

Readings for St James

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

Mon 26th

Psalm: 126
Reading 1: 2 Kings 21:1-18
Reading 2: 1 Timothy 1:1-17

Tue 27th

Psalm: 132
Reading 1: 2 Kings 22:1 - 23:3
Reading 2: 1 Timothy 1:18 - end of 2

Wed 28th *Simon & Jude, Apostles*

Psalm: 116
Reading 1: Isaiah 45:18-end
Reading 2: Luke 6:12-16

Thu 29th

Morning Prayer Readings

Psalm: 143
Reading 1: 2 Kings 23:36 - 24:17
Reading 2: 1 Timothy 4

Holy Communion Readings

Reading 1: Ephesians 6:10-20
Gospel: Luke 13:31-end

Fri 30th

Psalm: 144
Reading 1: 2 Kings 24:18 - 25:12
Reading 2: 1 Timothy 5:1-16

Sat 31st

Psalm: 147
Reading 1: 2 Kings 25:22-end
Reading 2: 1 Timothy 5:17-end

Sun 1st All Saints' Day

Reading 1: Revelation 7:9-end
Reading 2: 1 John 3:1-3
Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12

Readings for Our Lady & St Nicholas

Sun 25th Last Sunday after Trinity

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

Sun 1st All Saints' Day

Reading 1: Isaiah 65:17-end
Reading 2: Hebrews 11:32 - 12:2
Psalm: 148

For our prayers this week

Our Churchwardens and Deputy Churchwardens
Our PCC members

For those in need or unwell

Evelyn Watson, Nicky Hardy, Phoebe Thomas,
Diane Stant, David Bark, Alan Coles, John Aldis,
John Walton, Norma Bass, Madge Nutting,
Betty Howard, 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 25th October 2020

Last Sunday after Trinity

Welcome to you all



St James



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Sunday services

We have a service in both of our Churches

9:30am at St James the Great

&

6:00pm at Our Lady & St Nicholas

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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‘Ramblings’ from Canon Anne

Years ago, I tried, with a friend, to walk part of ‘The Pilgrim’s Way’, from Detling in Kent to Canterbury. I can’t remember how far we got, but I do remember that we got blisters and had to give up half way! A sad remembering. I would have loved to have completed the pilgrimage. I tried it by car one summer, but that didn’t work; too much of it was off-road. Now I am reduced to wishful thinking and reading about other people’s Canterbury pilgrimages – currently Hilaire Belloc’s ‘The Old Road.’ In 1994, Birstall pilgrims traversed their way to Compostella with your then rector, Charles Bradshaw. Bert Tegg wrote a moving article about that in 2018 for ‘Keep in Touch.’ Every Christian life is, of course, very much a pilgrimage. I am currently engaged in writing my own autobiography for passing down to younger family members, so that precious family memories are not lost. I wonder how much local churches do this? Those of us who edit parish magazines contribute to the collection of memories of church life in the parish. I know that when I wrote the history of Swithland, I benefitted from the contents of parish magazines previous editors had produced over the years. Perhaps one day someone will write an updated history of Birstall church and make use of the parish magazines that I, and those before me, have edited. I hope so. Knowledge of our past lays the foundations for, and influences, not just our present, but also our future.

Copy Date for ‘Keep in Touch’ Winter 2020

1st November

Time flies, and the copy date for the Winter 2020 ‘Keep in Touch’ is imminent. Please give joy to our readers by writing an article (maximum length 500 words) and submitting it to me by November 1st. Either email to me at rahorton@outlook.com, or post/hand-deliver to me at 8B Copeland Road, Birstall, LE4 3AA. Themes? Pilgrimage, Winter/Advent/Christmas/New Year; things you’ve achieved; new interests discovered; aspects of ‘keeping in touch’ anything that will bring encouragement and joy to our readers! Very many thanks, *Canon Anne*

Remembrance Sunday

There will be no parade or representatives from the Royal British Legion or any of the uniformed groups this year. Remembrance will be recognised in our regular 09.30 am service at St James on Nov. 8th. An act of remembrance will take place at the war memorial on Nov 11th, but this is strictly limited to six representatives from the Royal British Legion, the Parish Council, and the Church, the general public are not encouraged to attend. *Tony*

Collect for Sunday morning at St James

Blessed Lord, who caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: help us so to hear them, to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them that, through patience, and the comfort of your holy word, we may embrace and for ever hold fast the hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ, 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 Sunday morning at St James

God of all grace, your Son Jesus Christ fed the hungry with the bread of his life and the word of his kingdom: renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your true and living bread; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. Amen

Collect for Sunday evening at Our Lady and St Nicholas

O Almighty and most merciful God, of thy bountiful goodness keep us, we beseech thee, from all things that may hurt us; that we, being ready both in body and soul, may cheerfully accomplish those things that thou wouldest have done; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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 you can leave a message in the Church office.

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.

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*