

12/23



This week at the Church of
St James the Greater
Leicester

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19th MARCH 2023
LENT 4 – MOTHERING SUNDAY

Prayer for the Week

God of compassion,
whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary,
shared the life of a home in Nazareth,
and on the cross drew the whole human family to himself:
strengthen us in our daily living
that in joy and in sorrow
we may know the power of your presence
to bind together and to heal;
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 Revd. Canon Philip Norwood

Assisted by: Sheila Roberts

Churchwarden: Paul Jenkins

10.30

All Age Eucharist

See order of service

President: The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar

Assisted by: William Woolley

Churchwardens: Simon Edwards and Janet Burton

Sidesperson: David Sharman

Servers: William Woolley, Hazel Carlin and Charles Samuel

Setting: Merbecke

OPENING HYMN 445 (tune 337)

God is here! As we his people

READING Exodus 2.1-10

read by Vicky Roe

Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. ²The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him for three months. ³When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. ⁴His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him.

⁵The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. ⁶When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him. 'This must be one of the Hebrews' children,' she said. ⁷Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, 'Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?' ⁸Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Yes.' So the girl went and called the child's mother. ⁹Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages.' So the woman took the child and nursed it. ¹⁰When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses, 'because', she said, 'I drew him out of the water.'

GRADUAL HYMN 394

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!

GOSPEL John 19.25-27

Meanwhile, standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. ²⁶When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, 'Woman, here is your son.' ²⁷Then he said to the disciple, 'Here is your mother.' And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

SERMON

The Reverend Andrew Quigley

INTERCESSIONS

The Reverend Andrew Quigley

OFFERTORY HYMN 138

Our Father God in heaven

ANTHEM

A song of Mary - *Shepherd*

POST COMMUNION HYMN 794 (i) The King of love my shepherd is

Post Communion Prayer

Loving God,

as a mother feeds her children at the breast

you feed us in this sacrament with the food and drink of eternal life:

help us who have tasted your goodness

to grow in grace within the household of faith;

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

RECESSIONAL HYMN 739 (i)

Now thank we all our God

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

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

The Vicar Writes

Whilst we pray to God as Father, God is beyond gender, so it is just as appropriate to consider the mothering love of God.

Certainly, the care we find in God's family, the Church, should show that love, and we are called to show it to one another. This Sunday we give thanks for all those who have shown us that mothering love in our lives.



**15.00 University of Leicester Chorus and Orchestra.
"The Leicester Space Concert".**

Tickets on the door: £5 and students £3

18.30

Choral Evensong

See order of service

Officiant: Angela Jagger

Churchwardens: Simon Edwards and David Kibert

Servers: Rod Eynon-Baldock and Sara King

HYMN 696

CONFESSION

PRECES

PSALM 31.1-8

FIRST LESSON | Samuel 16.1-13

Jesus, where'er thy people meet

see service card

Ferial

see music sheet

read by Julia Warner

The LORD said to Samuel, 'How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons.' ²Samuel said, 'How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me.' And the LORD said, 'Take a heifer with you, and say, "I have come to sacrifice to the LORD."' ³Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you.' ⁴Samuel did what the LORD commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, 'Do you come peaceably?' ⁵He said, 'Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the LORD; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice.' And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

⁶When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, 'Surely the LORD's anointed is now before the LORD.' ⁷But the LORD said to Samuel, 'Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the LORD does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart.' ⁸Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, 'Neither has the LORD chosen this one.' ⁹Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, 'Neither has the LORD chosen this one.' ¹⁰Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, 'The LORD has not chosen any of these.' ¹¹Samuel said to Jesse, 'Are all your sons here?' And he said, 'There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep.' And Samuel said to Jesse, 'Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here.' ¹²He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The LORD said, 'Rise and anoint him; for this is the one.' ¹³Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the LORD came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

OFFICE HYMN 391 (tune 51)

The prophets spoke in days of old

MAGNIFICAT

Sung by the Choir – *Gibbons 'short' service*

Please remain seated but stand for the Gloria

SECOND LESSON Ephesians 5.8-14 *read by Brenda Thompson*

For once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light—⁹for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. ¹⁰Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. ¹¹Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. ¹²For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; ¹³but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, ¹⁴for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says,
'Sleeper, awake!

Rise from the dead,
and Christ will shine on you.'

NUNC DIMITTIS

Sung by the Choir – *Gibbons 'short' service*

Please remain seated but stand for the Gloria

THE CREED

see service card, p 3

RESPONSES

Smith

ANTHEM

Hear my prayer, O Lord - *Purcell*

PRAYERS

Angela Jagger

HYMN 720

Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us

SERMON

Angela Jagger

HYMN 713

Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy

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

Tuesday

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

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88180511464?pwd=Q2ZNRDYrNkoxTjZhdKjhdVW43VIRqUT09>

Meeting ID: 881 8051 1464 Passcode: 445752

Wednesday

18.30 **Compline** in church or join on Zoom using the link and codes below:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82518184432?pwd=K2NhK0paOTdVYXEweGtTUERiaGhQZz09>

Meeting ID: 825 1818 4432 Passcode: U8t5rh

Thursday

10.30 Holy Communion

President: The Revd. Canon Dr. Johannes Arens. Assisted by: Janet Burton

11.00 Coffee Drop-In at the back of the church

19.30 St James Singers Rehearsal in the Ashman Room

Friday

16.30 Junior Choir

18.00 Choir Practice

Saturday

19.00 Leicester Philharmonic Choir – ‘The Messiah’

Tickets – online www.thephil.org.uk and on the door.

Sunday Next – Lent 5 Passion Sunday

08.30 Holy Communion

President: The Reverend Andrew Quigley

10.30 Sung Eucharist

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Readings: Ezekiel 37.1-14 and John 11.1-45

18.30 Choral Evensong

Officiant: The Reverend Andrew Quigley

Preacher: The Revd Canon Dr. Stephen Foster

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=Q2ZNRDYrNkoxTjZhdjhdVW43VlRqUT09>

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EASTER FLOWERS

The Flower Guild invites you to donate towards the cost of Easter Flowers.

Yellow envelopes marked specially for the donations are on the back table.

Please place the envelope in the brown baskets marked Easter Flowers.

If you are able to Gift Aid your donation, it would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you.

MAUNDY THURSDAY FOOT WASHING There is a list at the back of church to sign up if you are willing to have a foot washed by the Vicar during the Maundy Thursday evening service. We need twelve volunteers before the day.

PCC MEMBERSHIP Hopefully you have read the excellent article in the Shell about the PCC. We are looking for new members. Perhaps you have served in the past or in another church, or perhaps it would be a brave new world! Either way, it is an important way of serving the church, and hopefully more rewarding than onerous - only 5 or 6 meetings a year – for 1, 2 or 3 years. Please consider and pray about this before new members are elected after Easter - nomination forms are available now at the back of church. Please talk to the Vicar, Churchwardens or other members of the PCC if you'd like more information.

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.

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.

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/diocesalent-appeal2023-1674569951475?utm_source=copyLink&utm_medium=one_page&utm_content=page/diocesalent-appeal2023-1674569951475&utm_campaign=pdf-share&utm_term=64a5dce646344cb69afdb89178118420

THE PROVOST DEREK HOLE KEYNOTE LECTURE in association with De Montfort University. **Friday March 31st** at St. Andrew's Church, Jarrom Street at **6pm**. Speaker: Lord Williams of Oystermouth (the former Archbishop of Canterbury, Rowan Williams). Subject: 'Priesthood, solidarity and transformation: thoughts on ministry and witness today' including reference to the life and thinking of Ken Leech, a prominent Christian socialist. Free entry, but tickets are required. Eventbrite links on DMU and St. Andrew's websites.

https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/provost-derek-hole-keynote-lecture-tickets-535823942837?aff=ebdssbdestsearch&keep_tld=1

FORTHCOMING CONCERTS

Wednesday 29th March at 2pm.

Schools Choral Concert organised by Emma Trounson. Entry free.
Details in The Shell. Volunteer welcomers needed.

Saturday 1st 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>

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 and www.leicestercathedral.org

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