

Readings for St James

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

Mon 28th

Psalm: 44
Reading 1: 1 Kings 12:25 - 13:10
Reading 2: Acts 19:8-20

Tue 29th

Michael & All Angels

Psalm: 34
Reading 1: Daniel 12: 1-4
Reading 2: Acts 12:1:11

Wed 30th

Psalm: 119:57-80
Reading 1: 1 Kings 17
Reading 2: Acts 20:1-16

Thu 1st

Morning Prayer Readings

Psalm: 57
Reading 1: 1 Kings 18:1-20
Reading 2: Acts 20:17-end

Holy Communion Readings

Reading 1: Job 19:21-27a
Gospel: Luke 10:1-12

Fri 2nd

Psalm: 51
Reading 1: 1 Kings 18:21-end
Reading 2: Acts 21:1-16

Sat 3rd

Psalm: 68
Reading 1: 1 Kings 19
Reading 2: Acts 21:17-36

Sun 4th Harvest

Reading 1: Deuteronomy 8:7-18
Reading 2: 2 Corinthians 9:6-end
Gospel: Luke 12:16-30

Readings for Our Lady & St Nicholas

Sun 27th 16th Sunday after Trinity

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

Sun 4th Harvest Evensong

Reading 1: Deuteronomy 8:7-18
Reading 2: 2 Corinthians 9:6-end
Psalm: 65

For our prayers this week

Our Church cleaners
Our Congregations

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

Joan Smith

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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John Borrajo	8 Hallam Avenue	2209289
John Ward	28 Walker Road	2677600
Debbie Shephard	41 Roman Road	2672630

Ramblings from Pete Chester

In Wicklow, Ireland, there are the remains of an ancient monastery at Glendalough. A surviving building is the tall, Round Tower, of Glendalough whose entrance door is over 11 feet from the ground. Historically, one use of the tower was as a place of refuge in times of attack. To get in you have to climb up a rope ladder and, once inside, the ladder was drawn up, the door shut – and you were safe from your enemies. What if, instead of just being holed up inside our houses – we imagine ourselves holed up in God's presence – the strong tower. Run to the tower who's door is wide open to receive you and climb inside.

Where can I run to?

Where can I hide?

I read the News – and the headlines are scary

What can we talk about?

What can we say?

Are you well? Did you get bread today?

Nothing's going on - my world is strange

Where can I run to?

Where can I hide?

Imagine the tall, thin, tower.

Run to it.

The ladder is ready for you to climb

Strong arms reach down to pull you in

The ladder is pulled up

The door is shut

The walls are as thick as your arms are long.

You are safe.

In you Lord God I have taken refuge

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Be my rock of refuge

A strong fortress to save me

Harvest

4th October

We will be celebrating Harvest next week; Sunday Oct 4th and your harvest gifts will be welcome. However, this year, because of Covid 19, we are asking that your gifts are limited to **TINNED or DRY FOODS, NO FRESH PRODUCE** please. Your gifts will be distributed through the local food hub.

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.

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*

Monday Group

At our AGM in March (was it really that long ago?!), we voted for Dementia UK, Admiral Nurse/Leicestershire as our Charity for the year. As we are unable to meet, we would like to suggest that members (and anyone else so minded) collect small denomination coins towards the nominated charity. Plus Sheila Harrison has offered to make Christmas cakes & Rita Richards will be making Christmas wreaths, therefore orders gratefully received. (Just in case you need reminding it is only 13 weeks to go!!!)

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 & part of her training is to experience the workings of different types of Parishes. She is very experienced & 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.

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 or directly to me sheryljupp@hotmail.co.uk or contact a churchwarden. Their telephone numbers are on the opposite page. Thanks.