

January 2026



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

Green Tip for the month: Leave your reusable shopping bags at the front door so you don't forget them on the way out.

Bible Book of the month: Micah

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
KEY Birstall Wanlip Hallam Fields Wider Church/Village			1 9:30am Morning Prayer <i>Amanda & Rachael off</i>	2 <i>Amanda & Rachael off</i>	3 10-12noon Open Church <i>Amanda off</i>	4 Epiphany 10am 1 st Sunday Special 6pm Holy Communion <i>Amanda off</i>
5 <i>Amanda off</i>	6 Epiphany House Blessings by request 10:30am Home Group 12:30-4:30pm Welcome Space <i>Amanda off</i>	7 12:30pm Midweek Communion & lunch 2:30pm Cedar Mews Care Home Service 3-4pm Open Church 8:15pm RBL Quiz Night	8 9:30am Morning Prayer 7-9pm Sea Cadets in church <i>Sheryl's last day in office until 27th January</i> <i>Rachael off</i>	9 2-4pm Welcome Space <i>Amanda & Rachael off</i>	10 <i>Rachael off</i>	11 Baptism of Christ 8:30am Eucharist 10am Holy Communion 2-4pm Visiting Bell Ringers 6pm BCP Evensong
12 9am Morning Prayer at the Rectory 2:30-4pm Monday Group Meeting	13 10:30am Home Group 12:30-4:30pm Welcome Space. <i>Sheryl off</i>	14 3-4pm Open Church 7pm Wardens Meeting 7:30pm Standing Committee Meeting 8:15pm RBL Quiz Night	15 9:30am Eucharist	16 2-4pm Welcome Space <i>Amanda & Rachael off</i>	17 10-12noon Open Church	18 2 nd Sunday of Epiphany 10am Holy Communion 6pm BCP Evensong
19 10-12noon Mothers Union Meeting <i>Amanda & Rachael off</i>	20 10am Old Nick's Coffee Shop 10:30am Home Group 12:30-4:30pm Welcome Space <i>Amanda, Rachael & Sheryl off</i>	21 2:30pm Cedar Mews Care Home Service 3-4pm Open Church 8:15pm RBL Quiz Night <i>Amanda & Rachael off</i>	22 9:30am Morning Prayer <i>Amanda, Rachael & Sheryl off</i>	23 2-4pm Welcome Space <i>Amanda & Rachael off</i>	24 <i>Rachael's Maternity leave starts</i>	25 3 rd Sunday of Epiphany 8:30am Eucharist 10am Eucharist – Christian Unity Week Pulpit Swap. 6pm BCP Evensong
26 News/prayer deadline for Feb Diary 9am Morning Prayer at the Rectory 7pm PCC	27 10:30am Home Group 12:30-4:30pm Welcome Space Sheryl is back in office	28 3-4pm Open Church 8:15pm RBL Quiz Night	29 9:30am Eucharist	30 2-4pm Welcome Space <i>Amanda off</i>	31 	

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	The Persecuted Church	Places of conflict: Israel, Palestine, Ukraine and...
w/c 4 th January		School Visits & Assemblies	<u>Diocese of Trichy</u> Please pray for our sisters and brothers in our partner diocese.	<u>North Korea</u> - For strength & peace for Christians, especially those in labour camps. Provide for all their needs. Pray for Kim Jong-un and his regime – please open his eyes to see Jesus and know His love.	For an end to the Ethnic Violence in Papua New Guinea ongoing since 1988
w/c 11 th January		Scouts, Guides, Brownies, Cubs, ATC & Sea Cadets	<u>Diocese of Mount Kilimanjaro</u> Please pray for our sisters and brothers in our partner diocese.	<u>Somalia</u> – For courage and hope for those who face such huge risks for following You. May their faith inspire the very people who are persecuting them.	For an end to the Armed conflict in Rio de Janeiro ongoing since 1990
w/c 18 th January		Our Churchwardens	<u>Diocese of Kiteto</u> Please pray for our sisters and brothers in our partner diocese.	<u>Yemen</u> – For courage, joy, peace and perseverance for your followers who risk death every day. For an end to the endless conflict and crisis.	For an end to the Internal Conflict in Bangladesh ongoing since 1999
w/c 25 th January		Our PCC	<u>Diocese of Wyoming</u> Please pray for our sisters and brothers in our partner diocese.	<u>Libya</u> – For those who follow You at such great risk to their lives and livelihood. For peace, specifically that the tension between factions will not escalate into war and further endanger believers.	For an end to the Iraqi Conflict ongoing since 2003

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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.