



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



29th January 2023 **Candlemas**

Welcome to you all



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Our Services this week

St James:

Sunday 29th
 8:30am Holy Communion
 10:00am Holy Communion

Thursday 2nd
 9:30am Holy Communion

Our Lady & St Nicholas:

Sunday 29th
 6pm Candlemas Holy Communion

What else is happening this week

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
 7:30pm Hand Bell Ringers practice St James
 St James

Saturday 4th
 10am-Noon Open Church St James

What's happening next week

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

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

Tuesday 7th
 12:30-6:30pm Warm Spaces St James

Wednesday 8th
 12:30-6:30pm Warm Spaces St James
 3-4pm Open Church & Private Prayer Our Lady & St Nicholas

Thursday 9th
 9:30am Holy Communion St James

Saturday 11th
 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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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*

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 has now raised £431 for the church roof repair fund. *Cynthia Coltman*

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!

Palm Crosses

Please return your palm crosses to be made into ash for Ash Wednesday! Please leave them on the welcome table at Birstall or give them to Amanda at Wanlip by the 19th Feb. Thank you!

Lent Bible Study

The Lent Bible Study will be held at St James' on Wednesdays at 7:30pm starting on 1st March.

APCM reports

Please remember to send your APCM reports to Amanda.

A Collect for Candlemas

Almighty and ever-living God, clothed in majesty, whose beloved Son was this day presented in the Temple, in substance of our flesh: grant that we may be presented to you with pure and clean hearts, by your Son Jesus Christ 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 Candlemas.

Lord, you fulfilled the hope of Simeon and Anna, who lived to welcome the Messiah: may we, who have received these gifts beyond words, prepare to meet Christ Jesus when he comes to bring us to eternal life; for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen**

Gwen Johnson

Gwen's funeral will be on Monday 13th February at 11am at St James.

Office Computer

For Data Protection reasons, the password for the office computer has now been changed. Please let me know if you need to know it. Thanks. *Sheryl*

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.

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!)

New Saturday Morning Opening Rota and new Collection Counters' Rota

New rotas for both these jobs have been published, running from March to end of August. Please note that there are some Saturdays when there is no-one assigned to open St. James. If you are able and willing to fill in on one or more of those occasions then please let me know. If no name appears in the gaps then please assume that St. James will remain closed on those Saturday mornings. As always, if you wish to join either rota then please let me know. Collection counters are especially scarce! *John Borrajo*

Can you help?

We're on the lookout for people who have skills in maintenance! If you can offer help when needed for small or large jobs, please could you either email it to Sheryl to collate or leave a note on her desk or give a note to a warden to put on her desk, with your contact details and a list of the type of things you can do (eg simple DIY like drilling a hole to hang something up / planting / helping in the churchyard / sanding / painting). Or, can you recommend anyone (even if they need to be paid), so we can build up our list of helpers? It would be so we can call on people to help when needed either at Wanlip / Wanlip Hall / St James'. Thank you!

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*

Readings for this week

Sun 29th

Candlemas

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

Mon 30th

Psalm: 1
Reading 1: Hosea 9
Reading 2: 1 Corinthians 12:12-end

Tue 31st

Psalm: 5
Reading 1: Hosea 10
Reading 2: 1 Corinthians 13

Wed 1st

Psalm: 119:1-32
Reading 1: Hosea 11:1-11
Reading 2: 1 Corinthians 14:1-19

Thu 2nd

Psalm: 15
Reading 1: Hosea 11:12 - end of 12
Reading 2: 1 Corinthians 14:20-end

Holy Communion Readings

Reading 1: Hebrews 12:18-19, 21-24
Gospel: Mark 6:7-13

Fri 3rd

Psalm: 19
Reading 1: Hosea 13:1-14
Reading 2: 1 Corinthians 16:1-9

Sat 4th

Psalm: 23
Reading 1: Hosea 14
Reading 2: 1 Corinthians 16:10-end

Sun 5th 3rd Sunday before Lent

Reading 1; Isaiah 58:1-9a
Reading 2: 1 Corinthians 2:1-12
Gospel: Matthew 5:13-20
Psalm: 112:1-9

For our Prayers

For the persecuted church - Syria

Father God, pour out Your compassion on people in Syria. Restore this land to a place of peace & stability. Draw near to Your children, who suffer threats, intimidation & persecution for their faith in You. Comfort them in their distress & heal the wounds that ongoing war has inflicted. Give hope to people who have lost so much & help them to find supportive communities. Intervene in the hearts of militant groups & bring an end to the violence. **Amen.**

For our Churches, this week especially for:

Our Pastoral Assistants: Gill & Doreen
Our Church Congregations

For our Community, this week especially for:

Finance & Legal Workers
Cafes, Restaurants & Pubs

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:

Catherine Parrott, Barbara Rhodes, & 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: And for an end to the Kurdish separatism in Iran ongoing since 1918. 15-58,000+ deaths to date; 219+ this year.

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

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

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

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

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

Sat: And for an end to the Moro Conflict in The Philippines ongoing since 1969. 120,00-150,000 deaths to date; 245 this year.