

Readings for St James

Sun 18th Luke the Evangelist

Reading 1: Isaiah 35:3-6
Reading 2: 2 Timothy 4:5-17
Gospel: Luke 10:1-9
(Psalm: 147:1-7)

Mon 19th

Psalm: 98
Reading 1: 2 Kings 17:24-end
Reading 2: Philippians 1:1-11

Tue 20th

Psalm: 106
Reading 1: 2 Kings 18:1-12
Reading 2: Philippians 1:12-end

Wed 21st

Psalm: 111
Reading 1: 2 Kings 18:13-end
Reading 2: Philippians 2:1-13

Thu 22nd

Morning Prayer Readings

Psalm: 115
Reading 1: 2 Kings 19:1-19
Reading 2: Philippians 2:14-end

Holy Communion Readings

Reading 1: Ephesians 3:14-end
Gospel: Luke 12:49-53

Fri 23rd

Psalm: 139
Reading 1: 2 Kings 19:20-36
Reading 2: Philippians 3:1 - 4:1

Sat 24th

Psalm: 121
Reading 1: 2 Kings 20
Reading 2: Philippians 4:2-end

Sun 25th Last Sunday after Trinity

Reading 1: Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18
Reading 2: 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8
Gospel: Matthew 22:34-end

Readings for Our Lady & St Nicholas

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Reading 2: Luke 10:1-9
Psalm: 147:1-7

Sun 25th Last Sunday after Trinity

Reading 1: Ecclesiastes 11, 12
Reading 2: 2 Timothy 2:1-7
Psalm: 119:89-104

For our prayers this week

Guides, Brownies & Rainbows (Affiliated to St James)
Our Healing & Prayer group

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

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 18th October 2020

Luke the Evangelist

Welcome to you all



St James



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Sunday services

We have a service in both of our Churches

9.30am at Birstall, and 6.00pm at Wanlip

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 Debbie Shephard

Well, the middle of October already and Christmas just around the corner!! Where has the year gone? 2020 has been gobbled up in a state of world wide confusion and upheaval, primarily through Coronavirus. With a combination of conflicting information and mis-information, it has been difficult sometimes to keep focused. Our routines, which guide us gently through the year, have been cast aside and the things we would normally do without thinking now have to be planned, with almost everything requiring a risk assessment before we do it.

Having a strong faith, therefore, has been a major comfort. The strength at my very core. I give thanks everyday for the Lords presence in my life, even when I can't see the way forward clearly (which is most of the time at the moment!) I know that He is there and will guide me. It is a worry to see the effect that the lockdown and restrictions are having on the Church, and it saddens me beyond words that we can't get together as we normally do, BUT, most of us are old enough to know that nothing lasts for ever and, in the scheme of things, we can cope with 12 months or so of upheaval, and not being able to celebrate those important festivals in the way we are accustomed.

And of course the church is still functioning in all sorts of ways - work with our local schools still goes on, as does all the hard work put in to keeping in touch with the Sunday School children. Monday Group are working hard at getting us in the Christmas frame of mind with their charity work, and the Shoe Box appeal is heading for another successful year.

This is a difficult time for all parishes but for us, without a vicar, it is even more important that we come together as the great church family that we are, so I urge you to attend our APM and APCM on Wednesday 21st October and please get involved. We need to hear everyone's voice. It is so important that we all stand together to guide our parish through these difficult times in order that we come through the other side knowing exactly who we are and where we are going.

May God's blessing be on all of us. I look forward to seeing you on Wednesday

APM & APCM

21st October

This years APM and APCM will be held on Wednesday at St James' starting at 7:20pm.

All Souls service

Sadly, due to the Covid restrictions, we are unable to have an All Souls service this year. Instead we are going to create a Tree of Remembrance on which we will hang names of loved ones. If you would like a name added to the tree can you let Lesley Walton or Doreen Wilson know. Or leave a message in the Church office.

This mornings Collect for St Luke the Evangelist

Almighty God, who called Luke the Physician, whose praise is in the Gospel, to be an Evangelist and Physician of the soul: by the grace of the Spirit and through the wholesome medicines of the Gospel, give your Church the same love and power to heal; 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 mornings Post Communion Prayer for St Luke the Evangelist

Almighty God, who on the day of Pentecost sent your Holy Spirit to the apostles with the wind from heaven and in tongues of flame, filling them with joy and boldness to preach the Gospel: by the power of the same Spirit strengthen us to witness to your truth and to draw everyone to the fire of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

This evenings Collect for St Luke the Evangelist

Almighty God, who calledst Luke the Physician, whose praise is in the Gospel, to be an Evangelist, and Physician of the soul: May it please thee, that, by the wholesome medicines of the doctrine delivered by him, all the diseases of our souls may be healed; through the merits of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Birstall Food Hub

From the beginning of November we will no longer be receiving donations on a Tuesday morning in St Theresa's car park. There are donation trolleys in the Co-op (by the exit to the car park) and in the One-Stop Shop in Hallam Fields if you'd like to donate, or for larger donations contact us on birstallfoodhub@gmail.com or text or call 07305 093791. We are still delivering food parcels to those who need them, as we are unable to open up in any venue at the moment. If you are on benefits or low wages and are struggling to put food on the table, do contact us on 07305 093791.

Jam & Marmalade

I have some jam and 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)

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.