

Readings for this week

Sun 1st Naming & Circumcision of Jesus

Reading 1; Numbers 6:22-end
 Reading 2: Galatians 4:4-7
 Gospel: Luke 2:15-21
 Psalm: 8

Mon 2nd

Psalm: 18:1-30
 Reading 1: Isaiah 60:1-12
 Reading 2: John 1:35-42

Tue 3rd

Psalm: 127
 Reading 1: Isaiah 60:13-end
 Reading 2: John 1:43-end

Wed 4th

Psalm: 89:1-37
 Reading 1: Isaiah 61
 Reading 2: John 2:1-12

Thu 5th

Psalm: 48
 Reading 1: Isaiah 62
 Reading 2: John 2:13-end

Holy Communion Readings

Reading 1: 1 John 3:11-21
 Gospel: John 1:43-end

Fri 6th

Psalm: 46
 Reading 1: Isaiah 63:7-end
 Reading 2: 1 John 3

Sat 7th

Psalm: 99
 Reading 1: Isaiah 64
 Reading 2: 1 John 4:7-end

Sun 8th

Epiphany
 Reading 1; Isaiah 60:1-6
 Reading 2: Ephesians 3:1-12
 Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12
 Psalm: 72:10-15

For our Prayers

For the persecuted church - Nigeria

Dear God, intervene to halt & thwart the activities of extremist groups & armed bandits in Nigeria. Protect Christians & churches from attack, & pour Your peace into fearful hearts. Heal all those traumatised by attacks. Give Your children strength to hold onto You, despite suffering, & may they tangibly feel Your presence with them. Equip & empower believers in their response to persecution. Stir the government & security forces to do more to protect Christians. **Amen.**

For our Churches, this week especially for:

Our Prayer Chain
 Our Mothers Union

For our Community, this week especially for:

Our local MP
 Our sense of Community

For those in need or unwell:

Nicky Hardy, David Bark, Dorothy Barsby, John Walton, Michael Webb, Vi Rawlings, Tricia Emmett, Gwen Johnson & all who care for them.

For those who have Holy Communion at home:

For those who have recently died:

John Forryan, Barbara Rhodes, Phillip Hardy & Catherine Parrott

For 1st anniversary of death this week:

Every day - 9pm (or another time!) wherever you are

Praying for peace in Ukraine 40,000-54,000+ deaths since 2014; 29,800 - 156,182+ this year so far.

And a different area each day:

Sun: And for an end to internal conflict in Bangladesh. 1,500+ deaths to date; 16 this year.

Mon: And for an end to the South Thailand insurgency ongoing since 1960. 7,294 deaths to date; 33 this year.

Tues: And for an end to the insurgency in Paraguay ongoing since 2005. 144+ deaths to date; 7-20 this year.

Wed: And for an end to the Militias-Comando Vermelho conflict in Brazil, ongoing since 2006. 700+ deaths to date; 32 this year.

Thurs: And for an end to the Insurgency in Egypt ongoing since 2013. 5,800+ deaths to date; 15 this year.

Fri: And for an end to the ISIL insurgency in the North Caucasus ongoing since 2015. 174+ deaths to date; 2 this year.

Sat: And for an end to the Internal Conflict in Myanmar (Kachin, Karen, Rohingya, Rakhine, protests & insurgency) ongoing since 1948. 160,000-210,000 deaths to date; 16,749



Our vision is to be an open Christian community where people feel loved, respected, and free to be fully themselves.



1st January 2023

Naming & Circumcision of Jesus

Welcome to you all



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Our Services this week

St James:

Sunday 1st

8:30am Holy Communion
 10:00am Holy Communion

Thursday 5th

9:30am Holy Communion

Our Lady & St Nicholas:

Sunday 1st

9am Holy Communion

What else is happening this week

Wednesday 4th

3-4pm Open Church & Private Prayer
 Our Lady & St Nicholas

Thursday 5th

7:30pm Hand Bell Ringers practice St James

Saturday 7th

10am-Noon Open Church St James

What's happening next week

Sunday 8th	08:30	Holy Communion	St James
	10am	Holy Communion	St James
	6pm	BCP Evensong	Our Lady & St Nicholas
Wednesday 11th	3-4pm	Open Church & Private Prayer	Our Lady & St Nicholas
	7:30pm	F & S Meeting	251 Birstall Road
Thursday 12th	9:30am	Holy Communion	St James
Saturday 14th	10am-Noon	Open Church	St James
	10:45-Noon	663 Ensemble Coffee Concert	St James
	3pm	Visiting Bell Ringers	St James

Check out our Church Website: www.Birstall.org

Notices

Please feel free to contact Amanda or one of the Churchwardens at any time

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This weeks 10am Service

Our 10am Service will be a normal Holy Communion service instead of All Together.

This weeks information sheet

This weeks information sheet was produced on Thursday 22nd December, if you have sent any notices since then, they will not appear until next week. *Sheryl*

Coffee Morning - 14th January

A date for your 2023 diary - please support a coffee morning at St James on Saturday 14th January with music by 663 Ensemble & friends. Donations for the Roof Fund will be gratefully received. *Cynthia Coltman*

Warm Space:

Monday - Wednesday 12:30-6:30pm (will close at 5:30pm if no-one is there by then) The idea is not only to have a space available for those who are struggling with heating costs, but actually to have a space for anyone to meet new people and turn our home heating down for a while to protect the environment and join in the campaign to support Ukraine. The main church will be open and heated for those who need to work / do homework quietly; and the community area for those who want to socialise. WiFi, power, light refreshments (biscuits, tea, coffee, squash) available. You can also bring ready meals to heat in the microwave.

Please spread the word and please contact Janet Waters (janetmwaters@btopenworld.com) if you are able to support by donating biscuits / cake or by turning up - we need people who can do random dates (ie you don't have to do a set time every week), and people who can be phoned and may be available at short notice. Thank you. Janet will ensure 1 person on each shift has Safeguarding Training and a DBS.

Royal British Legion Veteran's Breakfast

The Royal British Legion will be having a Veteran's Breakfast for all Service Personnel and Auxiliary Support (i.e. Land Army, Army Reserves etc.) on Monday 9th January at 11am and the 1st Monday of the month there after. Please book - Brian 07864 693243. If you know anyone families please pass this invitation on. Helpline: 07894715049 *Rose Parrott*

A Collect for the naming & circumcision of Jesus

Almighty God, whose blessed Son was circumcised in obedience to the law for our sake and given the Name that is above every name: give us grace faithfully to bear his Name, to worship him in the freedom of the Spirit, and to proclaim him as the Saviour of the world; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

A Post Communion Prayer for the naming & circumcision of Jesus

Eternal God, whose incarnate Son was given the Name of Saviour: grant that we who have shared in this sacrament of our salvation may live out our years in the power of the Name above all other names, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Did you know:

It takes an average of 30 personal invites for someone to finally agree to come to something! Please keep inviting your friends to our events and services. Please let as many people as possible know about our warm space and the other warm spaces. Every morning, Monday to Friday at the Methodist Church; Monday to Wednesday afternoons at St James' and Thursday and Friday afternoon and all day Sunday at the Football Club.

Flowers for special occasions

We are fortunate to have two hugely experienced and professional flower arranging teams at Birstall & Wanlip who are willing to receive requests for flower arrangements to be placed in Church to mark your special occasion. Donations for the cost of the flowers are always welcome, but not always necessary. If you would like the teams to arrange a flower display with your special occasion in mind, please contact Sylvia Simes on 2674206 or email: sylviasimes@gmail.com (Birstall) and Marjorie Bonshor on 2207964 (Wanlip)

Recycling boxes at Church

There are 3 boxes under a table in the community area at St James where you can dispose of your used single use facemasks, blister packs – the packets of foil plastic that your tablets come out of, and any type of pens. There is also a box under another table to recycle your used ink cartridges.

Notices for the information sheets & when I'm in the Church Office

I will be in the office on Tuesdays & Thursdays between 9am and 1pm. If you have a notice you would like putting in the Information sheet, can you please email it to either stjames.birstall@btconnect.com, or sheryljupp@hotmail.co.uk, or contact Amanda or a Churchwarden. I will need to have received it **before 11am** on the Thursday to get your items included in that week's news sheet. Thanks. *Sheryl*