

Readings for this week

Sun 20th Christ the King
 Reading 1: Jeremiah 23:1-6
 Reading 2: Colossians 1:11-20
 Gospel: Luke 23:33-43
 Psalm: 46

Mon 21st
 Psalm: 96
 Reading 1: Isaiah 40:1-11
 Reading 2: Revelation 14:1-13

Tue 22nd
 Psalm: 97
 Reading 1: Isaiah 40:12-26
 Reading 2: Revelation 14:14 - end of 15

Wed 23rd
 Psalm: 112
 Reading 1: Isaiah 40:27 - 41:7
 Reading 2: Revelation 16:1-11

Thu 24th
 Psalm: 125
 Reading 1: Isaiah 41:8-20
 Reading 2: Revelation 16:12-end

Holy Communion Readings
 Reading 1: Revelation 18:1-2, 21-23 & 19:1-3, 9
 Gospel: Luke 21:20-28

Fri 25th
 Psalm: 139
 Reading 1: Isaiah 41:21 - 42:9
 Reading 2: Revelation 17

Sat 26th
 Psalm: 145
 Reading 1: Isaiah 42:10-17
 Reading 2: Revelation 18

Sun 27th Advent Sunday
 Reading 1: Isaiah 2:1-5
 Reading 2: Romans 13:11-end
 Gospel: Matthew 24:36-44
 Psalm: 122

For our prayers

For the persecuted church - Afghanistan

Lord God, we know that You weep when You see Your children weeping. We know that You care more than we can express for the nation of Afghanistan. Please, Lord, work miracles in this country. Protect Your children & all others who face terrible human rights abuses in Afghanistan. May this nation turn from one of despair & cruelty to one that resounds with praises of Your name.

Amen.

For our Churches, this week especially for:

School Visits & Assemblies
 Scouts, Guides, Brownies, Cubs, ATC, Sea Cadets

For our Community, this week especially for:

Councillors: Parish, Charnwood & County
 The Homeless & Unemployed

For those in need or unwell

Nicky Hardy, David Bark, Dorothy Barsby, Barbara Rhodes, 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:

Dennis Bonshor, Bernard (Joe) Scott, Joan Barnett, Josephine Garner

For 1st anniversary of death this week:

Kathleen Allen, Hilda (Joyce) Daley

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 the Kivu conflict (DR Congo, Rwanda, Burundi) ongoing since 2004. 23,000+ deaths to date; 1,617 this year.

Mon: And for an end to the Sudanese nomadic conflicts ongoing since 2008. 386,000 - 400,000 deaths to date; 1,602 this year.

Tues: And for an end to Boko Haram Insurgency in Nigeria, Cameroon, Niger, Chad, ongoing since 2009. Over 358,000 deaths. 4,950 this year, so far.

Wed: And for an end to the Syrian Civil War ongoing since 2011. 500-606,000+ deaths to date; 4,527 this year.

Thurs: And for an end to the Nigerian Bandit Conflict ongoing since 2011. 12,000+ deaths to date; 1,730 this year.

Fri: And for an end to the Mali War ongoing since 2012. 15,000+ deaths to date; 3,942 this year.

Sat: And for an end to the Central African Republic Civil War ongoing since 2012. 9,000+ deaths to date; 707 this year.



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



20th November 2022

Christ the King

Welcome to you all



St James

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Our Services this week

St James:

Sunday 20th

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

Thursday 24th

9:30am Holy Communion

Our Lady & St Nicholas:

Sunday 20th

6pm BCP Evensong

What else is happening this week

Sunday 20th

3-5pm Youth Group Wanlip Hall

Monday 21st

10am Mothers Union St James
 12 noon Funeral for Joe Scott St James
 7pm Churches Together St Theresa's

Wednesday 23rd

11am Bible Book Club St James
 3-4pm Open Church & Private Prayer Our Lady & St Nicholas
 7:30pm PCC Finance meeting St James

Thursday 24th

2.30pm Prayer Ministry Team meeting St James
 7-9pm Sea Cadets in church St James

Friday 26th

7:30pm Murder Mystery Night St Theresa's

Saturday 26th

10am-Noon Open Church St James

What's happening next week

Sunday 27th

8:30am Holy Communion St James
 10am Holy Communion St James
 6pm Advent Carols Our Lady & St Nicholas

Wednesday 30th

10am Funeral for Josephine Garner St James
 3-4pm Open Church & Private Prayer Our Lady & St Nicholas
 4pm Microphone users meeting St James
 7pm The history & faith of the Roman Catholic Church St Theresa's

Thursday 1st

9:30am Holy Communion St James
 7:30pm Hand Bell Ringers practice St James

Saturday 3rd

10am-Noon Open Church St James
 2pm-4pm Wanlip Christmas Fair Wanlip Hall & Church

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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Amanda's Day Off

Amanda is off Friday and Saturday this week.

Morning and Evening Prayer

Amanda is going to do morning and evening prayer on the following days this week at St James', in the Old Church. **Morning Prayer: (9am)** Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday

Evening Prayer (5pm): Monday & Wednesday. Please join her if you would like. If anyone would like to offer to regularly run this on any particular morning or evening, please let Amanda know.

Change of days I will be in the office from 1st December

The days I am working in the office will be changing to **Tuesdays & Thursdays** from 1st Dec. The day I will need your notices for the Information sheets by will also be changing to I am on the **Thursday** to get it in that weeks sheets. *Sheryl*

Wanlip Christmas Fair - 3rd December

Wanlip's Christmas Fair is on Saturday 3rd December, 2pm - 4pm in the Hall and Church. Items needed for stalls: Raffle prizes, bottles, cakes (for stall and refreshments), mince pies, tombola, toys, in fact anything that will sell (not electrical). Thank you. Looking forward to seeing you all again. *Julie*

Bible Book Club - 23rd November

The Next Bible Book Club is on Wednesday 23rd November at 11am and we are looking at Haggai.

Cedar Mews

Normally every fortnight we hold services at Cedar Mews on Wednesdays at 2.30pm. These short services last about 25 minutes and have a reasonable congregation. I have a small number of people who help me with the services. This group has shrunk for a variety of reasons and I would like to add to my pool of helpers. Not everybody helps every time. That's the reason for the pool. If you are interested in helping or want to know more, please contact me. Thank you. *Kerry*

Microphone users

Please could as many as possible of those on the reader and intercessor rota, or anyone else who needs to use a microphone, come to a meeting in St James' Church on Wednesday 30th November at 4pm. Thank you.

Advent Calendars

Fair trade, chocolate advent calendars are £3.65. If you ordered any and haven't got them yet, please contact Amanda. If you haven't given her the money yet, please do! There are some extra, let Amanda know if interested!

Churches Together in Birstall & Wanlip - 21st November

Churches Together will meet on Monday at 7pm at St Theresa's - all welcome

A Collect for Christ the King

Eternal Father, whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven that he might rule over all things as Lord and King; keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of peace, and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet; 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 Christ the King

Stir up, O Lord, the wills of your faithful people; that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may by you be plenteously rewarded; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

BCP Collect for the Sunday before Advent

Stir up, we beseech thee, O Lord, the wills of thy faithful people; that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may of thee be plenteously rewarded; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Christmas Day

If anyone is going to be alone on Christmas Day, is anyone able to invite anyone over, please? Please let Sheryl know in the office. If we have any offers, we will ask if anyone would like to be invited.

Prayer Chain

If you have an urgent prayer request please contact Doreen Wilson (2674680) or Gill Pope (2675086) it will be passed round the prayer chain as quickly as possible in strictest confidence.

St James Church roof repairs

Thank you to those who have bought Christmas decorations that we have made and other items we have sold, the total to date is £100.00. *Brenda Todd & Joan Folland.*

Ukraine Donations Appeal

Please keep an eye on the box at the back of St James' re Ukraine Appeal.

Bring your own duster

We still need another 2 person team. Please contact Tony Luxton or a Churchwarden.

Shoobox Appeal 2022- A Record!

We were able to pack 70 boxes this year, thanks to generous donations. A BIG thank you to all those who gave goods and/or money. 70 boxes means £210 carriage, so help with this expense would be much appreciated. *Sylvia and Doreen*

Murder Mystery Night at St Theresa's - 25th November

St Theresa's are having a Murder Mystery Night on Friday 25th November 25th at 7.30pm, which will include fish and chips. Bring your own drinks, or wine will be available for a donation. Ticket only - contact Daphne Stephenson (07971 721927) or Debbie Shephard.

The history and faith of the Roman Catholic Church - 30th November

Father Ted at St. Theresa's is restarting his Robert Barron DVDs of the history and faith of the Roman Catholic Church. I know many of us really enjoyed them before circumstances cancelled them. The first one will be on Wednesday 30th November at St Theresa's starting at 7pm all are welcome. *Debbie*