

Readings for St James

Sun 23rd 11th Sunday after Trinity

Reading 1: Isaiah 51:1-6
Reading 2: Romans 12:1-8
Gospel: Matthew 16:13-20

Mon 24th *Bartholomew the Apostle*

Psalm: 86
Reading 1: Genesis 28:10-17
Reading 2: John 1:43-end

Tue 25th

Psalm: 89:1-18
Reading 1: 2 Samuel 5:1-12
Reading 2: Acts 7:1-16

Wed 26th

Psalm: 119:105-128
Reading 1: 2 Samuel 6:1-19
Reading 2: Acts 7:17-43

Thu 27th

Morning Prayer Readings

Psalm: 92
Reading 1: 2 Samuel 7:1-17
Reading 2: Acts 7:44-53

Holy Communion Readings

Reading 1: 1 Corinthians 1:1-9
Gospel: Matthew 24:42-end

Fri 28th

Psalm: 88
Reading 1: 2 Samuel 7:18-end
Reading 2: Acts 7:54 - 8:3

Sat 29th

Psalm: 97
Reading 1: 2 Samuel 9
Reading 2: Acts 8:4-25

Sun 30th 12th Sunday after Trinity

Reading 1: Jeremiah 15:15-21
Reading 2: Romans 12:9-end
Gospel: Matthew 16:21-end

Readings for Our Lady & St Nicholas

Sun 23rd 11th Sunday after Trinity

Reading 1: 2 Kings 4:1-37
Reading 2: Acts 16:1-15
Psalm: 90

Sun 30th 12th Sunday after Trinity

Reading 1: 2 Kings 6:24-25, 7:3-end
Reading 2: Acts 18:1-16
Psalm: 105:1-15

For our prayers this week

Our Sunday School Leaders & Children
Our Vergers

For those in need or unwell

Evelyn Watson, Nicky Hardy, Phoebe Thomas, Diane Stant, David Bark, Alan Coles, John Aldis, John Walton, Norma Bass, Charlotte Stephenson, Betty Howard, Madge Nutting, Elaine Towlson

For those not able to join us in church yet and for those who have been on our list for some time who are not forgotten:

Kathleen Allen, Maureen Hardy, Ruth Wright, Joan Barnett, Lynn Mason, Gwen Johnson, Madge Nutting

For those who have recently died

Jessie Wainwright, Paul Harding, Jean Jackson

For 1st anniversary of death this week

Prayer for Interregnum

Heavenly Father we ask that you help us to share responsibility, grow in faith, love one another, care for those in need, reach out to others, and welcome newcomers. Lord Jesus guard and grow this church as we serve you together in this period without a Rector. Guide those who are seeking the right minister for us, and those who are seeking the right church for their ministry. That together we may discover your way for the future and see your kingdom grow. **Amen**



Our vision is to be an open Christian community where people feel loved, respected, and free to be fully themselves.



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Welcome to you all



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Following the lifting of the local lockdown for Birstall & Wanlip, Sunday services will be resumed at both churches;

9.30am at Birstall, and 6.00pm at Wanlip.

Both churches will no longer be open for private prayer on Wednesdays as well as Sundays

The Archbishops and Bishops of the Church of England have urged everyone to follow the instructions given by the Prime Minister to stay alert and keep to the social distancing rules and the wearing of facemasks in a national effort to limit the transmission of the coronavirus (COVID-19).

A prayer for all those affected by coronavirus

**God of compassion,
be close to those who are ill,
afraid or in isolation.
In their loneliness, be their consolation;
In their anxiety, be their hope;
In their darkness, be their light;
through him who suffered alone
on the cross,
but reigns with you in glory,
Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen**

Check out our Church Website: www.Birstall.org

While our parish is in interregnum, please ring 07570 198810 to contact a churchwarden.

Notices

We will ensure that a simple information sheet, updated weekly, will be on the website (www.birstall.org) and, if we have an email address for you a copy of the information sheet will be sent to you electronically. For those who do not have access to modern technology we are endeavouring to keep in contact via the telephone.

Please feel free to contact any of the Churchwardens at any time.

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‘On the Road’ with Canon Anne

I’m into ‘road poetry’ at the moment. Not least because my three fellow ex-Lincoln Theological College cell members and I are preparing for our September Zoom meeting. We have set ourselves the challenge to choose three poems that are currently full of meaning for us, and to share them with each other, explaining why they are so powerful for us right now. My first poem, by Boethius, the 6th C Roman philosopher and Christian, is a prayer that God will enable us to climb to the ‘fountain of all light and be purified’, regardless of ‘the mists of earth and weight of the clod’. The second is from the Christian Indian poet Rabindranath Tagore’s Gitanjali collection of verses, and the third is from JRR Tolkien’s stories ‘The Hobbit’ and ‘The Lord of the Rings.’ Tolkien describes the journey of life as a road that ‘goes ever on and on’ which we pursue with both eager and weary feet, and must follow ‘if we can’. Each of these poems I was ‘given’ in the 1980s, during a particularly challenging stage of my Christian pilgrimage, and they remain very much part of my spiritual journey today. Many of the psalms are also ‘road poems.’ They were sung by Jewish pilgrims on the way to meeting with God in the Temple. Poems like these are a blessing to have by heart, so that we can say or sing them to God when we need to. Aloud, or in the silence of our hearts. I wonder if you have any ‘on the road’ poems or reflections you might be led to share with your fellow Christians?

Information sheet for 6th September

If you have any notices that you would like included in the information sheets for 6th September, can you please let me have them before I am on Friday 28th August as I will be having a weeks holiday from then until 8th September Thanks. Sheryl

Prayer Chain

If you have an urgent prayer request for the Prayer Chain please contact Doreen Wilson on 2674680 or Gill Pope on 2675086. This will be passed round the prayer chain as quickly as possible in strictest confidence.

Link Missionaries – Beirut, Lebanon

We have heard from our Link Missionaries, Audrey and Colin Gibson, who live in Beirut. They report that they are fine – they live some miles from the area and were outside when the explosion happened. However, they are concerned for some of their colleagues who live close to the explosion. Their homes have been badly damaged and, at the time of writing, they believe some may have been injured. They ask that we pray for those that are injured, for the emergency services and a sense of calm among the chaos.

In their Link Letters Audrey and Colin have been saying, for some time, how poorly the Lebanese economy has been performing. Save the Children who are actively working in Lebanon, sum up the difficulties now being faced:

“The incident could not have occurred at a worst time and has hit communities who were already suffering from the impact of the COVID-19 crisis and the economic deterioration. Beirut’s main port, now completely damaged, is vital for much of the food, grains and fuel that Lebanon imports, and families will immediately feel the shortage in basic needs as a result of this tragedy”.

Let’s pray for all those affected, for the immediate, and longer term, relief of suffering and for peace, despite the inevitable chaos. Peter

Prayer Ministry

Although we are resuming church worship, it will not be possible to resume Prayer Ministry in the normal way at present because of social distancing. We can however pray with you outside church after the service, pray with you in your garden at home, maintaining social distancing or pray with you over the phone. Please contact me if you would like this to happen. Kerry

Returning to the Church office

As we are now out of lockdown and our churches have started opening up and are holding a Sunday service in each church, I am planning on slowly returning to work in the church office from Tuesday 8th September. (Covid-19 permitting of course) As it is still early days it will probably be for a couple of hours on Tuesdays and Fridays to start off with.

The weekly Information sheets will still be sent out electronically to all those for whom we have an email address. Thanks. Sheryl

Notices for the information sheets

If you have a notice to go in the information sheet, can you please email it to stjames.birstall@btconnect.com or directly to me (sheryljupp@hotmail.co.uk) or contact a churchwarden. Their telephone numbers are on the opposite page.

Thanks Sheryl