

Readings for this week

Sun 25th Christmas Day
 Reading 1: Isaiah 52:7-10
 Reading 2: Hebrews 1:1-14
 Gospel: John 1:1-14
 Psalm: 98

Mon 26th Stephen, deacon, first martyr
 Psalm: 13
 Reading 1: Jeremiah 26:12-15
 Reading 2: Acts 6

Tue 27th John, Apostle & Evangelist
 Psalm: 21
 Reading 1: Exodus 33:12-end
 Reading 2: 1 John 2:1-11

Wed 28th The Holy Innocents
 Psalm: 36
 Reading 1: Genesis 37:13-20
 Reading 2: Matthew 18:1-10

Thu 29th
 Psalm: 19
 Reading 1: Isaiah 57:15-end
 Reading 2: John 1:1-18

Holy Communion Readings
 Reading 1: 1 John 2:3-11
 Gospel: Luke 2:22-35

Fri 30th
 Psalm: 113
 Reading 1: Isaiah 59:1-15a
 Reading 2: John 1:19-28

Sat 31st
 Psalm: 102
 Reading 1: Isaiah 59:15b-end
 Reading 2: John 1:29-34

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

For our Prayers

For the persecuted church - Eritrea

Heavenly Father, we pray for all our brothers & sisters currently imprisoned for their faith. May they & their families find strength today in Your peace 'which transcends all understanding' (Philippians 4:7). Thank You that some Christians have been released in recent months; intervene to bring about the release of more. Provide fellowship for all believers, & protect gatherings from the watchful eyes of the state. Work in the heart of President Afwerki, to bring him to repentance & to show him the valuable role Christians play in Eritrean society. **Amen.**

For our Churches, this week especially for:

Our Intercessors & Readers
 Our Home Groups

For our Community, this week especially for:

Commuters in & out of our villages
 Our Library

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 Peru ongoing since 1980. 70,000 deaths to date, 21 this year.

Mon: And for an end to the Casamance conflict in Senegal ongoing since 1982. 5,000+ deaths to date; 19 this year.

Tues: And for an end to the Lord's Resistance Army insurgency in Democratic Republic of Congo ongoing since 1987. 100,000+ deaths to date; 1 this year.

Wed: And for an end to the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict in Artsakh, Azerbaijan and Armenia ongoing since 1988. 39-49,000 deaths to date; 17 this year.

Thurs: And an end to the Maoist insurgency in Bangladesh ongoing since 1993. Over 1,200+ deaths to date.

Fri: And for an end to the Chiapas conflict in Mexico ongoing since 1994. 316 deaths to date.

Sat: And for an end to the Dissident Irish republican campaign ongoing since 1998. 160+ 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.



25th December 2022

Christmas Day

Welcome to you all



St James

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Our Services this week

St James:

Sunday 25th
 10:00am Holy Communion

Thursday 29th
 9:30am Holy Communion

Our Lady & St Nicholas:

Sunday 25th
 9am Holy Communion

What else is happening this week

Friday 30th
 3pm Sing Christmas Concert St James

Saturday 31st
 10am-Noon Open Church St James

What's happening next week

Sunday 1st
 08:30 Holy Communion St James
 10am Holy Communion St James
 6pm Holy Communion Our Lady & St Nicholas

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

Thursday 5th
 9:30am Holy Communion St James
 7:30pm Hand Bell Ringers practice St James

Saturday 7th
 10am-Noon Open Church St James

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 Monday to Saturday this week. (26th - 31st)

Next weeks information sheet

The information sheets for 1st January have already been produced, if you have any notices they will not appear until the following week. *Sheryl*

Next weeks 10am Service

Sunday 1st January will be a normal communion service instead of All Together.

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.

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.

Loros Quiz

The latest Loros Quiz is now available at back of church. £1 each.

A Collect for Christmas Day

Almighty God, you have given us your only-begotten Son to take our nature upon him and as at this time to be born of a pure virgin: grant that we, who have been born again and made your children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit; 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 Christmas Day

God our Father, whose Word has come among us in the Holy Child of Bethlehem: may the light of faith illumine our hearts and shine in our words and deeds; through him who is Christ the Lord. **Amen**

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*

Wanlip Christmas Fair

A huge thank you to everyone who manned stalls, supplied the stalls and generally supported us. We had another lovely day socialising and meeting old friends and into the bargain raised a magnificent sum of £1370.85, which is to be divided between Wanlip Church Roof and Wanlip Hall Floor. Well done everyone and thank you. See you at the Christmas services. *Julie Ward*

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*

Sing Christmas Concert - 30th December

The Cantamici Choir will be holding a Concert of Christmas music on Friday 30th December at 3pm in St James'. Free entry - bucket collection for charity. They would like to serve tea, coffee and mince pies afterwards, if you would be able to help with this can you let Amanda, a Churchwarden or me know please. Thanks. *Sheryl*

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*