

## Readings for this week

### Sun 8<sup>th</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

Reading 1: Acts 9:36-end  
 Reading 2: Revelation 7:9-end  
 Gospel: John 10:22-30  
 Psalm: 23

### Mon 9<sup>th</sup>

Psalm: 103  
 Reading 1: Exodus 32:1-14  
 Reading 2: Luke 2:41-end

### Tue 10<sup>th</sup>

Psalm: 139  
 Reading 1: Exodus 32:15-34  
 Reading 2: Luke 3:1-14

### Wed 11<sup>th</sup>

Psalm: 135  
 Reading 1: Exodus 33  
 Reading 2: Luke 3:15-22

### Thu 12<sup>th</sup>

#### Morning Prayer Readings

Psalm: 118  
 Reading 1: Exodus 34:1-10, 27-end  
 Reading 2: Luke 4:1-13

#### Holy Communion Readings

Reading 1: Acts 13:13-25  
 Gospel: John 13:16-20

### Fri 13<sup>th</sup>

Psalm: 33  
 Reading 1: Exodus 35:20 - 36:7  
 Reading 2: Luke 4:14-30

### Sat 14<sup>th</sup>

*Matthias the Apostle*  
 Psalm: 16  
 Reading 1: 1 Samuel 2:27-35  
 Reading 2: Acts 2:37-end

### Sun 15<sup>th</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

Reading 1: Acts 11:1-18  
 Reading 2: Revelation 21:1-6  
 Gospel: John 13:31-35  
 Psalm: 148

## For our prayers

### For the persecuted church - Mauritania

Lord Jesus, we lift to You our persecuted church family in Mauritania. Be their strong defender and mighty rock in the midst of violent persecution. Bring change to Mauritania that opens the doors to true religious freedom for all faiths. Help Mauritanian Christians discover and draw strength from others around them who share their faith. Amen. **Amen**

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

Our Churchwardens  
 Our PCC Treasurer, Secretary & Members

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

Pupils, Teachers and School Governors  
 Police, P.C.S.O's & Wardens

### 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 and all who care for them.

### For those who have Holy Communion at home

Ruth Wright, Madge Nutting

### For those who have recently died:

### For 1<sup>st</sup> anniversary of death this week:

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

Praying for peace in Ukraine. 17,000 - 23,000+ deaths this year so far.

And a different area each day:

**Sun:** For an end to the South Thailand insurgency ongoing since 1960. 7,924 deaths to date; 10 this year.

**Mon:** For an end to the Sinai Insurgency in Egypt ongoing since 2011. 5,853+ deaths to date.

**Tues:** For an end to the Casamance conflict in Senegal ongoing since 1982. 5000 deaths to date; 13 this year.

**Wed:** For an end to Katanga insurgency in DR Congo ongoing since 1960. 1,934+ deaths to date.

**Thurs:** For an end to the Chiapas conflict in Mexico ongoing since 1994. 316 deaths to date.

**Fri:** For an end to the ISIL insurgency in Tunisia ongoing since 2015. 235+ deaths to date.

**Sat:** For an end to the insurgency in Paraguay ongoing since 2005. 111 deaths to date; 3 this year.



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



8<sup>th</sup> May 2022

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

Welcome



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## Our Services this week

### St James:

#### Sunday 8<sup>th</sup>

8:30am Holy Communion  
 10:00am Holy Communion

#### Thursday 12<sup>th</sup>

9:30am Holy Communion

### Our Lady & St Nicholas:

#### Sunday 8<sup>th</sup>

6pm BCP Evensong

## What else is happening this week

### Sunday 8<sup>th</sup>

2:30pm 663 Ensemble practice St James  
 6-7pm Youth Group Our Lady & St Nicholas

### Monday 9<sup>th</sup>

2:30pm Monday Group St James

### Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup>

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

### Saturday 14<sup>th</sup>

10am Open Church St James  
 12:30pm Wedding of David Harrison  
 & Molly Evans Our Lady & St Nicholas

## What's happening next week

### Sunday 15<sup>th</sup>

8:30am Holy Communion St James  
 10am Holy Communion St James  
 6pm BCP Evensong Our Lady & St Nicholas

### Monday 16<sup>th</sup>

10am Mothers Union St James

### Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup>

10am Old Nicks Coffee Shop Wanlip Hall

### Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup>

1:30pm God, Me & Art St James  
 3-4pm Open Church & Private Prayer Our Lady & St Nicholas

### Thursday 19<sup>th</sup>

9:30am Holy Communion St James  
 7:30pm Hand Bell Ringers practice St James

### Saturday 21<sup>st</sup>

10am-Noon Open Church St James  
 2-4pm Wanlip May Fair Wanlip Hall

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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## Changes to Our Mask Wearing Guidance

The back right section of St James new church (as you face the front) to wear masks at all times.

## Youth Group - Starts tonight (8<sup>th</sup> May)

We are starting a youth group on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of each month at Wanlip Hall from 6-7pm. All those in year 6 and above are welcome. The first meeting will be on 8<sup>th</sup> May with Amanda, Janet and Corinne to meet with the young people and see what they would like to do. There will be refreshments, so let us know of any food issues.

## Reading through the Bible - 26<sup>th</sup> May

The next Reading Through the Bible group will be on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> May at 2pm in the Community Area at St James'. Please read **3 John** before you come! Everyone is welcome, even if you haven't been before.

## August Bank Holiday Garden Fete

We've had some really brilliant events in the past with different themes, music and games, teas and cakes (of course), beef burgers and hot dogs and much, much more, and we'd really like to make this one special. If you think you can help with ideas, donation, labour (shifting furniture on the day) original ideas for stalls, please let me know. Call me either on 07860 951116 or 0116 2673262 or email me at [debbie.shephard54@gmail.com](mailto:debbie.shephard54@gmail.com) Debbie

## Improve our planet

We are trying to improve the way our churches affect the environment. There is now a box under a table in the community area where you can dispose of your used single use Facemasks for recycling.

## Old Nick's Coffee Shop - 17<sup>th</sup> May

The next Old Nicks Coffee Shop will be on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> May at 10am - 12 noon, in Wanlip Hall. We look forward to seeing you there.

## Wanlip May Fair - 21<sup>st</sup> May

Wanlip's May Fair will take place on 21<sup>st</sup> May at 2-4pm in the Hall in Wanlip. Cakes, plants, bric-a-brac, refreshments and more!

## Thank you

Many thanks for the prayers, good wishes and concern during my spinal and hip problems. I am making good progress with my new hip. Thanks to the skill and excellent care I received at Leicester General Hospital. I thank God, my friend Jesus and the power of the Holy Spirit for the strength and joy I receive, for my faith, my family and friends. I am truly blessed. The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, His mercies never come to an end. They are new every morning, new every morning. Great is thy faithfulness O Lord. Great is thy faithfulness! *Jane Scott*

## Collect for 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life: raise us, who trust in him, from the death of sin to the life of righteousness, that we may seek those things which are above, where he reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

## Post Communion Prayer for 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

Merciful Father, you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd, and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again: keep us always under his protection, and give us grace to follow in his steps; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

## BCP Collect for 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

Almighty God, who shewest to them that be in error the light of thy truth, to the intent that they may return into the way of righteousness: Grant unto all them that are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion, that they may eschew those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

## Silent Auction Update

48 Bidding forms returned with total of 67 bids. New highest bid total £1,524.48 + donations to date £305.00 = £1,829.48. Where ever we can we will be claiming Gift Aid on part of this total. Item No 31 Leicester City F.C. tickets did not receive a bid. Pete Lucas has kindly agreed this ticket can be used next season, please contact Joan 2672010. Thank you for your support. *Joan and Jane.*

## God, Me & Art – 18<sup>th</sup> May

Whatever art form interests you we will be pleased to welcome you to our next meeting at 1:30pm on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> May in St James' Church when our theme will be 'Birthdays'. Don't feel you have to bring a contribution; you are welcome to just turn up and find out what we do. For more info speak to Tony Bloxam 07929 787876.

## Zoom link

We are unable to provide a zoom link to our services at Our Lady & St Nicholas for the next few weeks. This will be reviewed at the end of May.

## 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.

## Save the Children

I shall be hosting strawberry cream teas on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> June and Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> July from 3pm-5:30pm. If you are interested in coming to either of these events please can you be in touch either by email [ajbsavethechildren@gmail.com](mailto:ajbsavethechildren@gmail.com) or in person before the preceding Wednesday as I need to know how many scones to make and I am limiting numbers. *Josephine*

## 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](mailto:stjames.birstall@btconnect.com) and/or [sheryljupp@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:sheryljupp@hotmail.co.uk) or contact Amanda or a churchwarden. Please note that you have until 11am on the Friday to get your items included in that week's news sheet. Thanks. *Sheryl*