

Readings for St James

Sun 20th 15th Sunday after Trinity

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

Mon 21st *Mathew, Apostle & Evangelist*

Psalm: 49
Reading 1: 1 Kings 19:15-end
Reading 2: 2 Timothy 3:14-end

Tue 22nd

Psalm: 36
Reading 1: 1 Kings 8:63 - 9:9
Reading 2: Acts 16:25-end

Wed 23rd

Psalm: 34
Reading 1: 1 Kings 10:1-25
Reading 2: Acts 17:1-15

Thu 24th

Morning Prayer Readings

Psalm: 37
Reading 1: 1 Kings 11:1-13
Reading 2: Acts 17:16-end

Holy Communion Readings

Reading 1: Ecclesiastes 1:2-11
Gospel: Luke 9:7-9

Fri 25th

Psalm: 31
Reading 1: 1 Kings 11:26-end
Reading 2: Acts 18:1-21

Sat 26th

Psalm: 42
Reading 1: 1 Kings 12:1-24
Reading 2: Acts 18:22 - 19:7

Sun 27th 16th Sunday after Trinity

Reading 1: Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-end
Reading 2: Philippians 2:1-13
Gospel: Matthew 21:23-32

Readings for Our Lady & St Nicholas

Sun 20th 15th Sunday after Trinity

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

Sun 27th 15th Sunday after Trinity

Reading 1: Ezekiel 37:15-end
Reading 2: 1 John 2:22-end
Psalm: 124

For our prayers this week

Birstall Schools
Our Choir

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

Patricia Charles

For 1st anniversary of death this week

Kenneth Harris

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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A Churchwardens Ramblings

“Keep in Touch”; yes, the next issue of Keep in Touch is now with us, and we have plans to ensure that everyone gets a copy. It is a wonderful way of maintaining contact, not only with the church members, but with the wider community. Important than the magazine is, more important are the three words “keep in touch”. There are many faces that we haven’t seen for months, but there remains the feeling of togetherness, because of the efforts everyone is making to keep in touch.

Touching is a very gentle and generous way of expressing love, empathy and tenderness (Covid excepted). So many times do we read in the Bible that Jesus stretched out his hand and touched them, the touch of healing. A gentle reaching out, and resting a hand on the arm of someone who is distressed, brings help, brings love and shows compassion – as with Jesus, it’s a healing touch. Touching is not always physical, we may be touched by what we hear or see, it’s something that stirs up emotions in our hearts. By the grace of God we have all been touched by Jesus in our lives, and know the inner glow that it brings. We touch, and we are touched, we share one another’s love, and share God’s love for us. Touch; a word of few letters, but with a tremendous depth of meaning.

Tony Bloxam

Monday Group update

Just to let our Group know that although we are unable to have our monthly meetings together, members are endeavouring to keep in touch with one another, to ensure they know they are not forgotten. " Cast your cares on the Lord, and He will sustain you " Psalm 55 v22 . *Rita Richards*

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.

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 21st October to give you and her an opportunity to meet before she arrives on the 1st 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

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 any of the churchwardens know by Monday, Sept. 21st, (Tomorrow) 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.

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*