

December 2025

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St James the Great ■ Birstall
Our Lady and St Nicholas ■ Wanlip

Green Tip for the month: Find old wrapping paper to use for this year's presents

Bible Book of the month: Ephesians

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
1 10:30am Home Group 12:30-4:30pm Welcome Space	2 10:30am Home Group 12:30-4:30pm Welcome Space	3 3-4pm Open Church 7pm Exploring Christianity Course 8:15pm RBL Quiz Night	4 9:30am Eucharist	5 2-4pm Welcome Space 7:30pm Swing into Christmas Concert <i>Amanda & Rachael off</i>	6 10-12noon Open Church 10am-2pm Christmas Bazaar at St Theresa's 2-4pm Christmas Fair	7 2 nd Sunday of Advent 10am 1 st Sunday Special – Advent Service 6pm St Nicholas Patronal
8 9am Morning Prayer at the Rectory 11:30am-4pm Monday Group Christmas Meeting	9 10:30am Home Group 12:30-4:30pm Welcome Space 2:30pm Carols at Watermead Court	10 12:30pm Midweek Communion & lunch 2:30pm Cedar Mews Care Home Service 3-4pm Open Church 6pm Churches Together Carol Singing 7pm Exploring Christianity Course 8:15pm RBL Quiz Night	11 9:30am Morning Prayer 11:30am-3pm Highcliffe Schools Christmas Concert	12 2-4pm Welcome Space <i>Amanda & Rachael off</i>	13 <i>Amanda off</i>	14 3 rd Sunday of Advent 8:30am Eucharist 10am Holy Communion with Healing 4pm Light in the Darkness Service 6pm BCP Evensong
15 News/prayer items deadline for Jan Diary 10-12noon Mothers Union Meeting 7pm Carols at the White Horse Pub	16 10am Old Nick's Coffee Shop 10:30am Home Group 12:30-4:30pm Welcome Space	17 3-4pm Open Church 7pm Carols for All 8:15pm RBL Quiz Night	18 9:30am Eucharist	19 2-4pm Welcome Space <i>Amanda & Rachael off</i>	20 10-12noon Open Church <i>Rachael off</i>	21 3 rd Sunday of Advent 10am Nativity Service 4pm Christingle & Carols 6pm Carols by Candlelight 6pm Christmas Concert at St Theresa's
22 9am Morning Prayer at the Rectory 10am Mothers' Union 7-10:30pm Drinks at the Vicarage	23	24 Christmas Eve 2:30pm Cedar Mews Care Home Service 3-4pm Open Church 4pm Christingle Service 11:30pm Midnight Mass	25 Christmas Day 9:30am Joint Christmas Day Service	26 <i>Amanda & Rachael off</i>	27 <i>Rachael off</i>	28 1 st Sun after Christmas 8:30am Eucharist 10am Eucharist 6pm BCP Evensong <i>Rachael off</i>
29 <i>Amanda off</i>	30 <i>Amanda off</i>	31 3-4pm Open Church <i>Amanda off</i>				KEY Birstall Wanlip Hallam Fields Wider Church/Village

For Prayer:

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

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

Friends & family of those who have died recently:

	Those who died at this time last year	Our parish	The Worldwide Anglican Church-	Persecuted Church	Places of conflict: Israel, Palestine, Ukraine and...
w/c 7 th December		Our Services and events at Hallam Fields	For our discipleship and journeys of faith this season	<u>Kyrgyzstan</u> - For courage & protection in following Jesus. For healing of those who've been attacked for being Christian.	For an end to the Papua Conflict ongoing since 1962
w/c 14 th December		Our Services over Christmas	Situations across the globe where there is suffering, oppression and injustice	<u>Brunei</u> - For comfort & protection as they deal with the daily stress and pressure of being a Christian.	For an end to the Naxalite-Maoist insurgency ongoing since 1967
w/c 21 st December		Our work with Children	For those who are going through difficult times, that they will know that God is 'hidden in the dark' with them	<u>Chad</u> - For healing and hope to the suffering Christians, and to bring peace to this part of Africa	For an end to the Civil Conflict in the Philippines ongoing since 1969
w/c 28 th December	Raymond Gell	Churches Together in Birstall & Wanlip	Global leaders with influence and agency, whose instincts are for justice	<u>Jordan</u> - Give thanks many are free to worship Jesus. Protection for those converts from Islam as they face abuse and attacks from family and authorities.	For an end to the Cabinda War ongoing since 1975

Find out more on Facebook: <https://tinyurl.com/b2u8m7rc> Our website is: birstall.org

A Church Near You website: www.achurchnearyou.com

Please feel free to contact Amanda, Rachael or one of the Churchwardens during office hours (or other times in an emergency):

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Sadna Don our Treasurer

Sadna will collect Invoices and Expense Sheets from the 'Treasurer's Box' in the office, but if you need to contact her, her email is sadna_c@yahoo.co.uk and her mobile is 07341 269636. As she is a teacher, it is best to text or WhatsApp her, she is very quick to respond. Just a quick reminder, expenses have to be approved by the Clergy or Church Wardens before they are incurred. We're keeping a very close eye on our overheads.

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 for the information sheet, can you please email it to:

stjames.birstall@btconnect.com and/or sheryljupp@hotmail.co.uk or leave a message on the office answer machine (0116 2671797) or contact Amanda/Rachael or a Churchwarden. I will need to have received it **before I am** on the Thursday to get your items included in that week's news sheet or by the date on the diary for the monthly notices. **Please note:** I will not be in the office from 19th December until 6th January Thanks. Sheryl