

## Readings for St James

### Sun 13<sup>th</sup> 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity

Reading 1: Genesis 50:15-21  
Reading 2: Romans 14:1-12  
Gospel: Matthew 18:21-35

### Mon 14<sup>th</sup> Holy Cross Day

Psalm: 2  
Reading 1: Genesis 3:1-15  
Reading 2: John 12:27-36a

### Tue 15<sup>th</sup>

Psalm: 5  
Reading 1: 1 Kings 1:32 - 2:4 2:10-12  
Reading 2: Acts 13:44 - 14:7

### Wed 16<sup>th</sup>

Psalm: 119:1-32  
Reading 1: 1 Kings 3  
Reading 2: Acts 14:8-end

### Thu 17<sup>th</sup>

#### Morning Prayer Readings

Psalm: 15  
Reading 1: 1 Kings 4:29 - 5:12  
Reading 2: Acts 15:1-21

#### Holy Communion Readings

Reading 1: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11  
Gospel: Luke 7:36-end

### Fri 18<sup>th</sup>

Psalm: 19  
Reading 1: 1 Kings 6:1, 11-28  
Reading 2: Acts 15:22-35

### Sat 19<sup>th</sup>

Psalm: 23  
Reading 1: 1 Kings 8:1-30  
Reading 2: Acts 15:36 - 16:5

### Sun 20<sup>th</sup> 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity

Reading 1: Jonah 3:10 - end of 4  
Reading 2: Philippians 1:21-end  
Gospel: Matthew 20:1-16

## Readings for Our Lady & St Nicholas

### Sun 13<sup>th</sup> Readings for Holy Cross Day

Reading 1: Numbers 21:4-9  
Reading 2: Philippians 2:1-11  
Psalm: Psalm 22:22-31

### Sun 20<sup>th</sup> 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity

Reading 1: Ezekiel 33:23, 30 - 34-10  
Reading 2: Acts 26:1, 9-25  
Psalm: 119:113-136

#### For our prayers this week

Our Bereavement Visitors  
Our Organists

#### 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

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

Stanley Heath

#### 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 13<sup>th</sup> September 2020

14<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity

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](http://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](http://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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John Borrajo	8 Hallam Avenue	2209289
John Ward	28 Walker Road	2677600
Debbie Shephard	41 Roman Road	2672630

### **Ramblings from Lesley Walton**

How has it been? Many of you found rewarding ways of prayer and community worship during this lockdown period. I started out full of good intentions ; more time for prayer, reading and just being in God's presence. A few weeks later my grand plan came to a halt; I felt utterly disconnected from church and God. It was like being fed on dry and very stale bread.

One day, tidying a drawer, I found a copy of a lovely prayer from the Northumbria Community. It expressed exactly where I felt in relation to God ; the blessing of recalling His providence in the past and the determination to believe now. it's helped me and maybe will help anyone else who has struggled to stay in touch with God during this difficult time.

Lord you have always given bread for the coming day;  
And though I am poor, today I believe.

And Lord you have always given strength for the coming day;  
though I am weak, today I believe

Lord you have always given peace for the coming day  
And though of anxious heart, today I believe

Lord you have always kept me safe in trials  
And now, tired as I am, Today I believe

Lord you have always marked the road for the coming day  
And though it may be hidden, today I believe

Lord, you have always lightened this darkness of mine  
And though the night is here, today I believe.

Lord you have always spoken when time was ripe  
And though you be silent now, today I believe.

### **St James toilets**

There have been a number of enquiries concerning whether the toilets are available during the Sunday morning service. The answer is "Yes", they all available for use. They are cleaned each week, liquid soap, and paper towels are provided, and there is a hand sanitiser available for use on the table in the side entrance lobby. So, if worries about the availability of toilets has prevented you from joining us, worry no more, we will be delighted to see you.

### **Very happy to announce**

For the months of November and December we will have the support of a full-time curate, Rosie Homer. Rosie is curate in the Oakham, Billesdon area and part of her training is to experience the workings of different types of Parishes. She is very experienced and we are very excited at the prospect of her arrival. She will be joining us at the APCM on the 21<sup>st</sup> October to give you and her an opportunity to meet before she arrives on the 1<sup>st</sup> November.

### **Shoebox Appeal 2020**

This is going ahead, so if you have any items, we would be very grateful. The box will be at the back of the church. If you want to do a whole shoe box, let us know and we will give you a form. We particularly need soap, flannels, toothbrushes, sweets, coloured pencils and scissors. We also need empty shoeboxes. Last year, we managed to send 50 boxes, so with your help, let's try to reach that number again. Many thanks. *Doreen Wilson and Sylvia Simes*

### **St. Theresa's**

**1<sup>st</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 any of the churchwardens know by Monday, Sept. 21<sup>st</sup>, so that we can let Fr. Tom know how many of us to cater for. Contact numbers for all the churchwardens are shown elsewhere on this sheet.

### **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.

### **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](mailto:stjames.birstall@btconnect.com) or directly to me [sheryljupp@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:sheryljupp@hotmail.co.uk) or contact a churchwarden. Their telephone numbers are on the opposite page. Thanks. *Sheryl*