

13/23



This week at the Church of
St James the Greater
Leicester

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26th MARCH 2023
LENT 5 – PASSIONTIDE

Prayer for the Week

Most merciful God,
who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ
delivered and saved the world:
grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross
we may triumph in the power of his victory;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

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 : Jean Warren

Rest in Peace

Pam Howe (80) (former Reader at St. James)

Thank you to the Flower Guild for the bunches of daffodils distributed on Mothering Sunday. They were very much appreciated by all who received them.

08.30

Welcome to St James the Greater Holy Communion

Common Worship Order One (Traditional)

President: The Reverend Andrew Quigley

Assisted by: Lin Mawer

Churchwarden: Paul Jenkins

10.30

Sung Eucharist

See order of service

President: The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar

Assisted by: David Kibert

Churchwardens: Simon Edwards and Janet Burton

Servers: Michael Bull, David Kibert and Tony Chizema

Setting: Byrd 4-part Mass

OPENING HYMN 156

We sing the praise of him who died

READING Ezekiel 37.1-14

read by Jennifer Smith

The hand of the LORD came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. ²He led me all round them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. ³He said to me, 'Mortal, can these bones live?' I answered, 'O Lord GOD, you know.' ⁴Then he said to me, 'Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. ⁵Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. ⁶I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the LORD.'

⁷ So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. ⁸I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. ⁹Then he said to me, 'Prophecy to the breath, prophecy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.' ¹⁰I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

¹¹ Then he said to me, 'Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, "Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely." ¹²Therefore prophecy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people;

and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. ¹³And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. ¹⁴I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken and will act, says the LORD.'

GRADUAL HYMN 236

Breathe on me, Breath of God

GOSPEL John 11.1-45

Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. ²Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. ³So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, 'Lord, he whom you love is ill.' ⁴But when Jesus heard it, he said, 'This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it.' ⁵Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, ⁶after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was.

⁷ Then after this he said to the disciples, 'Let us go to Judea again.' ⁸The disciples said to him, 'Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?' ⁹Jesus answered, 'Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble, because they see the light of this world. ¹⁰But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them.' ¹¹After saying this, he told them, 'Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him.' ¹²The disciples said to him, 'Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right.' ¹³Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. ¹⁴Then Jesus told them plainly, 'Lazarus is dead. ¹⁵For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him.' ¹⁶Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow-disciples, 'Let us also go, that we may die with him.'

¹⁷ When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. ¹⁸Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, ¹⁹and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. ²⁰When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. ²¹Martha said to Jesus, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. ²²But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him.' ²³Jesus said to her, 'Your brother will rise again.' ²⁴Martha said to him, 'I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.' ²⁵Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, ²⁶and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?' ²⁷She said to him, 'Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world.'

28 When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, 'The Teacher is here and is calling for you.' ²⁹ And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. ³⁰ Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. ³¹ The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. ³² When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.' ³³ When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. ³⁴ He said, 'Where have you laid him?' They said to him, 'Lord, come and see.' ³⁵ Jesus began to weep. ³⁶ So the Jews said, 'See how he loved him!' ³⁷ But some of them said, 'Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?'

38 Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. ³⁹ Jesus said, 'Take away the stone.' Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, 'Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead for four days.' ⁴⁰ Jesus said to her, 'Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?' ⁴¹ So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upwards and said, 'Father, I thank you for having heard me. ⁴² I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.' ⁴³ When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, 'Lazarus, come out!' ⁴⁴ The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, and let him go.' ⁴⁵ Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

SERMON

The Reverend Andrew Quigley

INTERCESSIONS

The Reverend Andrew Quigley

OFFERTORY HYMN 147 (omit v.4)

My song is love unknown

ANTHEM

God so loved the world - *Stainer*

POST COMMUNION HYMN 148 (i) O dearest Lord, thy sacred head

Post Communion Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ,
you have taught us
that what we do for the least of our brothers and sisters
we do also for you:
give us the will to be the servant of others
as you were the servant of all,
and gave up your life and died for us,
but are alive and reign, now and for ever.

RECESSIONAL HYMN 135

Take up thy cross, the Saviour said

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

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

The Vicar Writes

As we draw closer to the end of Lent we are offered a preview of the promise of Easter. Can these dry bones live? In the new life of Christ they can – this is the hope, the light we turn to in the darkness of grief and suffering, just as the family of Lazarus did.



18.30

Choral Evensong

See order of service

Officiant: Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar

Preacher: Revd. Canon Dr. Stephen Foster

Churchwardens: Simon Edwards and April Rule

Sidespersons: Angela and Colin Stray

Server: William Woolley

HYMN 132

CONFESSION

PRECES

PSALM 30

FIRST LESSON Lamentations 3.19-33

O for a heart to praise my God

see service card

Ferial

see music sheet

read by William Woolley

¹⁹ The thought of my affliction and my homelessness
is wormwood and gall!

²⁰ My soul continually thinks of it
and is bowed down within me.

²¹ But this I call to mind,
and therefore I have hope:

²² The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases,
his mercies never come to an end;

²³ they are new every morning;
great is your faithfulness.

²⁴ 'The LORD is my portion,' says my soul,

‘therefore I will hope in him.’

²⁵ The LORD is good to those who wait for him,
to the soul that seeks him.

²⁶ It is good that one should wait quietly
for the salvation of the LORD.

²⁷ It is good for one to bear
the yoke in youth,

²⁸ to sit alone in silence
when the Lord has imposed it,

²⁹ to put one’s mouth to the dust
(there may yet be hope),

³⁰ to give one’s cheek to the smiter,
and be filled with insults.

³¹ For the Lord will not
reject for ever.

³² Although he causes grief, he will have compassion
according to the abundance of his steadfast love;

³³ for he does not willingly afflict
or grieve anyone.

OFFICE HYMN 118

MAGNIFICAT

SECOND LESSON Luke 23.33-44

Drop, drop slow tears

Chanted – see *music sheet*

read by Val Bailey

When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. ³⁴Then Jesus said, ‘Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.’ And they cast lots to divide his clothing. ³⁵And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, ‘He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!’ ³⁶The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, ³⁷and saying, ‘If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!’ ³⁸There was also an inscription over him, ‘This is the King of the Jews.’

³⁹ One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, ‘Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!’ ⁴⁰But the other rebuked him, saying, ‘Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? ⁴¹And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.’ ⁴²Then he said, ‘Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.’ ⁴³He replied, ‘Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.’

⁴⁴ It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon,

NUNC DIMITTIS

Sung by the Choir – *Brewer in F*

THE CREED

RESPONSES

ANTHEM

PRAYERS

HYMN 824 (Tune 670 i)

SERMON

HYMN 559

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

Ferial

Litany to the Holy Spirit - *Hurford*

Reverend Andrew Quigley

With joy we meditate the grace

Revd. Canon Dr. Stephen Foster

God of freedom, God of justice

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.ok for the link

Tuesday

18.30 Evening Prayer via Zoom led by Mike Rule. To join please use link below.

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/73538232678?pwd=4pUlucImfaOtdbnBlwla94FAjAoiMK.I>

Meeting ID: 735 3823 2678 Passcode: Nh21fw

19.00 Lent course online

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

Meeting ID: 881 8051 1464 Passcode: 445752

Wednesday

14.00 – 14.30 Schools Choral Concert; entry free (see details below)

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 Reverend Andrew Quigley. Assisted by: Sheila Roberts

11.00 Coffee Drop-In at the back of the church

Friday

16.30 Junior Choir

18.00 Choir Practice

18.00 The Provost Derek Hole Keynote Lecture at St. Andrew's, Jarrom Street. Speaker: Lord Williams of Oystermouth. Free entry, but tickets are required. Eventbrite: https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/provost-derek-hole-keynote-lecture-tickets-535823942837?aff=ebdssbdestsearch&keep_tld=1

Saturday

19.30 Leicester Bach Choir Spring Concert. (See details below)

Sunday Next – Palm Sunday

08.30 Holy Communion	President: The Reverend Andrew Quigley
10.20 Procession from Hall	President: The Reverend Andrew Quigley
10.30 Sung Eucharist	Reading: Mark 14. 32 to 15.41
18.30 Choral Evensong	Officiant: The Reverend Andrew Quigley
	Preacher: Sheila Roberts

EVENING PRAYER ON ZOOM

As part of his ministry training, Mike Rule will officiate a service of Evening Prayer via Zoom on Tuesday 28th March at 6.30pm. He will be delighted if you can join him for this service using the following Zoom link:

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/73538232678?pwd=4pUlucImfaOtdbnBlwla94FAjAoiMK.I>

Meeting ID: 735 3823 2678 / Passcode: Nh21fw

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.

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.

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.

A BIG THANK YOU to Paul Jenkins and the University of Leicester Orchestra and Chorus for a wonderful 'Space Concert' on Sunday 15th March, which was well attended and enjoyed by everyone. As a result, a donation of £800 has been made to church funds.

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.

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.

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=Q2ZNRDYrNkoxTjZhdkJhdV43VIRqUT09>

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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/diocesalent-appeal2023-](http://www.justgiving.com/page/diocesalent-appeal2023-1674569951475)

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FORTHCOMING CONCERTS

Wednesday 29th March at 2pm.

Schools Choral Concert organised by Emma Trounson. Entry free. Volunteer welcomers needed.

'Earth, Sea and Sky': schools singing workshop performance. Two schools are attending a choral workshop here at St James, led by our Director of Music. Emma has visited the schools in advance, preparing the songs and the workshop concludes at 2pm with their 'public performance'. All are welcome and an appreciative audience will encourage the children in their music making and give valuable support to this new venture.

Saturday 1st April at 7.30pm.

Leicester Bach Choir Spring Concert

This concert of contrasting sounds and instruments opens with familiar music by Stanford and Ireland, before introducing thrilling 21st century works by English, French and Finnish composers. Choral pieces weave between *Hymn to the sun* by Vierne on organ, and Rautavaara's *The Fire Sermon* and Debussy's *La Cathedrale Engloutie* on piano. It ends with Elgar's lush *Sea Pictures that will send you out humming*.

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

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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