

## Readings for this week

<b>Sun 27<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Advent Sunday</b>
Reading 1:	Isaiah 2:1-5
Reading 2:	Romans 13:11-end
Gospel:	Matthew 24:36-44
Psalm:	122
<b>Mon 28<sup>th</sup></b>	
Psalm:	50
Reading 1:	Isaiah 42:18-end
Reading 2:	Revelation 19
<b>Tue 29<sup>th</sup></b>	
Psalm:	80
Reading 1:	Isaiah 43:1-13
Reading 2:	Revelation 20
<b>Wed 30<sup>th</sup></b>	<i>Andrew the Apostle</i>
Psalm:	47
Reading 1:	Ezekiel 47:1-12
Reading 2:	John 12:20-32
<b>Thu 1<sup>st</sup></b>	
Psalm:	42
Reading 1:	Isaiah 44:1-8
Reading 2:	Revelation 21:9-21
<u>Holy Communion Readings</u>	
Reading 1:	Isaiah 26:1-6
Gospel:	Matthew 7:21, 24-27
<b>Fri 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	
Psalm:	25
Reading 1:	Isaiah 44:9-23
Reading 2:	Revelation 21:22 - 22:5
<b>Sat 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	
Psalm:	9
Reading 1:	Isaiah 44:24 - 45:13
Reading 2:	Revelation 22:6-end
<b>Sun 4<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent</b>
Reading 1:	Isaiah 11:1-10
Reading 2:	Romans 15:4-13
Gospel:	Matthew 3:1-12
Psalm:	72:1-7, 18-19

## For our prayers

### For the persecuted church - North Korea

God, it can be so hard to know how to pray for North Korea—there is so much need & pain there, & the situation has been so bad for so long. And yet we see throughout history & in the pages of Scripture that You are always at work, even when things seem at their darkest. We pray You would give just a glimpse of Your light to your people in North Korea, & inflame the hearts of all believers who risk everything to follow You. **Amen.**

### For our Churches, this week especially for:

Our Clergy: Amanda, Kerry, Anne, Michael & Robin  
Our Churchwardens

### For our Community, this week especially for:

Old people's homes & St James' Day Centre

### 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, Steve Mayo

### For 1<sup>st</sup> anniversary of death this week:

Brian Medhurst, Mark Marks

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

**Mon:** And for an end to the Kurdish separatism in Iran ongoing since 1918. 15-58,000+ deaths to date; 219+ this year.

**Tues:** And for an end to Insurgency in Kashmir (India & Pakistan) ongoing since 1947. 200,000-2 million deaths to date; 282 this year.

**Wed:** And for an end to Israeli-Palestinian Conflict (Israel, Palestine) ongoing since 1948. 27,000 deaths to date; 209 this year.

**Thurs:** For an end to insurgency in Bolochistan (Pakistan, Iran) ongoing since 1948. 20,289-20,589+ deaths to date; 660+ this year.

**Fri:** And for an end to the Papua Conflict in Indonesia   ongoing since 1962. 100,000-500,000 deaths to date; 222 this year.

**Sat:** For an end to the Naxalite-Maoist insurgency in India ongoing since 1962. 12,877-14,369 deaths to date; 101-330+ this year.



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



27<sup>th</sup> November 2022

Advent Sunday

Welcome to you all



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## Our Services this week

### St James:

#### Sunday 27<sup>th</sup>

8:30am Holy Communion

10:00am Holy Communion

#### Thursday 1<sup>st</sup>

9:30am Holy Communion

### Our Lady & St Nicholas:

#### Sunday 27<sup>th</sup>

6pm Advent Carols

## What else is happening this week

### Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup>

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 1<sup>st</sup>

7:30pm Hand Bell Ringers practice St James

### Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup>

10am-Noon Open Church St James

## What's happening next week

### Sunday 4<sup>th</sup>

8:30am Holy Communion St James

10am All Together Service St James

2:30pm 663 Ensemble Practice St James

6pm Holy Communion Our Lady & St Nicholas

### Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup>

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

6pm Franciscan Communion Service St James

### Thursday 8<sup>th</sup>

9:30am Holy Communion St James

2pm Theodora Salusbury plaque unveiling St James

### Saturday 10<sup>th</sup>

10am-Noon Open Church St James

10am-2pm Christmas Bazaar St Theresa's

Check out our Church Website: [www.Birstall.org](http://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 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 & (Friday with Fr Michael)

**Evening Prayer (5pm):** Monday, Wednesday & Thursday.

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 this week**

The days I am working in the office will be changing to **Tuesdays & Thursdays** from 1<sup>st</sup> 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 - 3<sup>rd</sup> December**

Wanlip's Christmas Fair is on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> 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*

### **Save the Children**

Thanks to some great support from the White Horse, numerous donations, raffle and a good attendance from far and wide I was able to bank £625 after the lunch last week. *Josephine*

### **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*

### **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!

### **St. James Church Roof Repairs update**

Sale of Christmas decorations final total £300.00. We are now making decorations for the Monday Group charities, St. James Church Roof and Communities of Birstall & Wanlip. *Brenda & Joan.*

### **Shoebox Appeal 2022**

Thank you to all those who have donated towards the carriage for the shoeboxes - we have almost covered the cost! We will let you know more details when link to Hope give us the information on this year's appeal. *Sylvia & Doreen*

### **A Collect for Advent Sunday**

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility; that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him 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 Advent Sunday**

O Lord our God, make us watchful and keep us faithful as we await the coming of your Son our Lord; that, when he shall appear, he may not find us sleeping in sin but active in his service and joyful in his praise; 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.

### **Bring your own duster**

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

### **Carol Singing - 14<sup>th</sup> December**

On the 14<sup>th</sup> December at 6p.m. we are joining up with St. Theresa's and Birstall Methodist Church to spread a bit of Christmas joy around the village with a few well chosen and much loved carols. We are gathering on the corner of Greengate Lane by the surgery and will disperse from there, in three groups, into the 'Gates', to the south of Greengate Lane and over towards Colindale and the 'Trees' area. Please come and join if you can, either just turn up or, better still, to give us some idea of numbers, let Manda or Debbie know you are coming. (Contact details in the info sheet)

### **Keep in Touch Magazine**

The Winter edition of the magazine is now available at the back of church. Please take a copy. Large print copies are also available. Would visitors please collect their envelopes and return them with any list amendments to the box in the church office, or let me know. Thanks. *Sheryl*

### **The history and faith of the Roman Catholic Church - 30<sup>th</sup> 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 30<sup>th</sup> November at St Theresa's starting at 7pm all are welcome. *Debbie*

### **St Theresa's Christmas Bazaar - 10<sup>th</sup> December**

St Theresa's are having s Christmas Bazaar on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> December at 10am-2pm. Raffle; tombola; cake stall etc. Everyone welcome.

### **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 I am** on the Thursday to get your items included in that week's news sheet. Thanks. *Sheryl*