

Readings for this week

Sun 22nd 6th Sunday of Easter
 Reading 1: Acts 16:9-15
 Reading 2: Revelation 21:10, 22 - 22:5
 Gospel: John 14:23-29
 Psalm: 67

Mon 23rd
 Psalm: 65
 Reading 1: Numbers 16:1-35
 Reading 2: Luke 6:27-38

Tue 24th
 Psalm: 126
 Reading 1: Numbers 16:36-end
 Reading 2: Luke 6:39-end

Wed 25th
 Psalm: 132
 Reading 1: Numbers 17:1-11
 Reading 2: Luke 7:1-10

Thu 26th Ascension Day
Morning Prayer Readings
 Psalm: 110
 Reading 1: Isaiah 52:7-end
 Reading 2: Hebrews 7:26-end
Morning Holy Communion Readings
 Reading 1: Acts 11:1-11
 Gospel: Luke 24:44-end
Evening Holy Communion Readings
 Reading 1: Acts 11:1-11
 Reading 2: Ephesians 1:15-end
 Gospel: Luke 24:44-end

Fri 27th
 Psalm: 81
 Reading 1: Numbers 20:1-13
 Reading 2: Luke 7:11-17

Sat 28th
 Psalm: 47
 Reading 1: Numbers 21:4-9
 Reading 2: Luke 7:18-35

Sun 29th 7th Sunday of Easter
 Reading 1: Acts 16:16-34
 Reading 2: Rev. 22:12-14 16-17 20-end
 Gospel: John 17:20-end
 Psalm: 97

For our prayers

For the persecuted church - Turkmenistan
 Father God, thank You for the way in which You are working in and through the church in Turkmenistan. Continue & increase this work. Protect Your people, help them stand strong, & grant them wisdom & discernment to navigate restrictions & surveillance. Heal all our brothers & sisters who carry wounds from difficult experiences. Speak to those in power; open their eyes to the grace & wonder of Jesus. Build Your church in Turkmenistan. **Amen**

For our Churches, this week especially for:
 Our Organists & Flower Arrangers

For our Community, this week especially for:-
 Our Cafes, Restaurants & Pubs
 Our Vets & Watermead Wardens

For those in need or unwell
 Nicky Hardy, David Bark, Dorothy Barsby, Barbara Rhodes, John Walton, Michael Webb, Vi Rawlings, Tricia Emmett, Gwen Johnson, Norma Bass & all who care for them.

For those who have Holy Communion at home
 Ruth Wright, Madge Nutting

For those who have recently died:
For 1st anniversary of death this week:
 John Ward

Every day - 9pm (or another time!) wherever you are:
 Praying for peace in Ukraine. 24,838 - 72,352+ deaths this year so far.
 And a different area each day:
Sun: And for an end to Islamic State conflict in Iraq ongoing since 2003. Estimates range from 328,000 - over 1.215 million deaths. 843 deaths this year, so far.
Mon: And for an end to Dafur war in Sudan ongoing since 2003. 301,000 deaths to date; 554 deaths this year.
Tues: And for an end to Colombian Conflict in Colombia and Venezuela ongoing since 1964. 221,000+ deaths to date; 782 this year.
Wed: And for an end to Ituri Conflict in DR Congo ongoing since 1999. 64,000+ deaths to date; 560 this year.
Thurs: And for an end to the Mexican Drug War ongoing since 2006. 62,000+ deaths to date; 2,662 this year.
Fri: And for an end to insurgency in the Maghreb (Algeria, Burkina Faso, Chad, Libya, Mali, Niger, Tunisia, Togo, Benin, Ivory Coast) ongoing since 2002. 29,000+ deaths to date; 1,909 this year.
Sat: And for an end to the Kivu conflict (DR Congo, Rwanda, Burundi) ongoing since 2004. 23,000+ deaths to date; 619 this year.



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



22nd May 2022

6th Sunday of Easter

Welcome



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
 7:30pm Ascension Day Service

Our Lady & St Nicholas:

Sunday 22nd

6pm BCP Evensong

What else is happening this week

Wednesday 25th

3-4pm Open Church & Private Prayer
 Our Lady & St Nicholas
 7:30pm F & S meeting 251 Birstall Road

Thursday 26th

2pm Reading through the Bible St James

Saturday 28th

10am 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

Wednesday 1st

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

Thursday 2nd

9:30am Holy Communion St James
 7:30pm Hand Bells 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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Reading through the Bible - 26th May

The next Reading Through the Bible group will be on Thursday 26th May at 2pm in the Community Area at St James'. Please read **3 John** before you come! Everyone is welcome, even if you haven't been before.

Archdeacons Visitation Service - 14th June (New date & venue)

This year's Archdeacons' Visitation Service, where all 4 of our wardens will be sworn in, will now be at St Theodores church, Rushey Mead on Tuesday 14th June at 7:30pm.

Save the Children Cream Teas - 11th June & 9th July

I shall be hosting strawberry cream teas on Saturday 11th June and Saturday 9th July from 3pm-5:30pm. If you are interested in coming to either of these events please can you be in touch either in person or by email ajbsavethechildren@gmail.com before the preceding Wednesday as I need to know how many scones to make and I am limiting numbers. *Josephine*

Silent Auction Update

Winning Bids = £1,584.51 + Donations £ 415.49 = £ 2,000.00.
Many grateful thanks to all who took part in raising such a splendid amount.
Joan & Jane

Exam Invigilators needed

Martin High School at Anstey are desperate for invigilators for their exams this year. Please let Amanda know if you might be able to help, even a bit. You need to have a DBS already. It's a simple way our church can show care for the community (the original idea was to do it at cedars but they have enough and this is the same academy chain).

Recycling used Facemasks

There is a box under a table in the community area at St James where you can dispose of your used single use Facemasks for recycling.

Collect for 6th Sunday of Easter

God our redeemer, you have delivered us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of your Son: grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life, so by his continual presence in us he may raise us to eternal joy; 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**

Post Communion Prayer for 6th Sunday of Easter

God our Father, whose Son Jesus Christ gives the water of eternal life: may we thirst for you, the spring of life and source of goodness, through him who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen**

BCP Collect for 6th Sunday of Easter

O Lord, from whom all good things do come: Grant to us thy humble servants, that by thy holy inspiration we may think those things that be good, and by thy merciful guiding may perform the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

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.

Colin and Audrey Gibson

Advanced Notice - Colin and Audrey Gibson who have just finished working in Lebanon as Missionaries with CMS, will be visiting us, and speaking at the service on 7th August. It will be lovely to hear some of their stories and how God has worked through and with them during their time there.

When I am in the Church office

I have been ask a few times recently when I am in the office, so for anyone who doesn't know, I am usually in the office on Tuesday & Friday mornings between 9am and 1pm. *Sheryl*

Notices for the information sheets

If you have a notice you would like putting in the Information sheet, can you please email it to either stjames.birstall@btconnect.com and/or sheryljupp@hotmail.co.uk or contact Amanda or a churchwarden. I will need to have received it **before** I am on the Friday to get your items included in that week's news sheet. Thanks. *Sheryl*