

Readings for St James

Sun 11th 18th Sunday after Trinity

Reading 1: Isaiah 25:1-9
Reading 2: Philippians 4:1-9
Gospel: Matthew 22:1-14

Mon 12th

Psalm: 80
Reading 1: 2 Kings 5
Reading 2: Acts 26:1-23

Tue 13th

Psalm: 89:1-18
Reading 1: 2 Kings 6:1-23
Reading 2: Acts 26:24-end

Wed 14th

Psalm: 119:105-128
Reading 1: 2 Kings 9:1-16
Reading 2: Acts 27:1-26

Thu 15th

Morning Prayer Readings

Psalm: 92
Reading 1: 2 Kings 9:17-end
Reading 2: Acts 27:27-end

Holy Communion Readings

Reading 1: Ephesians 1:1-10
Gospel: Luke 11:47-end

Fri 16th

Psalm: 88
Reading 1: 2 Kings 12:1-19
Reading 2: Acts 28:1-16

Sat 17th

Psalm: 97
Reading 1: 2 Kings 17:1-23
Reading 2: Acts 28:17-end

Sun 18th 19th Sunday after Trinity

Reading 1: Isaiah 45:1-7
Reading 2: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10
Gospel: Matthew 22:15-22

Readings for Our Lady & St Nicholas

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Reading 1: Proverbs 3:1-18
Reading 2: 1 John 3:1-15
Psalm: 139:1-18

Sun 18th 19th Sunday after Trinity

Reading 1: Proverbs 4:1-18
Reading 2: 1 John 3:16 - 4:6
Psalm: 142

For our prayers this week

Our Retired Clergy
Our Flower arrangers

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

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 11th October 2020

18th Sunday of 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

While our parish is in interregnum, please ring 07570 198810 to contact a churchwarden.

Notices

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

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Churchwardens Ramblings from John Borrajo

I am coming to the end of Arthur Conan-Doyle's (famous for creating Sherlock Holmes) Historical Romances. Two of these novels are set in an historical setting that incorporates people of great faith, and yet also great intolerance. Micah Clarke takes place in 1685 in Somerset and depicts the struggle of west country protestant Christians against the Catholicism of James the Second. The Refugees takes place in late 17th century France and involves the struggle of one Protestant family against the intolerant Catholic government of the day. In both novels there are men and women of great faith, and yet also of great intolerance(on both sides). The two qualities seem cemented together. This rings a bell for me with my own experience; when I was in my 20s my faith was strong. Indeed, I would have been arrogant enough to say that " I don't believe, I know". Linked to this was a great intolerance of other viewpoints. Today I think that I am more tolerant to those who see things differently, but, in line with this my faith is less strong and more open. Do these two possessions have to be inversely related ? No, surely not, but history shows that they often have been.

In the Refugees one of the characters reminds a particularly nasty and bigoted friar that although faith is a virtue, love also is. Love manifests in kindness and tolerance, and Paul says that it is the greatest.

APM & APCM

21st October

This years APM and APCM will be held on Wednesday 21st October at St James the Great, starting at 7:20pm.

Link missionaries, Audrey & Colin Gibson, Lebanon

Audrey and Colin's have been working with the Church Mission Society in Lebanon since early 2016. They have been working with the Lebanese Society for Education and Social Development (LSESD) but are now changing roles. Colin is to become National Director and Audrey will be the Education and Church liaison for A Rocha in Lebanon. A Rocha is a Christian based environmental organisation working in 21 countries across the globe, "helping communities to reconcile the need to protect biodiversity with hopes for sustainable development".

Colin and Audrey also report that, "nearly seven weeks after the explosion there are still many signs of it devastating effect" - the main shopping mall is still closed and there is still no new government. They ask for prayer for those affected by the blast and for a breakthrough in efforts to form a government that can resolve the deeper issues affecting Lebanon. *Pete Chester*

This Sunday's Collect for St James

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us your gift of faith that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to that which is before, we may run the way of your commandments and win the crown of everlasting joy; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

This Sunday's Collect for Our Lady and St Nicholas

LORD, we beseech thee, grant thy people grace to withstand the temptations of the world, the flesh, and the devil, and with pure hearts and minds to follow thee the only God; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Visit from the Archdeacon of Leicester

18th October

Some good news - Venerable Richard Worsfold (Archdeacon of Leicester) will be coming to Wanlip to take the Evensong service next week. Please come along and hear to what he has to say.

Jam & Marmalade

I have made some more jam (damson, blackcurrant, blackberry) and also Seville Orange marmalade which I will put in my car boot to sell on Sunday. I have now run out of lb size jam jars so I'm happy to deliver preserves and/or collect jam jars if that is easier for people. The money raised will go to the Monday group's charity DUK – Admiral Nurses for Leicestershire Fund raising group. Thanks. *Janet Waters 01509416921*

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!!)

Shoe box appeal

We desperately need reading glasses, combs, small colouring books, flannels and scissors. Donations towards the postage would also be very welcome. Many thanks. *Doreen and Sylvia.*

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. *Sheryl*