

Readings for this week

Sun 22nd 3rd Sunday of Epiphany

Reading 1; Isaiah 9:1-4
 Reading 2: 1 Corinthians 1:10-18
 Gospel: Matthew 4:12-23
 Psalm: 27:1, 4-12

Evensong Readings

Reading 1; Ecclesiastes 3:1-11
 Reading 2: 1 Peter 1:3-12
 Psalm: 33

Mon 23rd

Psalm: 108
 Reading 1: Hosea 2:18 - end of 3
 Reading 2: 1 Corinthians 9:15-end

Tue 24th

Psalm: 36
 Reading 1: Hosea 4:1-16
 Reading 2: 1 Corinthians 10:1-13

Wed 25th

Conversion of Paul
 Psalm: 66
 Reading 1: Ezekiel 3:22-end
 Reading 2: Philippians 3:1-14

Thu 26th

Psalm: 47
 Reading 1: Hosea 5:8 - 6:6
 Reading 2: 1 Corinthians 11:2-16

Holy Communion Readings

Reading 1: Hebrews 10:19-25
 Gospel: Mark 4:21-25

Fri 27th

Psalm: 65
 Reading 1: Hosea 6:7 - 7:2
 Reading 2: 1 Corinthians 11:17-end

Sat 28th

Psalm: 68
 Reading 1: Hosea 8
 Reading 2: 1 Corinthians 12:1-11

Sun 29th Candlemas

Reading 1; Malachi 3:1-5
 Reading 2: Hebrews 2:14-end
 Gospel: Luke 2:22-40
 Psalm: 24:7-end

For our Prayers

For the persecuted church - India

Lord Jesus, help our persecuted brothers & sisters in India to stand strong in their faith & shine as stars (Philippians 2:15) in their local communities. Continue to manifest Your love & power through healings & miracles. Guard Your children from harm & equip them for the challenges they face. Provoke social media companies to do more to combat the use of their platforms to spread disinformation & hatred. Soften the hearts of influential local leaders & officials towards Christians, so that greater protection is given to them. **Amen.**

For our Churches, this week especially for:

Our Clergy: Amanda, Kerry, Anne, Michael & Robin
 Our Readers: Lesley & Sheila

For our Community, this week especially for:

Police, P.C.S.O's & Wardens
 Office & Administrative workers

For those in need or unwell:

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

For those who have Holy Communion at home:

Sheila Skidmore

For those who have recently died:

Barbara Rhodes, Phillip Hardy, Catherine Parrott & Gwen Johnson

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

Mon: 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.

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

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

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

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

Sat: For an end to Insurgency in Cabo Delgado (Mozambique & Tanzania) ongoing since 2017. 5,000+ deaths to date; 767 this year.



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



22nd January 2023

3rd Sunday of Epiphany

Welcome to you all



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St James



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Our Services this week

St James:

Sunday 22nd
 8:30am Holy Communion
 10:00am Holy Communion

Thursday 26th
 9:30am Holy Communion

Our Lady & St Nicholas:

Sunday 22nd
 6pm BCP Evensong

What else is happening this week

Monday 23rd
 12:30-6:30pm Warm Spaces St James

Tuesday 24th
 12 noon Frugal lunch St Theresa's
 12:30-6:30pm Warm Spaces St James

Wednesday 25th
Week of Prayer for Christian Unity ends
 12:30-6:30pm Warm Spaces St James
 3-4pm Open Church & Private Prayer
 Our Lady & St Nicholas

Thursday 26th
 10:30am Bible chat group - looking at Titus
 St James

Saturday 28th
 10am-Noon Open Church St James

What's happening next week

Sunday 29th
 8:30am Holy Communion St James
 10am Holy Communion St James
 6pm 5th Sunday Special Our Lady & St Nicholas

Monday 30th
 12:30-6:30pm Warm Spaces St James

Tuesday 31st
 12:30-6:30pm Warm Spaces St James

Wednesday 1st
 10:30am Barbara Rhodes funeral St James
 12:30-6:30pm Warm Spaces St James
 3-4pm Open Church & Private Prayer Our Lady & St Nicholas

Thursday 2nd
 9:30am Holy Communion St James
 7:30pm Hand Bell Ringers practice St James

Saturday 4th
 10am-Noon Open Church 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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Days off

Amanda off Friday & Saturday this week (27th and 28th).

Keep in Touch form

If you would like to keep receiving our Keep in Touch magazine and haven't already done so, can you fill the form to say how you would like to receive it, there are spare copies at the back of church, and put on the desk in the office or give to Amanda or a Warden. Thank you.

Barbara Rhodes

Barbara's funeral will be on Wednesday 1st February at 10:30am at St James.

Keep in Touch - Spring 2023 - copy date 1st February

The Spring issue is due out on 1st March. Articles & photos for the magazine are needed by 1st February please. Many thanks. *Canon Anne*

Books

There are still some books at the back of Birstall Church left over from the Summer Fair! Please could a magic book angel/s take them to a charity shop?

Pancake party - 21st February

There will be a Pancake party on Tuesday 21st February on Wanlip Hall starting at 1pm. Everyone welcome.

Certificates

Louise Warner gives her apologies for the lateness of certificates for those of you who did the domestic abuse training in September (she has been ill). When you receive them, please could you either let me have them for photocopying, or photocopy 2 extra, for church records & my own records. Thank you, *Annette*

663 Ensemble concert

Sincere thanks to all who attended the 663 Ensemble concert on Saturday 14th January or who helped in any way. The event raised £411 for the church roof repair fund. *Cynthia*

Kitchen

The PCC have met regarding cost savings, as money is tight. Please help by remembering to switch off anything you have used as soon as possible. Thank you.

Blankets & Cushions

If anyone has spare blankets or cushions at home, please could you put them in a pew at St James' for anyone who gets cold while sitting? Please leave cushions and blankets in the pews instead of returning them to the back pew. Thank you!

A Collect for the 3rd Sunday of Epiphany

Almighty God, whose Son revealed in signs and miracles the wonder of your saving presence: renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your mighty power; 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**

A Post Communion Prayer for the 3rd Sunday of Epiphany

Almighty Father, whose Son our Saviour Jesus Christ is the light of the world: may your people, illumined by your word and sacraments, shine with the radiance of his glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen**

BCP Collect for the 3rd Sunday of Epiphany

Almighty and everlasting God, mercifully look upon our infirmities, and in all our dangers and necessities stretch forth thy right hand to help and defend us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Gwen Johnson

For those of you who haven't heard, Gwen died earlier this month.

APCM reports

Please remember to send your APCM reports to Amanda.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, Frugal Lunch - 24th January

We will conclude the week on Tuesday 24th with a frugal lunch at St. Theresa's at 12 noon. There will be a collection for Christian Aid and Vic Allsop is the guest speaker. It's free, but so we know how many to cater for, can you use the **sign up sheets** at the back of both churches. Thanks. *Debbie*

Order of service

If anyone would like the order of service for the screen in advance so they can read it on their phones / tablets, please email Amanda (revamandadigman@me.com) and she will add you to the mailing list.

Bible Chat Group - 26th January

Our next Bible chat group is looking at Titus on Thursday 26th January at about 10:30am (after communion). Please come, even if you haven't been before!

Recycling Boxes

There are boxes under a table in the community area at St James where you can dispose of your used pens, blister packs, toothpaste & brushes, printer ink cartridges, and now also phones & stamps for Mothers Union funds. If you have any Ferrero Rocher or Babybel leftovers, please give these to Amanda (in separate bags, please!)

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*