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This week at the Church of  
**St James the Greater**  
Leicester

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**12<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2023**  
**LENT 3**

**Prayer for the Week**

Almighty God,  
whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain,  
and entered not into glory before he was crucified:  
mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross,  
may find it none other than the way of life and peace;  
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 : Sara King

**08.30**

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

Common Worship Order One (Traditional)

President: The Reverend Jane Sharp

Assisted by: Janet Burton

Churchwarden: Paul Jenkins

**10.30**

## **Sung Eucharist**

***See order of service***

President: The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar

Assisted by: Lucy Hutchinson

Churchwardens: Simon Edwards and Janet Burton

Servers: Angela Finn, Lucy Hutchinson and Michael Bull

Setting: Sumsion in F

### **OPENING HYMN 608**

READING Exodus 17.1-7

### **Christ is our corner-stone**

*read by Andy Judge*

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. <sup>2</sup>The people quarrelled with Moses, and said, 'Give us water to drink.' Moses said to them, 'Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?' <sup>3</sup>But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?' <sup>4</sup>So Moses cried out to the LORD, 'What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me.' <sup>5</sup>The LORD said to Moses, 'Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. <sup>6</sup>I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink.' Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. <sup>7</sup>He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarrelled and tested the LORD, saying, 'Is the LORD among us or not?'

### **PSALM 42 v1-7**

*see music sheet*

GOSPEL John 4.5-42

So he came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. <sup>6</sup>Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

<sup>7</sup> A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink'. <sup>8</sup>(His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) <sup>9</sup>The Samaritan woman said to him, 'How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?' (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) <sup>10</sup>Jesus answered her, 'If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, "Give me a drink", you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.' <sup>11</sup>The woman said to him, 'Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? <sup>12</sup>Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the

well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?' <sup>13</sup>Jesus said to her, 'Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, <sup>14</sup>but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.' <sup>15</sup>The woman said to him, 'Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water.'

<sup>16</sup>Jesus said to her, 'Go, call your husband, and come back.' <sup>17</sup>The woman answered him, 'I have no husband.' Jesus said to her, 'You are right in saying, "I have no husband"; <sup>18</sup>for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!' <sup>19</sup>The woman said to him, 'Sir, I see that you are a prophet. <sup>20</sup>Our ancestors worshipped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem.' <sup>21</sup>Jesus said to her, 'Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. <sup>22</sup>You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. <sup>23</sup>But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. <sup>24</sup>God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.' <sup>25</sup>The woman said to him, 'I know that Messiah is coming' (who is called Christ). 'When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us.' <sup>26</sup>Jesus said to her, 'I am he, the one who is speaking to you.'

<sup>27</sup>Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, 'What do you want?' or, 'Why are you speaking with her?' <sup>28</sup>Then the woman left her water-jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, <sup>29</sup>'Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?' <sup>30</sup>They left the city and were on their way to him.

<sup>31</sup>Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, 'Rabbi, eat something.' <sup>32</sup>But he said to them, 'I have food to eat that you do not know about.' <sup>33</sup>So the disciples said to one another, 'Surely no one has brought him something to eat?' <sup>34</sup>Jesus said to them, 'My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. <sup>35</sup>Do you not say, "Four months more, then comes the harvest"? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. <sup>36</sup>The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. <sup>37</sup>For here the saying holds true, "One sows and another reaps." <sup>38</sup>I sent you to reap that for which you did not labour. Others have laboured, and you have entered into their labour.'

<sup>39</sup>Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony, 'He told me everything I have ever done.' <sup>40</sup>So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there for two

days. <sup>41</sup>And many more believed because of his word. <sup>42</sup>They said to the woman, 'It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Saviour of the world.'

SERMON

The Reverend Andrew Quigley

INTERCESSIONS

The Reverend Andrew Quigley

**OFFERTORY HYMN 806**

**There's a wideness in God's mercy**

ANTHEM

A Gaelic Blessing - Rutter

**POST COMMUNION HYMN 127 (tune 398) Lord Jesus, think on me**

### **Post Communion Prayer**

Merciful Lord,

grant your people grace to withstand the temptations

of the world, the flesh and the devil,

and with pure hearts and minds to follow you, the only God;

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**RECESSIONAL HYMN 652**

**Guide me, O thou great Redeemer**

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

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

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## **The Vicar Writes**

Our long Gospel reading invites us to immerse ourselves in the narrative, to soak in the story of encounter, challenge and transformation. There are quite a few encounters at wells in the Bible, and each one shows that in these places where thirst is quenched, and even deeper need can be met.



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**18.30**

## **Choral Evensong**

*See order of service*

Officiant: The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar

Preacher: The Reverend Canon Dr. Johannes Arens

Churchwardens: Simon Edwards and David Kibert

Sidesperson: Julia Warner

Servers: Tony Chizema and Val Bailey

**HYMN 627 (tune 609)****Father most holy, merciful and loving****CONFESSION***see service card***PRECES**

Forbes-L'Estrange

**PSALM 40***see music sheet***FIRST LESSON** Joshua 1.1-9*read by Paul Jenkins*

After the death of Moses the servant of the LORD, the LORD spoke to Joshua son of Nun, Moses' assistant, saying, <sup>2</sup>'My servant Moses is dead. Now proceed to cross the Jordan, you and all this people, into the land that I am giving to them, to the Israelites. <sup>3</sup>Every place that the sole of your foot will tread upon I have given to you, as I promised to Moses. <sup>4</sup>From the wilderness and the Lebanon as far as the great river, the river Euphrates, all the land of the Hittites, to the Great Sea in the west shall be your territory. <sup>5</sup>No one shall be able to stand against you all the days of your life. As I was with Moses, so I will be with you; I will not fail you or forsake you. <sup>6</sup>Be strong and courageous; for you shall put this people in possession of the land that I swore to their ancestors to give them. <sup>7</sup>Only be strong and very courageous, being careful to act in accordance with all the law that my servant Moses commanded you; do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left, so that you may be successful wherever you go. <sup>8</sup>This book of the law shall not depart out of your mouth; you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to act in accordance with all that is written in it. For then you shall make your way prosperous, and then you shall be successful. <sup>9</sup>I hereby command you: Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go.'

**OFFICE HYMN 629 (iii)****Father, hear the prayer we offer****MAGNIFICAT****Dyson in C minor - see music sheet****SECOND LESSON** Ephesians 6.10-20*read by Caroline Beardsmore*

<sup>10</sup> Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. <sup>11</sup> Put on the whole armour of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. <sup>12</sup> For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. <sup>13</sup> Therefore take up the whole armour of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. <sup>14</sup> Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. <sup>15</sup> As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. <sup>16</sup> With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. <sup>17</sup> Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

18 Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. <sup>19</sup>Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, <sup>20</sup>for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

NUNC DIMITTIS

Sung by the Choir – *Walmisley in D minor*

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

**THE CREED**

**see service card, p 3**

RESPONSES

Forbes-L'Estrange

ANTHEM

Stars, the Lord Jesus – *Emily-Hafwen Davies (Chorister composition)*

PRAYERS

The Reverend Andrew Quigley

**HYMN 140**

**All ye who seek for sure relief**

SERMON

The Reverend Canon Dr. Johannes Arens

**HYMN 584**

**All my hope on God is founded**

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

**Monday**

14.30 House Group online. E-mail [A.F.Jagger@dunelm.org.uk](mailto:A.F.Jagger@dunelm.org.uk) for the link

**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

19.30 St James Youth Group in the Undercroft

**Thursday**

10.30 **Holy Communion**

President: The Reverend Jane Sharp. Assisted by: Vicky Roe

11.00 Coffee Drop-In at the back of the church

**Friday**

16.30 Junior Choir

18.00 Choir Practice



## Sunday Next – Lent 4

### Mothering Sunday

08.30 **Holy Communion**

10.30 **All-age Holy Eucharist**

18.30 **Choral Evensong**

President: The Revd. Canon Philip Norwood

President: The Reverend Andrew Quigley

Readings: Exodus 2.1-10 and John 19.25-27

Officiant: Angela Jagger

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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 sessions!

To join, please use the link or codes below:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88180511464?pwd=Q2ZNRDYrNkoxTjZhdkJhdW43VlRqUT09>

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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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### **BISHOP OF LEICESTER’S LENT APPEAL: “Home for Good”.**

Every 15 minutes a child comes into care in the UK. Many have suffered neglect or abuse; all will experience trauma and loss. Each one deserves a home where they will be loved, nurtured and enabled to thrive. **“Home for Good”** is a Christian charity dedicated to finding a home for each child through fostering, adoption or supported living, and supporting individuals and families. Money raised will support the work of this charity locally in Leicester as well as across the UK.

Donate at: [www.justgiving.com/page/dioceselent-appeal2023-](http://www.justgiving.com/page/dioceselent-appeal2023-1674569951475)

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## FORTHCOMING CONCERTS

**Next 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. Volunteer welcomers needed.

**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)

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