

Readings for this week

Sun 5th	Pentecost
Reading 1:	Acts 2:1-21
Reading 2:	Romans 8:14-17
Gospel:	John 14:8-17
Psalm:	104:26-36
Mon 6th	
Psalm:	126
Reading 1:	Joshua 1
Reading 2:	Luke 9:18-27
Tue 7th	
Psalm:	132
Reading 1:	Joshua 2
Reading 2:	Luke 9:28-36
Wed 8th	
Psalm:	119:153-end
Reading 1:	Joshua 3
Reading 2:	Luke 9:27-50
Thu 9th	
Psalm:	143
Reading 1:	Joshua 4:1 - 5:1
Reading 2:	Luke 9:51-end
<u>Holy Communion Readings</u>	
Reading 1:	1 Kings 18:41-end
Gospel:	Matthew 5:20-26
Fri 10th	
Psalm:	144
Reading 1:	Joshua 5:2-end
Reading 2:	Luke 10:1-16
Sat 11th	<i>Barnabas the Apostle</i>
Psalm:	100
Reading 1:	Jeremiah 9:23-24
Reading 2:	Acts 4:32-end
Sun 12th	Trinity Sunday
Reading 1:	Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31
Reading 2:	Romans 5:1-5
Gospel:	John 16:12-15
Psalm:	8

For our prayers

For the persecuted church - Morocco

Father God, sustain our persecuted church family in Morocco & reveal to them other Christians they can speak to about You. Comfort believers who have lost so much – like custody of their children, or even their freedom – because they have chosen to follow you. Give Open Doors partners discernment & courage as they work to lift the hearts of secret believers & meet their needs. **Amen**

For our Churches, this week especially for:

Our Mothers Union
Our Keep in Touch Editor, Team & Deliverers

For our Community, this week especially for:-

Addicts: their families & carers
Our homes & neighbours

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; 306,000 - 76,934+ this year so far.

And a different area each day:

Sun: And for an end to Boko Haram Insurgency in Nigeria, Cameroon, Niger, Chad, ongoing since 2009. Over 358,000 deaths. 2,704 this year, so far.

Mon: And for an end to Insurgency in Kashmir (India & Pakistan) ongoing since 1947. 200,000-2 million deaths to date; 110 this year.

Tues: And for an end to the Moro Conflict in The Philippines ongoing since 1969. 120,00-150,000 deaths to date; 125 this year.

Wed: And for an end to the Papua Conflict in Indonesia ongoing since 1962. 100,000-500,000 deaths to date; 45 this year.

Thurs: And for an end to Kurdish-Turkish Conflict in Turkey, Iraq and Syria ongoing since 1984. 55,000-60,000 deaths to date; 32 this year.

Fri: For an end to insurgency in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa in Pakistan ongoing since 2004. 45,369+ deaths to date; 357 this year.

Sat: For an end to communist rebellion in the Philippines, ongoing since 1969. 45-63,973 deaths to date; 97 this year.



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



5th June 2022

Pentecost

Welcome



St James

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Our Services this week

St James:

Sunday 5th

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

Thursday 9th

9:30am Holy Communion

Our Lady & St Nicholas:

Sunday 5th

6pm Holy Communion

What else is happening this week

Sunday 5th

3pm Pentecost Picnic
School Lane Playing Fields

Wednesday 8th

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

Saturday 11th

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

What's happening next week

Sunday 12th	8:30am Holy Communion 10am Holy Communion 6pm BCP Evensong 6-7pm Youth Group	St James St James Our Lady & St Nicholas Wanlip Hall
Monday 13th	AM Setting up for School visits 2:30-4pm Monday Group	St James St James
Tuesday 14th	All day Highcliffe School visits 7:30pm Archdeacons Visitation service	St James St Theodores, Rushey Mead
Wednesday 15th	3-4pm Open Church & Private Prayer All day Riverside School visits	Our Lady & St Nicholas St James
Thursday 16th	9:30am Holy Communion 10:30am Reading through the Bible 7:30pm Hand Bell Ringers practice	St James St James St James
Saturday 18th	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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Churches Together Pentecost picnic - TODAY

Pentecost Picnic today and worship on the School Lane Playing Fields at 3pm. Please come if you can. Bring your own picnic and we will provide worship and activities for all ages!

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!

Save the Children Cream Teas - Saturday (11th)

If you are interested in coming to the strawberry cream tea on Saturday (11th) from 3pm-5:30pm and haven't already done so, can you please let Josephine know, either in person or by email ajbsavethechildren@gmail.com before Wednesday (8th) as she needs to know how many scones to make. The next one will be on Saturday 9th July.

Youth Group - 12th June

Youth Group is on next Sunday, 12th June in Wanlip Hall at 6-7pm. Please come if you are in year 6 - 13.

Cutting Out

If you have been cutting out feet, or flags or doves or anything (!) for Amanda, please could you make sure you return them by next Sunday (12th June). Thank you.

Information sheets for 3rd July

If you require any notices to be included in the information sheets for 3rd July can you please let me have them before I am on Friday 24th June as I will be out of the office from then until Tuesday 5th July. Thanks. Sheryl

Collect for Pentecost

God, who as at this time taught the hearts of your faithful people by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit: grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgement in all things and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour, 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 Pentecost

Faithful God, who fulfilled the promises of Easter by sending us your Holy Spirit and opening to every race and nation the way of life eternal: open our lips by your Spirit, that every tongue may tell of your glory; 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*

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.

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.

Keep in Touch Magazine

The Summer edition of our magazine is now available at the back of church. Would visitors please collect their envelopes. Please return envelopes with any list amendments to the box in the church office, or let me know. Thanks. *Sheryl*

When I am in the Church office

I am usually in the office on Tuesdays & Fridays between 9am and 1pm. *Sheryl*

A prayer for Her Majesty The Queen from The Church of England

Gracious God, we give you thanks for the reign of your servant Elizabeth our Queen, and for the example of loving and faithful service which she has shown among us. Help us to follow her example of dedication and to commit our lives to you and to one another, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Notices for the information sheets

If you have a notice you would like putting in the Information sheet, can you please email it to either stjames.birstall@btconnect.com and/or sheryljupp@hotmail.co.uk or contact Amanda or a churchwarden. I will need to have received it **before** I am on the Friday to get your items included in that week's news sheet. Thanks. *Sheryl*