

Readings for St James

Sun 30th 12th Sunday after Trinity

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

Mon 31st

Psalm: 98
Reading 1: 2 Samuel 11
Reading 2: Acts 8:26-end

Tue 1st

Psalm: 106
Reading 1: 2 Samuel 12:1-25
Reading 2: Acts 9:1-19a

Wed 2nd

Psalm: 111
Reading 1: 2 Samuel 15:1-12
Reading 2: Acts 9:19b-31

Thu 3rd

Morning Prayer Readings

Psalm: 115
Reading 1: 2 Samuel 15:13-end
Reading 2: Acts 9:32-end

Holy Communion Readings

Reading 1: 1 Corinthians 3:18-end
Gospel: Luke 5:1-11

Fri 4th

Psalm: 139
Reading 1: 2 Samuel 16:1-14
Reading 2: Acts 10:1-16

Sat 5th

Psalm: 121
Reading 1: 2 Samuel 17:1-23
Reading 2: Acts 10:17-33

Sun 6th 13th Sunday after Trinity

Reading 1: Ezekiel 33:7-11
Reading 2: Romans 13:8-end
Gospel: Matthew 18:15-20

Readings for Our Lady & St Nicholas

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

Sun 6th 13th Sunday after Trinity

Reading 1: Ezekiel 12:21 - 13:16
Reading 2: Acts 19:1-20
Psalm: 108

For our prayers this week

Visitors to our churches
Our Welcomers

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 Towson

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.



Sunday 30th August 2020

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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.

Tony Bloxam	17 Sandgate Avenue	2675381
John Borrajo	8 Hallam Avenue	2209289
John Ward	28 Walker Road	2677600
Debbie Shephard	41 Roman Road	2672630

Thoughts from Michael

While I was having my quiet time this morning I was looking at the pictures I have up. They fall into three groups; religious paintings, family and places. As well as the icon I mentioned last time I have a painting of the Last Supper that reminds me of God's generosity, how God is always ready to give of himself. A painting of the crucifixion, reminding me of the extent of God's love. Along with a print of Rembrandt's 'Return of the Prodigal Son' to remind me of God's mercy. All of the pictures are also connected with people who have added something to my life. I guess some would see them as a distraction when I am meant to be just sitting quietly, but they enrich my prayer life. They remind me that my life has been shaped by people who have loved and cared about me, along with people who have recognised gifts in me and encouraged me to use those gifts. So I hold them before God, and then return to my silence. Who do the pictures in your house remind you of? Please remember to hold them before God as you look at your pictures. And remember even if you are still shielding alone that the chances are that just as you are thinking and praying for the people behind your pictures someone is probably thinking of, and praying for you.

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.

Next weeks information sheet

The information sheet for 6th September has already been produced, if you send me any notices they will not appear until the following week. *Sheryl*

Ride and Stride

12th September

The Leicestershire Historic Churches Trust's Ride and Stride will happen on Saturday 12th September. Both St James and Our Lady and St. Nicholas will be open for visitors on those days, and sponsorship forms and further information are available in both church buildings for those who wish to take part and cycle, walk or motor between participating churches (usually about 400).

At St James there is a blank rota (near the exit door) and if you would like to take a turn in manning the building on the day then please put down your name. If you wish to help with the opening of Our Lady and St. Nicholas on the day then please see either John Ward or Debbie Shephard.

Returning to the Church office

As we are now out of lockdown and our churches 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*

St. Theresa's

1st October

Fr Tom Thomas at St. Theresa's has very kindly extended an invitation to us all to attend the celebration of the Feast of St. Theresa on Thursday October 1st 2020 at 6.30 p.m. The Mass will be followed by light refreshments in their Hall. These are always delightful occasions and an excellent opportunity for us all to get together.

If you would like to attend would you let me know (as soon as possible) so that I can let Fr. Tom know how many of us to cater for. Please call me on 07860 951116 or email on debbie.shephard54@gmail.com. *Debbie*

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*