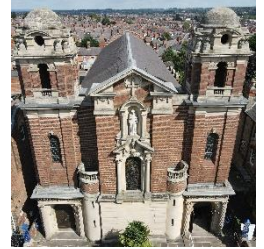


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This week at the Church of  
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**5<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2023**  
**LENT 2**

**Prayer for the Week**

Almighty God,  
you show to those who are in error the light of your truth,  
that they may return to the way of righteousness:  
grant to all those who are admitted  
into the fellowship of Christ's religion,  
that they may reject those things  
that are contrary to their profession,  
and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same;  
through our Lord Jesus Christ,  
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 : Sara King

**Rest In Peace**

Hilary Simpson

**08.30**      **Welcome to St James the Greater**  
**Holy Communion**

**Book of Common Prayer**

President: The Reverend Andrew Quigley

Assisted by: Phil Jones

Churchwarden: Paul Jenkins

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**10.30**      **Sung Eucharist**

*See order of service*

President: The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar

Assisted by: Mike Bull

Churchwardens: Simon Edwards and Paul Jenkins

Sidesperson : David Pugh

Servers: Charles Samuel, Tony Chizema and Michael Bull

Setting: Leighton in D

**OPENING HYMN 641 (i)**

**Glorious things of thee are spoken**

READING Genesis 12.1-4

*read by Ian Jones*

Now the LORD said to Abram, 'Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. <sup>2</sup>I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. <sup>3</sup>I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.'<sup>4</sup> So Abram went, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran.

**PSALM 121**

*see music sheet*

GOSPEL John 3.1-17

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. <sup>2</sup>He came to Jesus by night and said to him, 'Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.'<sup>3</sup> Jesus answered him, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.'<sup>4</sup> Nicodemus said to him, 'How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?'<sup>5</sup> Jesus answered, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. <sup>6</sup>What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. <sup>7</sup>Do not be astonished that I said to you, "You must be born from above."<sup>8</sup> The wind blows where it

chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.' <sup>9</sup>Nicodemus said to him, 'How can these things be?' <sup>10</sup>Jesus answered him, 'Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

11 'Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. <sup>12</sup>If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? <sup>13</sup>No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. <sup>14</sup>And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, <sup>15</sup>that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

16 'For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. 17 'Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

SERMON

The Reverend Andrew Quigley

INTERCESSIONS

The Reverend Andrew Quigley

**OFFERTORY HYMN 814**

**Thy hand, O God, has guided**

ANTHEM

Geistliches Lied - *Brahms*

**POST COMMUNION HYMN 628**

**Father of heaven, whose love  
profound**

**Post Communion Prayer**

Almighty God,

you see that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves:

keep us both outwardly in our bodies,

and inwardly in our souls;

that we may be defended from all adversities

which may happen to the body,

and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul;

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**RECESSIONAL HYMN 655**

**Have faith in God, my heart**

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

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# The Vicar Writes

What is our hope for the future? Is it the thriving of children and grandchildren – perhaps that they will become a great nation? Is it to be “born again”, “born of the spirit”, to be “saved” or have eternal life? These are strange and rather intangible concepts. For now, we can know that when we are in darkness and doubt, like Nicodemus, Jesus speaks words of reassurance and love.



**18.30**

## Choral Evensong

*See order of service*

Officiant: The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar

Churchwarden: Simon Edwards

Servers: Hilary Rees and William Woolley

**HYMN 128 (i)**  
**CONFESSION**

PRECES

**PSALM 135**

**Jesu, lover of my soul**

*see service card*

Forbes L'Estrange

*see music sheet*

FIRST LESSON Numbers 21.4-9

*read by Andrew Curry*

4 From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. <sup>5</sup>The people spoke against God and against Moses, 'Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food.' <sup>6</sup>Then the LORD sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. <sup>7</sup>The people came to Moses and said, 'We have sinned by speaking against the LORD and against you; pray to the LORD to take away the serpents from us.' So Moses prayed for the people. <sup>8</sup>And the LORD said to Moses, 'Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live.' <sup>9</sup>So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

**OFFICE HYMN 119**

**'Forgive our sins as we forgive'**

MAGNIFICAT

Sung by the Choir – *Dyson in F*

**Please remain seated but stand for the Gloria**

## SECOND LESSON Luke 14.27-33

read by Jennifer Clegg

<sup>27</sup>Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. <sup>28</sup>For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? <sup>29</sup>Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, <sup>30</sup>saying, "This fellow began to build and was not able to finish." <sup>31</sup>Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? <sup>32</sup>If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. <sup>33</sup>So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.

NUNC DIMITTIS

Sung by the Choir – *Dyson in F*

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

## THE CREED

RESPONSES

Ferial

ANTHEM

Ave Verum Corpus - *Byrd*

PRAYERS

The Reverend Andrew Quigley

**HYMN 770**

**Restore in us, O God**

SERMON

The Reverend Andrew Quigley

**HYMN 714 (tune 713)**

**Lord of all power, I give you my will**

DISMISSAL *Plainsong*

The Lord be with you. **And with thy spirit.**

Let us bless the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

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

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## The Week Ahead

### Tuesday - Friday

08.00 Morning Prayer in church

### Tuesday

19.00 Lent course online (details of the course: see notice below)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88180511464?pwd=Q2ZNRDYrNkoxTjZhdkJhdW43VIRqUT09>

Meeting ID: 881 8051 1464 Passcode: 445752

### Wednesday

18.30 **Compline** in church

### 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 (see details below)

## Sunday Next – Lent 3

08.30 **Holy Communion**

President: The Reverend Jane Sharp

10.30 **Sung Eucharist**

President: The Reverend Andrew Quigley

Readings: Exodus 17.1-7 and John 4.5-42

18.30 **Choral Evensong**

Officiant: The Reverend Andrew Quigley

Preacher: The Reverend Canon Dr. Johannes Arens

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## TURKEY AND SYRIA EARTHQUAKE APPEAL

The Disasters Emergency Committee has launched an appeal to raise funds to help bring relief to those affected. Donations can be made at 0370 60 60 610 or online at <https://www.dec.org.uk/appeal/turkey-syria-earthquake-appeal>

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**LENT** This Lent beyond our normal services of the season, including Compline on Wednesdays in church, we have a Lent course and a sermon series at Evensong. The series and the course are both on the theme of “Failure” – the title of the Archbishop of Canterbury’s Lent book by Emma Ineson (you may wish to read the book, but it is not essential). The course will run each week on Zoom at 7 pm. You’re welcome to join even if you missed the first session!

To join, please use the link or codes below:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88180511464?pwd=Q2ZNRDYrNkoxTjZhdkJhdV43VIRqUT09>

Meeting ID: 881 8051 1464 Passcode: 445752

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**BOOKS TO READ** Please browse and borrow a book to read in Lent from the box of books on the back table. Pass it on or return it to the church library later.

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**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.

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**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.

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**LEICESTER THEOLOGICAL SOCIETY** Next meeting – **Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March** at 7.30pm. at The Frassati Centre (Holy Cross Priory) Wellington Street. Speaker: Professor Rachael Muers (Chair of Divinity at Edinburgh University) on ‘Mapping theology in the 21<sup>st</sup> century’.

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**CHOIR NEWS** Our choristers have been busy over half term: Nicholas, our organ scholar, came first in both the Advanced Organ and Advanced Piano classes at Leicester MusicFest. He played Bach’s Trio Sonata in E minor, Movements 1 & 2 in the organ class, and in the piano class he played Etude No.3 by Szymanowski.



Ram, one of our young basses, successfully auditioned to be in the Royal School of Church Music’s Millennium Youth Choir.

Last weekend he enjoyed his first rehearsals with the choir.



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## FORTHCOMING CONCERTS

**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> March at 3pm.**

**University of Leicester Chorus and Orchestra.**

“The Leicester Space Concert”. Tickets on the door: £5 and students £3

**Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> March at 7pm.**

**Leicester Philharmonic Choir. “The Messiah”**

Tickets – online [www.thephil.org.uk](http://www.thephil.org.uk)

**Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March at 2pm.**

Schools Choral Concert organised by Emma Trounson. Entry free.

Details in The Shell.

**Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> April at 7.30pm.**

**Leicester Bach Choir Spring Concert** including ‘Sea Pictures’ – Elgar. Tickets £18; Concessions £5; Under 16’s free; available on the door and online at

EventBrite on <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/lbc-spring-concert-elgar-dove-holst-ireland-stanford-lili-boulanger-tickets-511504532827>

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# Resources for Home Worship

## Broadcast Media

Daily Service	Monday – Friday at 9.45am	Radio 4 LW
Compline	Monday 9.30 pm	Radio 3
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](http://www.churchofengland.org) and [www.leicestercathedral.org](http://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:

- \* A new message from the Archbishop of Canterbury Justin Welby.
- # 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 C of E Reflections for Lent – Dust and Glory.
- 4. Chair Exercises.
- 5. Weekly C of E service.
- 6. Morning and Evening Prayer from Common Worship.
- 7. Prayer for Ukraine
- 8. Address for written communications and donations.
- 0. Returns you to the main menu.

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

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