Reading 1: Ezekiel 24:15-end  
Reading 2: James 1:12-end

**Sun 10<sup>th</sup>**      **8<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity**  
Reading 1: Genesis 15:1-6  
Reading 2: Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16  
Gospel: Luke 12:32-40

Wanlip Readings  
Reading 1: Isaiah 11:10-16, 12:1-6  
Reading 2: Hebrews 11:8-16  
Psalm: 108

## For our Prayers

### For the persecuted church - Turkmenistan

Lord, give Your church in Turkmenistan supernatural patience and endurance where they must live under restrictions and monitoring. Give them great joy whenever they meet together. Make a way for Bibles to reach Christians who are hungry for Your Word. And we pray that the country's leaders would recognise the value of religious freedom for their citizens. In Jesus' name, **Amen**.

### For our Churches, this week especially for:

Our Mothers Union  
Our Children:

### What are we thankful for this week:

Our children

### For our Community, this week especially for:

The Cedars Academy

### For those in need or unwell:

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

### For those who have Holy Communion at home:

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

### For those who have recently died

Barbara Luxton & Ann Ball

### For 1<sup>st</sup> anniversary of death this week:

### Every day - 9pm (or another time!)

Praying for peace in Ukraine & Israel / Palestine / Iran. And a different area each day.

**Sun:** For an end to the Ethiopian Conflict ongoing since 2018

**Mon:** For an end to the insurgency in the Maghreb ongoing since 2002

**Tues:** For an end to the Arab-Israeli Conflict ongoing since 1948

**Wed:** For an end to the Russia-Ukraine War ongoing since 2014

**Thurs;** For an end to the Sudanese Civil War ongoing since 2023

**Fri:** For an end to the Myanmar Conflict ongoing since 1948

**Sat:** For an end to the Colombian Conflict ongoing since 1964