

Readings for this week

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

Mon 30th
 Psalm: 93
 Reading 1: Numbers 22:1-35
 Reading 2: Luke 7:36-end

Tue 31st *Visit of the B. V. Mary to Elizabeth*
 Psalm: 85
 Reading 1: 1 Samuel 2:1-10
 Reading 2: Mark 3:31-end

Wed 1st
 Psalm: 29
 Reading 1: Numbers 23:13-end
 Reading 2: Luke 8:16-25

Thu 2nd
Morning Prayer Readings
 Psalm: 24
 Reading 1: Numbers 24
 Reading 2: Luke 8:26-39
Morning Holy Communion Readings
 Reading 1: Acts 22:30 23:6-11
 Gospel: John 17:20-end

Fri 3rd
 Psalm: 28
 Reading 1: Numbers 27:12-end
 Reading 2: Luke 8:40-end

Sat 4th
 Psalm: 43
 Reading 1: Numbers 32:1-27
 Reading 2: Luke 9:1-17

Sun 5th **Pentecost**
 Reading 1: Acts 2:1-21
 Reading 2: Romans 8:14-17
 Gospel: John 14:8-17
 Psalm: 104:26-36

For our prayers

For the persecuted church - Laos

Lord Jesus, give Your children in Laos strength to stand firm against the pressure many of them are facing. Protect house churches from surveillance and restriction, & guard pastors from detention. Provide for all families & churches whose pastor has been imprisoned. Bring an end to the trafficking of women to China, and minister Your healing to all those in need of it today. Thank You for Your faithful church in Laos. May Your people continue to grow in faith and witness. **Amen**

For our Churches, this week especially for:

Our Intercessors & Readers
 All our Home Groups & our Prayer chain

For our Community, this week especially for:-

Voluntary workers
 Music & Drama groups

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 Joan Folland & 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:

Every day - 9pm (or another time!) wherever you are:
 Praying for peace in Ukraine. 38,000-85,000+ deaths since 2014; 30,000 - 76,734+ this year so far.

And a different area each day:

Sun: And for an end to the communal conflicts in Nigeria ongoing since 1998. 17,156+ deaths to date; 970 this year.

Mon: And for an end to the Mali War ongoing since 2012. 15,000+ deaths to date; 1,824 this year.

Tues: And for an end to the Nigerian Bandit Conflict ongoing since 2011. 12,000+ deaths to date; 970 this year.

Wed: And for an end to the Central African Republic Civil War ongoing since 2012. 9,000+ deaths to date; 450 this year.

Thurs: And for an end to Allied Democratic Forces insurgency in Africa (DR Congo and Uganda) ongoing since 1996. 5,000+ deaths to date; 1,041 this year.

Fri: And for an end to Insurgency in Cabo Delgado (Mozambique and Tanzania) ongoing since 2017. 5,000+ deaths to date; 301 this year.

Sat: And for an end to Oromo Conflict in Ethiopia ongoing since 1973. 3,000-8,900+ deaths to date; 315 this year.



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



29th May 2022

7th Sunday of Easter

Welcome



St James

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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 5th Sunday Special

What else is happening this week

Tuesday 31st

7:30pm Garden fete planning meeting
 41 Roman Road

Wednesday 1st

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

Thursday 2nd

7:30pm Hand Bells Ringers practice St James

Saturday 4th

10am Open Church St James

What's happening next week

Sunday 5th

8:30am	Holy Communion	St James
10am	All Together Service	St James
3pm	Pentecost Picnic	School Lane Playing Fields
6pm	Holy Communion	Our Lady & St Nicholas

Wednesday 8th

3-4pm	Open Church & Private Prayer	Our Lady & St Nicholas
7:30pm	PCC Meeting	St James

Thursday 9th

9:30am	Holy Communion	St James
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Saturday 11th

10am-Noon	Open Church	St James
3-5:30pm	Save the Children Cream Tea	At Josephine's

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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Amanda's Day off

Please try to remember that Amanda's Day off is Friday. She only gets one a week, so it is important she can properly relax on that day. Also, please try not to phone before 9am or after 9pm on a working day, unless it is an emergency (eg someone would like prayers at time of death). For emergencies, Amanda would like to feel able to have her phone on, but can only do that if she isn't going to get a non urgent phone call late at night or early in the morning! Thank you.

Next weeks All Together Service

Next Sunday is All Together, Pentecost, Queen's Jubilee and a Civic Service. Please come if you can and please wear flame colours if you have them and would like to!

Reading through the Bible – 16th June

Our next Bible Book is Obadiah, which we will chat about on Thursday 16th June at 10:30am. Please join us at Birstall Church, in the community area. All welcome, even if you haven't been to the others.

The Village Gala

We will be having a stall and would like to provide fun for those who visit us! If you have a suitable craft for children or if you would like to be on a small team of 6 from the churches to create a Spiritual Mocktail, please speak to Amanda! A Spiritual Mocktail is a no alcohol fruit drink based on something spiritual - eg Forgiveness, Love, Peace, Hope, Joy... what would these drinks taste like and can you create them? If you have ideas, you would be ideal for the team. We will need people to create and others to chat with those who come to find out more. If you can see yourself getting into a conversation with someone about forgiveness / love etc, then please speak to Amanda!

Amanda off this week

Amanda will be off Tuesday - Thursday this week (ie working Monday and Friday to Sunday)

Collect for 7th Sunday of Easter

O God the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: we beseech you, leave us not comfortless, but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is gone before, 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 7th Sunday of Easter

Eternal God, giver of love and power, your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world to preach the gospel of his kingdom: confirm us in this mission, and help us to live the good news we proclaim; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Ukraine Donations Appeal

Any items donated can be left in a box at the back of the church, and I will deliver items on a regular basis to the Ukrainian Centre in Leicester. *Lynn*

August Bank Holiday Monday Garden Fete

Calling together all helpers and people with good ideas! We are having our first meeting to organise the garden fete on Tuesday 31st May at 7.30 p.m. at 41 Roman Road. If you can't make it but would still like to be involved please give me a ring on 07860 951116. If you can make it can you also let me know (on the same number) so that I have an idea of how many I'm catering for. Looking forward to seeing you on Tuesday. *Debbie Shephard*

Recycling used Facemasks & Blister Packs

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. There is also one for blister packs - the packets of foil/plastic that your tablets come out of.

Churches Together!

We will be having a Pentecost Picnic and worship on the School Lane Playing Fields at 3pm on Sunday 5th June. Please come if you can. Bring your own picnic and we will provide worship and activities for all ages!

Exciting news!

The bells will be rung in celebration of the Queen's Jubilee on Saturday at 2pm at Wanlip and after that at Birstall - maybe listen out for them and say a prayer for queen and country.

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.