

Readings for this week

Sun 15th 5th Sunday of Easter

Reading 1: Acts 11:1-18
 Reading 2: Revelation 21:1-6
 Gospel: John 13:31-35
 Psalm: 148

Mon 16th

Psalm: 145
 Reading 1: Numbers 9:15-23 10:33-35
 Reading 2: Luke 4:38-end

Tue 17th

Psalm: 19
 Reading 1: Numbers 11:1-33
 Reading 2: Luke 5:1-11

Wed 18th

Psalm: 30
 Reading 1: Numbers 12
 Reading 2: Luke 5:12-26

Thu 19th

Morning Prayer Readings

Psalm: 57
 Reading 1: Numbers 13:1-3, 17-end
 Reading 2: Luke 5:27-end

Holy Communion Readings

Reading 1: Acts 15:7-21
 Gospel: John 15:9-11

Fri 20th

Psalm: 138
 Reading 1: Numbers 14:1-25
 Reading 2: Luke 6:1-11

Sat 21st

Psalm: 146
 Reading 1: Numbers 14:26-end
 Reading 2: Luke 6:12-26

Sun 22nd 6th Sunday of Easter

Reading 1: Acts 16:9-15
 Reading 2: Revelation 21:10, 22 - 22:5
 Gospel: John 14:23-29
 Psalm: 67

For our prayers

For the persecuted church - Mali

Lord Jesus, encourage the hearts of displaced believers in Mali who cry out to You daily from places they never thought they would be living. Bless them with fellowship among strong Christians & meet their needs. Help Mali's government leaders regain control of the country, & disband and drive out these extremist groups that threaten the nation's peace. Open the eyes of Open Doors local partners to any believers in need & guide them as they bring relief and refreshment. **Amen**

For our Churches, this week especially for:

Our Sacristan, Servers & Communion Assistants
 Our Sides-People & Welcomers

For our Community, this week especially for:-

Office, Administrative, Finance & Legal Workers

For those in need or unwell

Nicky Hardy, David Bark, Dorothy Barsby, Barbara Rhodes, John Walton, Michael Webb, Vi Rawlings, Tricia Emmett, Gwen Johnson, Norma Bass & all who care for them.

For those who have Holy Communion at home

Ruth Wright, Madge Nutting

For those who have recently died:

For 1st anniversary of death this week:

Every day - 9pm (or another time!) wherever you are:
 Praying for peace in Ukraine. 17,000 - 23,000+ deaths this year so far.

And a different area each day:

Sun: For an end to the Afghanistan conflict (IS - Taliban) ongoing since 1978. 1.45-2 million + deaths to date; 1058 this year.

Mon: For an end to the Internal Conflict in Myanmar (Kachin, Karen, Rohingya, Rakhine, protests & insurgency) ongoing since 1948. 150,000-210,000 deaths to date; 6,890 this year.

Tues: For an end to the Yemeni Crisis (Yemen, Saudi Arabia, United Arab Emirates) ongoing since 2011. 377,000 deaths to date; 4,592 this year.

Wed: For an end to the Tigray War (Ethiopia, Eritrea, Sudan) ongoing since 2020. 300,00-500,000 deaths to date; 570 this year.

Thurs: For an end to the Somali Civil War (with Kenya) ongoing since 1991. 506,600+ deaths to date; 1,551 this year.

Fri: For an end to the Syrian Civil War ongoing since 2011. 500-606,000+ deaths to date; 1,653 this year.

Sat: For an end to the ethnic violence in South Sudan ongoing since 2011. 386,000-400,000 deaths to date; 571 this year.



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



15th May 2022

5th Sunday of Easter

Welcome



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Our Services this week

St James:

Sunday 15th

8:30am Holy Communion
 10:00am Holy Communion

Thursday 19th

9:30am Holy Communion

Our Lady & St Nicholas:

Sunday 15th

6pm BCP Evensong

What else is happening this week

Monday 16th

10am Mothers Union St James

Tuesday 17th

10am Old Nicks Coffee Shop Wanlip Hall

Wednesday 18th

1:30pm God, Me & Art St James
 3-4pm Open Church & Private Prayer
 Our Lady & St Nicholas

Thursday 19th

2:30pm Prayer Ministry Team St James
 7:30pm Hand Bell Ringers practice St James

Saturday 21st

10am Open Church St James
 2-4pm Wanlip May Fair Wanlip Hall

What's happening next week

Sunday 22nd

8:30am Holy Communion St James
 10am Holy Communion St James
 6pm BCP Evensong Our Lady & St Nicholas

Wednesday 25th

3-4pm Open Church & Private Prayer Our Lady & St Nicholas
 7:30pm F & S meeting 251 Birstall Road

Thursday 26th

9:30am Holy Communion St James
 2pm Reading through the Bible St James
 7:30pm Ascension Day Service St James

Saturday 28th

10am-Noon Open Church St James

Check out our Church Website: www.Birstall.org

Notices

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

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Changes to Our Mask Wearing Guidance

The back right section of St James new church (as you face the front) to wear masks at all times.

Old Nick's Coffee Shop - 17th May

The next Old Nicks Coffee Shop will be on Tuesday 17th May at 10am - 12 noon, in Wanlip Hall. We look forward to seeing you there.

God, Me & Art – 18th May

Whatever art form interests you we will be pleased to welcome you to our next meeting at 1:30pm on Wednesday 18th May in St James' Church when our theme will be 'Birthdays'. Don't feel you have to bring a contribution; you are welcome to just turn up and find out what we do. For more info speak to Tony Bloxam 07929 787876.

Prayer Ministry Team – 19th May

The next team meeting is on Thursday 19th May at 2.30 pm in church. We warmly invite anybody who would like to know more about joining the team to come to the meeting or have a word with me or any team member. *Kerry*

Wanlip May Fair - 21st May

Wanlip's May Fair will take place on 21st May at 2-4pm in the Hall in Wanlip. Cakes, plants, bric- a-brac, refreshments and more!

Re-including servers etc. in our services

We'll have another attempt at all meeting together to re-include servers etc. in our services. If you are clergy; sacristan; a server; have deaconed etc. in the services in the past or were learning to, please could you come to a run through on Wednesday at 5pm? We should only be about an hour. Thank you so much, *manda*.

Archdeacons Visitation service - 8th June

This year's Archdeacons' Visitation service will be on Wednesday 8th June at St Mary the Virgin & St John the Baptist church in Rothley at 7:30pm.

Save the Children Cream Teas

I shall be hosting strawberry cream teas on Saturday 11th June and Saturday 9th July from 3pm-5:30pm. If you are interested in coming to either of these events please can you be in touch either by email ajbsavethechildren@gmail.com or in person before the preceding Wednesday as I need to know how many scones to make and I am limiting numbers. *Josephine*

Collect for 5th Sunday of Easter

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ have overcome Death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: grant that, as by your grace going before us you put into our minds good desires, so by your continual help we may bring them to good effect; through Jesus Christ our risen Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen

Post Communion Prayer for 5th Sunday of Easter

Eternal God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life: grant us to walk in his way, to rejoice in his truth, and to share his risen life; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen**

BCP Collect for 5th Sunday of Easter

O Almighty God, who alone canst order the unruly wills and affections of sinful men; Grant unto thy people, that they may love the thing which thou commandest, and desire that which thou dost promise; that so, among the sundry and manifold changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed, where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Zoom link

We are unable to provide a zoom link to our services at Our Lady & St Nicholas for the next few weeks. This will be reviewed at the end of May.

Reading through the Bible - 26th May

The next Reading Through the Bible group will be on Thursday 26th May at 2pm in the Community Area at St James'. Please read **3 John** before you come! Everyone is welcome, even if you haven't been before.

Prayer Chain

If you have an urgent prayer request please contact Doreen Wilson (2674680) or Gill Pope (2675086) it will be passed round the prayer chain as quickly as possible in strictest confidence.

Artefacts wanted

Has anyone got any artefacts from Brazil; New Zealand; India or Ukraine, they could give or lone to the schools team, please? Thanks, *manda*

Amanda's diary

I've written "C" in my diary on Thursday 26th May at 11am - answers on a postcard as to what you think that may be! If it's you or you do know what it is, please let me know! Thanks, *manda*!

Ascension Day service -26th May

The Deanery Ascension Day service has been cancelled. We will have one at Birstall Church at 7:30pm. Please let Amanda know if you would be willing to lead intercessions, do a reading, etc as we have no one on a rota for it. Thank you.