

Readings for this week

Sun 23rd	Last Sunday after Trinity
Reading 1:	Jeremiah 14:7-10, 19-end
Reading 2:	2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18
Gospel:	Luke 18:9-14
Psalms:	84:1-7
Mon 24th	
Psalms:	98
Reading 1:	2 Kings 17:24-end
Reading 2:	Philippians 1:1-11
Tue 25th	
Psalms:	106
Reading 1:	2 Kings 18:1-12
Reading 2:	Philippians 1:12-end
Wed 26th	
Psalms:	111
Reading 1:	2 Kings 18:13-end
Reading 2:	Philippians 2:1-13
Thu 27th	
Psalms:	115
Reading 1:	2 Kings 19:1-19
Reading 2:	Philippians 2:14-end
<u>Holy Communion Readings</u>	
Reading 1:	Ephesians 6:10-20
Gospel:	Luke 13:31-end
Fri 28th	<i>Simon & Jude, Apostles</i>
Psalms:	116
Reading 1:	Isaiah 45:18-end
Reading 2:	Luke 6:12-16
Sat 29th	
Psalms:	121
Reading 1:	2 Kings 20
Reading 2:	Philippians 4:2-end
Sun 30th	All Saints Day
Reading 1:	Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18
Reading 2:	Ephesians 1:11-end
Gospel:	Luke 6:20-31
Psalms:	149

For our prayers

For the persecuted church - Kazakhstan
 Heavenly Father, we're aware that many church leaders in Kazakhstan bear a heavy load as they lead their congregations under enormous pressure. Encourage them today and surround them with all the support they need to serve You. Strengthen and protect those facing pressure from their family and community, and boldly use them as they share Jesus with others. Open the eyes of government officials to see the good intentions and fruit of Your people, and use this to extend Your kingdom in Kazakhstan. **Amen.**

For our Churches, this week especially for:

Our Bishops, Archdeacon & Area Dean
 God, Me & Art

For our Community, this week especially for:-

Shop workers and owners
 Birstall & Leicester media

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:

Jenny Michael, Beryl Boden, Enid Oswin, Madge Nutting

For 1st anniversary of death this week:

Every day - 9pm (or another time!) wherever you are:
 Praying for peace in Ukraine 40,000-100,000+ deaths since 2014; 42,000 - 92,000+ this year so far.

And a different area each day:

Sun: And for an end to Arab Separatism in Iran ongoing since 1922. 501+ deaths to date; 3-53 this year.

Mon: And for an end to the Jamaican Political Conflict ongoing since 1943, over 864+ deaths to date. 6 this year.

Tues: And for an end to the Korean Conflict ongoing since 1950. 3,000,000 deaths to date; 27 this year.

Wed: And for an end to Katanga insurgency in DR Congo ongoing since 1963. 3,400+ deaths to date; 4 this year.

Thurs: And for an end to the Western Sahara conflict in Morocco and the Saharawi Republic ongoing since 1973. 14-21,000 deaths to date; 40 this year.

Fri: And for an end to the Cabinda War in Angola ongoing since 1975. 30,000 deaths to date; 49 this year.

Sat: And for an end to the Corsican Conflict with France ongoing since 1976. Over 140 deaths to date; 1 this year.



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



23rd October 2022

Last Sunday after Trinity

Welcome to you all



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Our Services this week

St James:

Sunday 23rd

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

Thursday 27th

9:30am Holy Communion

Our Lady & St Nicholas:

Sunday 23rd

6pm BCP Evensong

What else is happening this week

Sunday 23rd

1pm The Sea Cadets Trafalgar Day Parade
 St James

Wednesday 26th

11am Bible Book Club St James
 3-4pm Open Church & Private Prayer
 Our Lady & St Nicholas

Thursday 27th

7:30pm Living in Love & Faith course St James

Saturday 29th

10am-Noon Open Church St James

What's happening next week

Sunday 30th	8:30am	Holy Communion	St James
	10am	Holy Communion	St James
	3pm	All Souls Service	St James
	6pm	Taize Service	Our Lady & St Nicholas
Wednesday 2nd	3-4pm	Open Church & Private Prayer	Our Lady & St Nicholas
	7:30pm	F & S Meeting	251 Birstall Road
Thursday 3rd	9:30am	Holy Communion	St James
	7:30pm	Hand Bells Practice	St James
Saturday 5th	10am-Noon	Open Church	St James

Notices

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

Rev Amanda Digman (Day off usually Friday)	251 Birstall Road	07803 625049 revamandadigman@me.com
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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.

Keep in Touch Winter Edition

Dear friends and kind contributors. The next issue is due out at the beginning of December. **COPY DATE IS 1st NOVEMBER PLEASE.** I'd be really grateful for your contributions, articles, poems, pictures and reflections for the Winter edition of the parish magazine. Subject matter? Advent, Winter, Christmas, New Year! Resolutions, reflections, prayers, poems, book reviews, whatever you would like to share with your fellow parishioners, both those who are able to get to church, those for whom this is no longer possible, and many others who appreciate being 'kept in touch' with the life of the churches in Birstall and Wanlip. Please either email me, rahorton@outlook.com, or send me written material that I can type up for you. There is a box for written contributions at the back of St James' Church. Very many thanks. *Anne.*

Bring your own duster

The title of this notice could become a real request of the congregation if volunteers are not forthcoming for the cleaning rota. The rota is losing a 2 man team at the end of this year, it lost 2 rota duties last year so this means that from January 2023 if the cleaning team numbers have not increased, cleaning in the church will be once every 2 weeks. In fairness to the existing team members the rota is not being compressed which also means if volunteers do come forward they can be slotted in without disruption to the rota. To get back to a fully staffed 7 week rota we need three 2 person teams. The cleaning duties are not onerous and take 60 to 75 minutes for a 2 person team. To volunteer or find out more contact the Church wardens or Tony Luxton.

Shoebox Appeal 2022

Many thanks for all your donations so far. We still need toothpaste. We will also need sweets/chocolate, as this has to go in every box. If you cannot provide goods, perhaps you can help with the carriage - it costs £180 to send 60 boxes. Thank you.
Sylvia Simes and Doreen Wilson

Madge Nutting's funeral - 7th November

Madge's funeral will be at Our Lady & St Nicholas on Monday 7th November at 11am.

Collect for the Last Sunday after Trinity

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 the Last Sunday after Trinity

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**

BCP Collect for the Last Sunday after Trinity

O GOD, forasmuch as without thee we are not able to please thee; Mercifully grant, that thy Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Bible Book Club - 26th October

The next Bible Book Club is on Jonah at 11am on Wednesday 26th October in the community area of St James.

Electoral Roll

If you would like to be on the Electoral Roll in time to stand for election to the PCC in April, now is the time to be added!! Please find a form at the back of church and pass to Christine Suffolk, a church warden or Amanda. We do have spaces on the PCC now - if interested, please speak to Amanda, but you do need to have been on the Electoral Roll for at least 6 months.

The Real Advent Calendar

These will be £4:50 each. Please let Amanda know by 31st October, if you'd like any.

TearFund Quiz - 11th November

There will be a TearFund Quiz held in the Community Area of St James on 11th November starting at 7pm.

Ukraine Donations Appeal

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

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

I am usually in the office on Tuesdays & Fridays 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 Friday to get your items included in that week's news sheet. Thanks. *Sheryl*