

## Readings for this week

**Sun 5<sup>th</sup>**      **3<sup>rd</sup> 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

**Mon 6<sup>th</sup>**  
 Psalm: 30  
 Reading 1: 2 Chronicles 2:1-16  
 Reading 2: John 17:1-5

**Tue 7<sup>th</sup>**  
 Psalm: 36  
 Reading 1: 2 Chronicles 3  
 Reading 2: John 17:6-19

**Wed 8<sup>th</sup>**  
 Psalm: 34  
 Reading 1: 2 Chronicles 5  
 Reading 2: John 17:20-end

**Thu 9<sup>th</sup>**  
 Psalm: 37  
 Reading 1: 2 Chronicles 6:1-21  
 Reading 2: John 18:1-11

Holy Communion Readings  
 Reading 1: Genesis 2:18-end  
 Gospel: Mark 7:24-30

**Fri 10<sup>th</sup>**  
 Psalm: 31  
 Reading 1: 2 Chronicles 6:22-end  
 Reading 2: John 18:12-27

**Sat 11<sup>th</sup>**  
 Psalm: 42  
 Reading 1: 2 Chronicles 7  
 Reading 2: John 18:28-end

**Sun 12<sup>th</sup>**      **2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday before Lent**  
 Reading 1; Genesis 1:1 - 2:3  
 Reading 2: Romans 8:18-25  
 Gospel: Matthew 6:25-end  
 Psalm: 136

## For our Prayers

### For the persecuted church - Saudi Arabia

Father God, we lift up our brothers & sisters in Saudi Arabia. Draw near to secret believers & encourage them in their isolation. Protect those whose Christian faith is known & work in the hearts of their families to cultivate greater acceptance & openness towards You. Bring healing to migrant workers who have endured exploitation & abuse. Make a way for Christians to meet & encourage one another. **Amen.**

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

Our Bishops, Arch Deacon & Area Dean  
 God, Me & Art

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

Our Vets  
 Watermead Wardens

### 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:

Gwen Johnson

### For 1<sup>st</sup> 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 conflict in the Niger Delta in Nigeria & Cameroon ongoing since 2017. 2,500 deaths to date; 90 this year.

**Mon:** For an end to insurgency in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa in Pakistan ongoing since 2004. 45,369+ deaths to date; 705+ this year.

**Tues:** And for an end to The Libyan Crisis ongoing since 2011. 30,000-43,000+ deaths to date; 141 this year.

**Wed:** And for an end to the Sudanese Conflict ongoing since 2011. 7,166 deaths to date; 141 this year.

**Thurs:** And for an end to Sinai insurgency in Egypt ongoing since 2011. 5,853-7,353+ deaths to date; 246 this year.

**Fri:** And for the Kyrgyzstan - Tajikistan Border conflict ongoing since 2014. 182+ deaths to date; 118 this year.

**Sat:** And for an end to the insurgency in Northern Chad ongoing since 2021. 644 deaths to date, 100+ this year.



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



5<sup>th</sup> February 2023

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday before Lent

Welcome to you all



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### Our Services this week

#### St James:

##### Sunday 5<sup>th</sup>

8:30am Holy Communion  
 10:00am All Together Service

##### Thursday 9<sup>th</sup>

9:30am Holy Communion

#### Our Lady & St Nicholas:

##### Sunday 5<sup>th</sup>

6pm Holy Communion

### What else is happening this week

#### Monday 6<sup>th</sup>

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

#### Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup>

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

#### Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup>

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

#### Saturday 11<sup>th</sup>

10am-Noon Open Church St James

### What's happening next week

<b>Sunday 12<sup>th</sup></b>	8:30am Holy Communion St James
	10am Holy Communion St James
	6pm BCP Evensong Our Lady & St Nicholas
<b>Monday 13<sup>th</sup></b>	11am Gwen Johnson's Funeral St James
	12:30-6:30pm Warm Spaces St James
	2:30pm Monday Group St James
<b>Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup></b>	12:30-6:30pm Warm Spaces St James
<b>Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup></b>	12:30-6:30pm Warm Spaces St James
	3-4pm Open Church & Private Prayer Our Lady & St Nicholas
<b>Thursday 16<sup>th</sup></b>	9:30am Holy Communion St James
	7:30pm Hand Bell Practice St James
<b>Saturday 18<sup>th</sup></b>	10am-Noon Open Church St James

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 and Saturday this week (10-11) February.

### **Keep in Touch form**

If you would like to keep receiving our Keep in Touch magazine and haven't already done so, can you please let me know whether you would like to receive it, via email or a paper copy. *Sheryl*

### **Pancake party - 21<sup>st</sup> February**

There will be a Pancake party on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> February on Wanlip Hall starting at 1pm. Everyone welcome.

### **Gwen Johnson**

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

### **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*

### **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.

### **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 19<sup>th</sup> Feb. Thank you!

### **Lent Course**

The Lent Course will be held at St James' on Wednesdays at 7:30pm starting on 1<sup>st</sup> March. Please see flyer for more details.

### **Before Services**

I'm really sorry, but could I politely ask people not to talk to me / give me / tell me things before the service. I am trying to start on time as requested! I'm really happy to stay after the service for as long as needed. Thank you, *Manda*

### **Passover Supper – 29<sup>th</sup> March**

As a Churches together event, St. Theresa's are inviting us to join them in their Passover Supper on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are £15.00. This is a lovely evening as we come towards the end of Lent and approach Holy Week. There is a sign up sheet at the back of the church so please put your name down as soon as possible if you wish to attend, as numbers are limited. Payment will be taken closer to the time. *Debbie Shephard*

### **A Collect for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday before Lent**

Almighty God, who alone can bring order to the unruly wills and passions of sinful humanity: give your people grace so to love what you command and to desire what you promise, that, among the many changes of this world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; 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**

### **A Post Communion Prayer for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday before Lent**

Merciful Father, who gave Jesus Christ to be for us the bread of life, that those who come to him should never hunger: draw us to the Lord in faith and love, that we may eat and drink with him at his table in the kingdom, where he is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen**

### **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*

### **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. Another new recycling box! There is now a recycling box for the Babybel left overs! You can put the wax outers in; the outer wrappers; and the net bags!

### **World Day of Prayer - Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March**

This year's World Day of Prayer has been prepared by the ladies of Taiwan and will be held at Birstall Methodist Church. There will be a light lunch at 12 midday in the Methodist coffee shop area followed by a slide presentation about Taiwan starting at 1pm. Lunch is free of charge, donations towards costs are greatly appreciated. The service will start at 2pm in the main church. A collection for the work of the World Day of Prayer will be taken during the service. This is a global event with the same service being delivered on the same day all over the world. **All are welcome, please come and join us in this global wave of prayer.**

*Jackie Bryan*

### **Bring and share lunch**

We're going to start a bring and share lunch, which will be in the parish hall on the last Sunday of each month (starting February). We can get in from midday and the aim is to set up and start eating for 12:30pm. If anyone is able to help set up tables and chairs, that would be great. We won't have use of the kitchen, so people will need to bring something to share and their own plates and cutlery and take it home to wash up! We'll give it a go, and see what happens! Please invite spouses / friends who don't come to church too! The aim is low work, high fun & community, & something we can invite people to.

### **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!