



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



30th June 2024 **5th Sunday after Trinity**

Welcome to you all



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Our Services this week
 Service type is subject to change due to illness or other unforeseen circumstances

St James:

Sunday 30th

8:30am Morning Prayer
 10.00am Holy communion

Thursday 4th

9:30am Morning Prayer

Our Lady & St Nicholas:

Sunday 30th

6pm BCP Evensong

What else is happening this week

Sunday 30th

10:30am Rachael's Ordination
 Leicester Cathedral
 12:30pm Bring & Share Lunch
 Birstall Village Hall
 2-4pm Visiting bell ringers
 St James

Tuesday 2nd

2:30-4:30pm Welcome Space
 St James

Wednesday 3rd

12:30-4:30pm Welcome Space
 St James
 3-4pm Open Church & Private Prayer
 Our Lady & St Nicholas
 4:30-6pm Capital Arts Choir
 St James

Saturday 6th

10am-Noon Open Church
 St James

What's happening next week

Sunday 7th	8:30am	Morning Prayer	St James
	10am	All Together Service	St James
	6pm	Holy Communion	Our Lady & St Nicholas
Monday 8th	2-4:30pm	Monday Group	St James
Tuesday 9th	12:30-4:30pm	Welcome Space	St James
Wednesday 10th	12:30-4:30pm	Welcome Space	St James
	3-4pm	Open Church & Private Prayer	Our Lady & St Nicholas
	7pm	Fashion Show	St Theresa's
Thursday 11th	9:30am	Holy Communion	St James
Saturday 13th	10am-12noon	Open Church	St James

Notices

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

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This weeks information sheet

This weeks information sheet was produced on Thursday 20th June, if you have sent any notices since then, they will not appear until next week. *Sheryl*

Ordination of Deacons - Today

Rachael's Ordination will be at Leicester Cathedral starting at 10:30am (doors open at 9.45am). There is an open invitation for everyone to attend. The service will be live streamed on the Cathedral's YouTube channel.

Rachael

Please bear in mind that initially, having a curate with us will take up more of Amanda's time. Also, if you have any concerns about Rachael, please speak to Amanda, as her line manager. Remember she is here to learn and we have been chosen as a good place to do that. Please pray for & please remember that Amanda is a hugger and Rachael is not. Rachael also likes doughnuts! 😊

Bring and Share Lunch - 30th June

Bring and share lunch in the village hall is today. Hopefully Rachael will pop in and we will also be celebrating 50 years since Kerry's ordination as priest! Congratulations, Kerry! We are aiming to start eating at about 12:30pm. Please come if you can. Even if you didn't realise, and have no food to bring, please come anyway!

Summer Fete - 26th August: 12 noon - 3.30pm

Raffle tickets are at the back of the church for the Summer Fete - please take and sell as many as you can to friends, family and acquaintances.

St James Monday Group 8th July

Monday July 8th 2.30 - 4.30 Musical Memories. You are invited to come and listen to the music when some of the members tell us their favourite piece and which have a special meaning to them. Visitors are most welcome.

What are you thankful for?

We are running low of things we are thankful for, which go on the back page of the Information sheets. Could you email me/leave a note on my desk with some more things you are thankful for. We are thinking about things in general and not something personal. For example: The joy of laughter, a car that starts etc. *Sheryl & Josephine*

Fashion Show at St Theresa's - 10th July

St. Theresa's is holding a fashion show on Wednesday 10th July at 7pm. Tickets are £5 each which includes a glass of wine. Tickets are available from Debbie Shephard or Daphne Stevenson at St Theresa's.

Monthly tip for a less-plastic life - June

Put a plate over leftover food in the fridge. No more clingfilm!

A Collect for the 5th Sunday of Trinity

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified: hear our prayer which we offer for all your faithful people, that in their vocation and Ministry they may serve you in holiness and truth to the glory of your name; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, 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 the 5th Sunday of Trinity

Grant, O Lord, we beseech you, that the course of this world may be so peaceably ordered by your governance, that your Church may joyfully serve you in all godly quietness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

BCP Collect for the 5th Sunday of Trinity

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Items for Information Sheet 21st July

If you require any notices to be included in the information sheets for 21st July, can you please let me have them before I am on **Tuesday 16th July** as I will be out of the office from then until Tuesday 23rd July. Thanks. *Sheryl*

St James Patronal Festival Pilgrimage

St James Patronal Festival Pilgrimage has been cancelled by the organisers.

Save the Children Strawberry Teas - 27th July

On Saturday 27th July I am hosting a Strawberry Tea. (3-5:30pm) Please let me know by the preceding Wednesday if you would like to come. Full details can be found on the posters at the back of the church. *Josephine*

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

RBL Quiz night - 3rd July

Several of us enjoy going to the quiz at the RBL on Wednesday evenings at 8:25pm. Please join us whenever you can. It's £1.50 per quizzier +£1 for non members. Text Amanda if you're coming just to double check we're going that evening. (The next date we will be there is 3rd July) We can meet you outside if a bit nervous walking in alone - and who wouldn't be?! *manda*

Trench Candles

Some candles from Birstall and Wanlip have started on a journey to support the troops in Ukraine. The Trench Candles are made by rolling corrugated cardboard into old tins, placing a splint into the middle of the tin and melting the candle wax to fill them so if you have any old candle bits please place them in the box by the votive candle stand in St James and they will be sent to the Ukraine every month.

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*

Lectionary & Theme Readings

Sun 30th 5th Sunday after Trinity

Readings used

Reading 1: Isaiah 6:1-8

Reading 2: Romans 7:14-21

Gospel: Mark 8:34 - 9:1

Psalm: 107

Lectionary readings

Lamentations 3:23-33, 2 Corinthians 8:7-end,
Mark 5:21-end

Mon 1st Theme: John 3:10-21

Psalm: 98

Reading 1: 1 Samuel 1:1-20

Reading 2: Luke 19:28-40

Tue 2nd Theme: Luke 11:14-28

Psalm: 106

Reading 1: 1 Samuel 1:212- 2:11

Reading 2: Luke 19:41-end

Wed 3rd Theme: Matthew 26:36-46

Thomas the Apostle

Psalm: 92

Reading 1: 2 Samuel 15:17-21

Reading 2: John 11:1-16

Thu 4th Theme: Luke 9:57-62

Psalm: 115

Reading 1: 1 Samuel 2:27-end

Reading 2: Luke 20:9-19

Holy Communion Readings

Reading 1: Amos 7:10-end

Gospel: Matthew 9:1-8

Fri 5th Theme: Mark 8:34 - 9:1

Psalm: 139

Reading 1: 1 Samuel 3:1 - 4:1a

Reading 2: Luke 20:20-26

Sat 6th Theme: Luke 5:1:11

Psalm: 121

Reading 1: 1 Samuel 4:1b-end

Reading 2: Luke 20:27-40

Sun 7th 6th Sunday after Trinity

Readings used

Reading 1:

Reading 2

Gospel:

Lectionary readings

Ezekiel 2:1-5, 2 Corinthians 12:2-10, Mark 6:1-13

Theme: Luke 13:22-30

For our Prayers

Theme for the week - The Will

If Jesus believed that his life was to be spent doing "the will of the Father," then our task is to be no less. Pray for his will to be accomplished in your life; that you may bring glory to him as Jesus did.

For the persecuted church - Algeria

Dear Lord, we ask that You would be near to our brothers & sisters in Algeria. We pray for all converts. As they grow in the ways of Christ, keep them safe from harm and encourage them even as they endure pressure and discrimination. We pray especially for church leaders, God, as they see how many churches are closed, & may risk imprisonment just to continue to meet together. Give Your church in Algeria grace & comfort. Finally, we pray for the country's leaders, that You would soften their hearts & that they would allow Your people to worship freely & openly, without threat of arrest or harassment. Amen.

For our Churches, this week especially for:

Our Readers: Sheila & Lesley

Our Children: Taylor & Benjamin

What are we thankful for this week:

We have the right to vote for who we want to in Elections.

For our Community, this week especially for:

Our Opticians

For those in need or unwell:

Nicky Hardy, David Bark, Dorothy Barsby, John Walton, Michael Webb, Tricia Emmett, Ray Folland, Sheila Alcock & all who care for them.

For those who have Holy Communion at home:

Sheila Skidmore, Monica Lucas, Freda Sowards, Margery Orton & Pat Wilby

For those who have recently died

For 1st anniversary of death this week:

Every day - 9pm (or another time!)

Praying for peace in Ukraine & Israel / Palestine. And a different area each day.

Sun: For an end to the Nigerian Bandit Conflict ongoing since 2011.

Mon: For an end to the Mali War ongoing since 2012.

Tues: For an end to the Yemeni Civil War (Yemen, Saudi Arabia) ongoing since 2014.

Wed: And for an end to the Sudan conflict ongoing since 2023.

Thurs: For an end to the Kurdish separatism in Iran ongoing since 1918.

Fri: For an end to Insurgency in Kashmir (India & Pakistan) ongoing since 1947.

Sat: For an end to Israeli-Palestinian Conflict ongoing since 1948.