

Readings for this week

Sun 30th All Saints Day
 Reading 1: Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18
 Reading 2: Ephesians 1:11-end
 Gospel: Luke 6:20-31
 Psalm: 149

Mon 31st
 Psalm: 2
 Reading 1: Daniel 1
 Reading 2: Revelation 1

Tue 1st
 Psalm: 5
 Reading 1: Daniel 2:1-24
 Reading 2: Revelation 2:1-11

Wed 2nd
 Psalm: 9
 Reading 1: Daniel 2:25-end
 Reading 2: Revelation 2:12-end

Thu 3rd
 Psalm: 15
 Reading 1: Daniel 3:1-18
 Reading 2: Revelation 3:1-13

Holy Communion Readings
 Reading 1: Philippians 3:3-8a
 Gospel: Luke 15:1-10

Fri 4th
 Psalm: 16
 Reading 1: Daniel 3:19-end
 Reading 2: Revelation 3:14-end

Sat 5th
 Psalm: 18:31-end
 Reading 1: Daniel 4:1-18
 Reading 2: Revelation 4

Sun 6th 3rd Sunday before Advent
 Reading 1: Job 19:23-27a
 Reading 2: 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-end
 Gospel: Luke 20:27-38
 Psalm: 17:1-9

For our prayers

For the persecuted church - Nepal

Lord God, we come to You in prayer for Your people in Nepal. As they endure daily pressure & discrimination in their lives, please comfort & sustain them in their faith. Be especially near to believers who have been rejected by their families & communities for choosing to follow You. May their witness & love for You draw many others to Your mercy. Amen.

For our Churches, this week especially for:

St James' Monday Group
 Old Nick's Coffee Shop

For our Community, this week especially for:

Our Street Cleaners & Waste Collectors
 Hospital Workers

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:

Jenny Michael, Beryl Boden, Enid Oswin, Madge Nutting, Dennis Bonshor

For 1st anniversary of death this week:

Every day - 9pm (or another time!) wherever you are:

Praying for peace in Ukraine 40,000-100,000+ deaths since 2014; 42,000 - 92,000+ this year so far.

And a different area each day:

Mon: And for an end to internal conflict in Peru ongoing since 1980. 70,000 deaths to date, 21 this year.

Tues: And for an end to the Casamance conflict in Senegal ongoing since 1982. 5,000+ deaths to date; 17 this year.

Wed: 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.

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

Fri: And an end to the Maoist insurgency in Bangladesh ongoing since 1993. Over 1,192 deaths to date; 1 this year.

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

Sun: 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.



30th October 2022

All Saints Day

Welcome to you all



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St James



Crèche

St James



St James



Our Services this week

St James:

Sunday 30th

8:30am Holy Communion
 10:00am Holy Communion
 3pm All Souls Service

Thursday 3rd

9:30am Holy Communion

Our Lady & St Nicholas:

Sunday 30th

6pm Taize Service

What else is happening this week

Wednesday 2nd

3-4pm Open Church & Private Prayer
 Our Lady & St Nicholas
 7:30pm F & S Meeting 251 Birstall Road

Thursday 3rd

7:30pm Hand Bells Practice St James

Saturday 5th

10am-Noon Open Church St James

What's happening next week

Sunday 6th	8:30am	Holy Communion	St James
	10am	Holy Communion	St James
	2:30-4:45pm	663 Ensemble Practice	St James
	6pm	Taize Service	Our Lady & St Nicholas
Monday 7th	11am	Madge Nuttings Funeral	Our Lady & St Nicholas
Wednesday 9th	3-4pm	Open Church & Private Prayer	Our Lady & St Nicholas
Thursday 10th	9:30am	Holy Communion	St James
Friday 11th	10:50am	Remembrance Day Service	War Memorial
	7pm	Tear Fund Quiz	St James
Saturday 5th	10am-Noon	Open Church	St James

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

Amanda will be off on Saturday instead of Friday next week.

Keep in Touch Winter Edition

Dear friends and kind contributors. The next issue is due out at the beginning of December. **COPY DATE IS 1ST NOVEMBER PLEASE.** I'd be really grateful for your contributions, articles, poems, pictures and reflections for the Winter edition of the parish magazine. Subject matter? Advent, Winter, Christmas, New Year! Resolutions, reflections, prayers, poems, book reviews, whatever you would like to share with your fellow parishioners, both those who are able to get to church, those for whom this is no longer possible, and many others who appreciate being 'kept in touch' with the life of the churches in Birstall and Wanlip. Please either email me, rahorton@outlook.com, or send me written material that I can type up for you. There is a box for written contributions at the back of St James' Church. Very many thanks. *Anne.*

Bring your own duster

The title of this notice could become a real request of the congregation if volunteers are not forthcoming for the cleaning rota. The rota is losing a 2 person team at the end of this year, it lost 2 rota duties last year so this means that from January 2023 if the cleaning team numbers have not increased, cleaning in the church will be once every 2 weeks. In fairness to the existing team members the rota is not being compressed which also means if volunteers do come forward they can be slotted in without disruption to the rota. To get back to a fully staffed 7 week rota we need three 2 person teams. The cleaning duties are not onerous and take 60 to 75 minutes for a 2 person team. To volunteer or find out more contact the Church wardens or Tony Luxton.

TearFund Quiz - 11th November

There will be a TearFund Quiz held in the Community Area of St James on 11th November starting at 7pm.

Shoobox Appeal 2022- A Record!

We were able to pack 70 boxes this year, thanks to generous donations. A BIG thank you to all those who gave goods and/or money. 70 boxes means £210 carriage, so help with this expense would be much appreciated.

Madge Nutting's funeral - 7th November

Madge's funeral will be at Our Lady & St Nicholas on Monday 7th November at 11am.

Collect for All Saints Day

Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord: grant us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living that we may come to those inexpressible joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you; 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**

Post Communion Prayer for All Saints Day

God, the source of all holiness and giver of all good things: may we who have shared at this table as strangers and pilgrims here on earth be welcomed with all your saints to the heavenly feast on the day of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

The Real Advent Calendar

These will be £4:50 each. Please let Amanda know by tomorrow (31st) if you'd like any.

Ukraine Donations Appeal

Please keep an eye on the box at the back of St James' re Ukraine Appeal.

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.

Bible Book Club - 23rd November

The Next Bible Book Club is on Wednesday 23rd November, 11am and we are looking at Haggai.

Morning and Evening Prayer

Amanda is going to try and do morning (9am) and evening (5pm) prayer on the following days at St James', in the Old Church. Please join her if you would like but you might want to text beforehand in case plans have had to change. (I'll also let you know on the WhatsApp group if I'm not going, so no need to text if you're on that!) Monday 31st October (9am and 5pm); Tuesday 1st November (9am); Wednesday 2nd November (9am and 5pm); If anyone would like to offer to regularly run this on any particular morning or evening, please let Amanda know.

Notices for the information sheets & when I'm in the Church Office

I am usually in the office on Tuesdays & Fridays 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 Friday to get your items included in that week's news sheet. Thanks. *Sheryl*