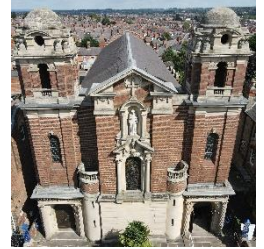


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This week at the Church of
St James the Greater
Leicester

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5th FEBRUARY 2023
3rd SUNDAY BEFORE LENT

Prayer for the Week

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.

Our Prayers are asked for:

All prevented from worshipping with us, remembering

Gwen Leather : Marilyn Dorum :
Margaret Norman : Mollie Drake : Anne Sylvester
and all those currently unable to attend services.

Those who are unwell and who are recovering

Mark Sadler : Ann Blanchard : Anthony Green :
Josephine Chizema : Kath Higginson : Gillian Boorne :
Peter Relph : Nina French

Rest In Peace

Hilary Simpson

*The Commemorative Flowers this week have been kindly given by
Amarjit Kaur in thanksgiving for a wonderful loving family*

*The Altar Frontal has been kindly given by Andy Judge
in grateful thanks for 40 years of making music in this place, to the glory of God*

08.30

Welcome to St James the Greater Holy Communion

Book of Common Prayer

President: The Reverend Andrew Quigley

Assisted by: Mike Rule

Churchwarden: Paul Jenkins

10.30

Sung Eucharist

See order of service

President: The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar

Assisted by: William Woolley

Churchwardens: April Rule and Janet Burton

Servers: Michael Bull, Charles Samuel and William Woolley

Setting: Darke in E: Gloria - Jones

OPENING HYMN 812

Through all the changing scenes of life

GLORIA

Jones

READING Isaiah 58.1-9a

read by Andy Judge

Shout out, do not hold back!

Lift up your voice like a trumpet!

Announce to my people their rebellion,
to the house of Jacob their sins.

² Yet day after day they seek me
and delight to know my ways,
as if they were a nation that practised righteousness
and did not forsake the ordinance of their God;
they ask of me righteous judgements,
they delight to draw near to God.

³ 'Why do we fast, but you do not see?
Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?'
Look, you serve your own interest on your fast-day,
and oppress all your workers.

⁴ Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight
and to strike with a wicked fist.
Such fasting as you do today
will not make your voice heard on high.

⁵ Is such the fast that I choose,
a day to humble oneself?
Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush,
and to lie in sackcloth and ashes?

Will you call this a fast,
a day acceptable to the LORD?
⁶ Is not this the fast that I choose:
to loose the bonds of injustice,
to undo the thongs of the yoke,
to let the oppressed go free,
and to break every yoke?

⁷ Is it not to share your bread with the hungry,
and bring the homeless poor into your house;
when you see the naked, to cover them,
and not to hide yourself from your own kin?

⁸ Then your light shall break forth like the dawn,
and your healing shall spring up quickly;
your vindicator shall go before you,
the glory of the LORD shall be your rearguard.

⁹ Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer;
you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.

GRADUAL HYMN 580

Judge eternal, throned in splendour

GOSPEL

¹³ 'You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

¹⁴ 'You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

¹⁷ 'Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfil. ¹⁸For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. ¹⁹Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. ²⁰For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

SERMON

The Reverend Andrew Quigley

INTERCESSIONS

The Reverend Andrew Quigley

OFFERTORY HYMN 635

For the healing of the nations

ANTHEM

And I saw a new heaven - *Bainton*

POST COMMUNION HYMN 602

Blest are the pure in heart

Post Communion Prayer

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.

RECESSIONAL HYMN 475

Forth in the peace of Christ we go

ORGAN VOLUNTARY - *Please be aware of those remaining to listen.*

Collection baskets for donations are on the back tables in church.

A card reader donation machine is also available.

The Vicar Writes

As a Christian community we are meant to be outstanding, radiant, unmissable. Too often we are merely commonplace, and when Christians are noticed, it is for falling short or hypocrisy. Today is a reminder to constantly strive to let God's light shine through us.



18.30

Choral Evensong

See order of service

Officiant: Angela Jagger

Churchwardens: Simon Edwards and April Rule

Servers: Hilary Rees and Hazel Carlin

HYMN 589

CONFESSION

PRECES

PSALM 4

FIRST LESSON Amos 2.4-end

Angel-voices ever singing

see service card

Smith

see music sheet

read by Paul Jenkins

⁴ Thus says the LORD:

For three transgressions of Judah,

and for four, I will not revoke the punishment;
because they have rejected the law of the LORD,

and have not kept his statutes,
but they have been led astray by the same lies
after which their ancestors walked.

⁵ So I will send a fire on Judah,
and it shall devour the strongholds of Jerusalem.

⁶ Thus says the LORD:

For three transgressions of Israel,
and for four, I will not revoke the punishment;
because they sell the righteous for silver,
and the needy for a pair of sandals—

⁷ they who trample the head of the poor into the dust of the earth,
and push the afflicted out of the way;

father and son go in to the same girl,
so that my holy name is profaned;

⁸ they lay themselves down beside every altar
on garments taken in pledge;

and in the house of their God they drink
wine bought with fines they imposed.

⁹ Yet I destroyed the Amorite before them,
whose height was like the height of cedars,
and who was as strong as oaks;

I destroyed his fruit above,
and his roots beneath.

¹⁰ Also I brought you up out of the land of Egypt,
and led you for forty years in the wilderness,
to possess the land of the Amorite.

¹¹ And I raised up some of your children to be prophets
and some of your youths to be nazirites.
Is it not indeed so, O people of Israel? says the LORD.

¹² But you made the nazirites drink wine,
and commanded the prophets,
saying, 'You shall not prophesy.'

¹³ So, I will press you down in your place,
just as a cart presses down
when it is full of sheaves.

¹⁴ Flight shall perish from the swift,
and the strong shall not retain their strength,
nor shall the mighty save their lives;

¹⁵ those who handle the bow shall not stand,

and those who are swift of foot shall not save themselves,
nor shall those who ride horses save their lives;
¹⁶ and those who are stout of heart among the mighty
shall flee away naked on that day, says the LORD.

OFFICE HYMN 24

MAGNIFICAT

SECOND LESSON Ephesians 4.17-end

The day thou gavest, Lord, is ended

Arnold in simplest terms

read by Caroline Beardsmore

¹⁷ Now this I affirm and insist on in the Lord: you must no longer live as the Gentiles live, in the futility of their minds. ¹⁸ They are darkened in their understanding, alienated from the life of God because of their ignorance and hardness of heart. ¹⁹ They have lost all sensitivity and have abandoned themselves to licentiousness, greedy to practise every kind of impurity. ²⁰ That is not the way you learned Christ! ²¹ For surely you have heard about him and were taught in him, as truth is in Jesus. ²² You were taught to put away your former way of life, your old self, corrupt and deluded by its lusts, ²³ and to be renewed in the spirit of your minds, ²⁴ and to clothe yourselves with the new self, created according to the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness.

²⁵ So then, putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbours, for we are members of one another. ²⁶ Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, ²⁷ and do not make room for the devil. ²⁸ Thieves must give up stealing; rather let them labour and work honestly with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy. ²⁹ Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear. ³⁰ And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. ³¹ Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, ³² and be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you.

NUNC DIMITTIS

Sung by the Choir – *Stanford in C*

**Please remain seated but stand for the Gloria
see service card, p 3**

THE CREED

RESPONSES

ANTHEM

PRAYERS

HYMN 821

SERMON

HYMN 663

Smith

Evening Hymn – *Balfour Gardiner*

Angela Jagger

When, in our music, God is glorified

Angela Jagger

How shall I sing that majesty

DISMISSAL *Plainsong*

The Lord be with you. **And with thy spirit.**
Let us bless the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

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The Week Ahead

Tuesday - Friday

08.00 Morning Prayer in church

Wednesday

19.30 St James Youth Group in the Undercroft

21.00 **Compline** via Zoom. To join, please use the link or codes below:

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/72207302476?pwd=nRxq62bORseO244Izj3HlkM2bPHI8X.I>

Meeting ID: 722 0730 2476 Passcode: fhWX09

Thursday

10.30 **Holy Communion**

President: The Reverend Jane Sharp. Assisted by: Lin Mawer

11.00 Coffee Drop-In at the back of the church

19.30 St James Singers Rehearsal in Ashman Room

Friday

16.30 Junior Choir

18.00 Choir Practice

19.30 Leicester Theological Society at St. Clements Hall, Holy Cross Church, Wellington Street or online. 'The Moravian Church: past and present challenges' a talk given by The Rt. Revd. Joachim Kreusel, Minister for Ockbrook and Leicester Moravian Church.

Please check www.leicestertheologicalsociety.org.uk to request a Zoom link.

Saturday

10.00 Vocations Day at St. Martins House (see details below)

19.00 Laura Centre Charity Concert (see details below)

Sunday Next – 2nd Sunday before Lent

08.30 **Holy Communion**

President: The Reverend Andrew Quigley

10.30 **Sung Eucharist**

President: The Reverend Andrew Quigley

Readings: Genesis 1.1-23 & Matthew 6.25-end

18.30 **Choral Evensong**

Officiant: The Reverend Andrew Quigley

INTERCESSIONS It would be good to re-institute a rota of people leading the prayers at 10.30 and 6.30 services. If you've done this before and would consider it again, or if you are willing to give it a go (full training can be provided!) please sign up at the back of church, or contact the Vicar on 0116 2544113 or E-mail revdaquigley@gmail.com

CONCERT

Saturday 11th February at 7 pm. The Laura Centre Charity Concert 'Songbook: a celebration of music' featuring the joint choirs of TLC Voices and The Great Bowden Recital Trust Adult Choir. Tickets £8 available on the door and online from <https://songbook.raisely.com/>

THANK YOU to Paul Jenkins for arranging the concert given by Knighton Chamber Orchestra and Organist Guy Steed in the church on 22nd January. As always, we were blessed by excellent music and are very grateful for the sum of £840 which has been donated to St. James' church funds.

NEW ORGAN SCHOLAR

On Sunday 22nd January at Evensong, we officially welcomed our new Organ Scholar, Nicholas Friedesdorff, a familiar face as he already sings in the Senior Choir! He was presented with a lapel pin by our Director of Music and we prayed for him as he takes up this new role.

We also gave thanks for the years of service of our outgoing Organ Scholar, Pandora Halladay.

We are look forward to hearing more of his playing and supporting him as he learns more about accompanying choirs.



LEICESTER MUSICFEST

Our new Organ Scholar, Nicholas Friedesdorff, is performing on Organ and Harpsichord in the festival.

When? Saturday 18th & Sunday 19th February

Where? English Martyrs Catholic School, Anstey Lane, LE4 0FJ

What? A full weekend of musical events!

All events are FREE to ages 18 and under.

Facilities? Free parking, Café, Wheelchair Accessible, Family Friendly.

Highlights this year will include:

Ahoy! Singing workshop for ages 7-18. Musical games and sea shanties with a jazzy twist!

Classical Guitar Recital given by the award-winning Roth Duo

Gala Concert where we hear this year's competition winners, new compositions, and sea shanties with folk-jazz band!

Alexander Technique Workshops - like Mindfulness for the body.

Guitar Ensemble Workshop - rare opportunity to play as a group.

Organ Masterclass - led by Ben Sheen (Director of Music at Jesus College, Cambridge)

Competitions in Singing, Piano and Organ - audience warmly welcome.

More information at leicestermusicfest.com

VOCATIONS 'EVERYDAY CALLING' DAY will be held this year on Saturday 11th February from 10 am to 3.30 pm at St. Martins House, 7 Peacock Lane, Leicester, LE1 5PZ. For more information see the posters in church or contact liz.rawlings@leicestercofe.org and to book a place for the day contact claire.stapleton@leicestercofe.org stating any dietary requirements.

ST. JAMES' YOUTH GROUP Meeting alternate Wednesdays from 7:30-9pm. All young people in school years 8-13 are welcome to join us for games, food and a short discussion based on a Bible passage. See fliers on back tables at church. Next meeting is: Wednesday 8th February.

COMMON CUP Please **place a red token** into a small basket, which is on the large table at the back of church **before taking your seat**, if you wish to receive the wine, so appropriate quantities can be consecrated.

OFFERTORY We have returned to blessing the offertory as part of our services. **Please place any envelopes or loose collection into the baskets at the back of the church before** taking your seat, so that it can be taken to the high altar and blessed during the service.

CARD READER MACHINE We have a CollecTin.com card reader machine on loan for a further 4-week trial to assess its viability at St. James the Greater for those who may not carry cash or would prefer to donate using a payment card.

STAMPS FOR CHARITY Please bring donations of stamps to help raise money for Inter Care and put them in the box provided. As the stamp design has changed, the 'old' ones will become more valuable.

JUNIOR CHOIR

Our Junior Choir has now launched and meets on Fridays 4.30 pm-5.30 pm and welcomes children of primary age. They will sing roughly once a month at Sunday services to begin with, for which they will even earn a bit of pocket money! The choir is free to join, there are no auditions and the boys and girls will sing in our supportive and inclusive church environment. Being a chorister means getting a free music education. From the moment they start school onwards children can be part of an organisation where they will improve their singing voice, learn to read music, develop their confidence, work as a team with other children, perform at a high level with teenagers and adults and make friends for life. If you know of a child of primary school age who might be interested, or are willing to help at the choir, please get in touch with Emma Trounson: DoM@stjamesthegreater.org.uk.

CONTACTING THE TEAM

Andrew can be contacted by E-mail at: revdaquigley@gmail.com or 0116 2544113. The Church Office can be contacted by E-mail at: office@stjamesthegreater.org.uk or by telephoning 0116 2542111 and leaving a message. Simon Edwards can be contacted at fabric@stjamesthegreater.org.uk Please do not hesitate to get in touch. Further details are on our website: www.stjamesthegreater.org.uk

Resources for Home Worship

Broadcast Media

Daily Service	Monday – Friday at 9.45am	Radio 4 LW
Choral Evensong	Wednesday at 4 pm and Sunday at 3 pm	Radio 3
Sunday Worship	Sunday at 8.10 am	Radio 4
Songs of Praise	Sunday at 13.15 pm	BBC 1

Online at www.churchofengland.org and www.leicestercathedral.org

DAILY HOPE TELEPHONE SERVICE Freephone 0800 804 8044

This offers music, prayers and reflections as well as full worship services from the Church of England at the end of a telephone line. The line – which is available 24 hours a day on 0800 804 8044 – has been set up particularly with those unable to join online church services in mind. This is a Freephone number.

Some of the options have been changed and are detailed below:

- # Sleep Well – four reflections before bedtime.
- 1. Hymns we love – one each day with a spoken reflection based on it.
- 2. Hymn line – favourite hymns on a repeating loop.
- 3. Daily Blessings from the Neighbourhood Prayer Network (until 22nd Feb.)
- 4. Chair Exercises.
- 5. Weekly service from C of E.
- 6. Morning and Evening Prayer from Common Worship.
- 7. Prayers for the situation in Ukraine.
- 8. Address for written communications or donations.
- 0. Returns you to the main menu.

It is helpful to have the telephone on speakerphone to avoid having to hold the handset.

Vicky Roe.

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