

16/23



This week at the Church of
St James the Greater
Leicester

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16th APRIL 2023
2nd SUNDAY OF EASTER

Prayer for the Week

Almighty Father,
you have given your only Son to die for our sins
and to rise again for our justification:
grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness
that we may always serve you
in pureness of living and truth;
through the merits of your Son Jesus Christ 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 : Gillian Boorne :
Peter Relph : Nina French : Sara King : Jean Warren

Rest in Peace

Pam Howe (80) (former Reader at St. James)
Ken Muddimer: Funeral on Tuesday 25th April at 1.30 pm in St. James.
Renee Lewis : Kath Higginson

EASTER FLOWERS

Thank you to all those who contributed towards the cost of Easter flowers and to the Flower Guild for decorating the church so beautifully for the celebration.

08.30 Welcome to St James the Greater Holy Communion

Common Worship Order One (Traditional)
President: The Reverend Canon Philip Norwood
Assisted by: Sheila Roberts
Churchwarden: Paul Jenkins

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10:30 Sung Eucharist

See order of service

President: The Reverend Jane Sharp
Assisted by: Margaret Sharman
Churchwardens: Simon Edwards and Janet Burton
Sidesperson: David Sharman
Servers: Michael Bull, Hazel Carlin and Tony Chizema
Setting: Thorne Mass of St. Thomas

HYMN 216

The day of resurrection!

GLORIA

Thorne

READING Acts 2.14a, 22-32

read by Andrew Curry

14 But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them:

22 ‘You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know—²³this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law.²⁴ But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power.²⁵ For David says concerning him,

“I saw the Lord always before me,

for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken;

²⁶ therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; moreover, my flesh will live in hope.

²⁷ For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One experience corruption.

²⁸ You have made known to me the ways of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.”

29 'Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. ³⁰Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. ³¹Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying,

"He was not abandoned to Hades,
nor did his flesh experience corruption."

³²This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.

HYMN 217

The strife is o'er, the battle done

GOSPEL John 20. 19-31

19 When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' ²²When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'

24 But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.'

26 A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' ²⁷Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' ²⁸Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' ²⁹Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.'

30 Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

SERMON

The Reverend Jane Sharp

INTERCESSIONS

The Reverend Jane Sharp

OFFERTORY HYMN 200 i (omit v.4&5) Christ the Lord is risen again

ANTHEM

Now the green blade rises *arr. Bullock*

POST COMMUNION HYMN 467 (T. 302 ii) The Son of God proclaim

Post Communion Prayer

Lord God our Father,
through our Saviour Jesus Christ
you have assured your children of eternal life
and in baptism have made us one with him:
deliver us from the death of sin
and raise us to new life in your love,
in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.

RECESSIONAL HYMN 207

Jesus lives! thy terrors now

ORGAN VOLUNTARY – *Please be aware of those remaining to listen*

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Everyone is invited for refreshments at the back of church after the service.

The Vicar Writes

At the beginning of Jesus' life the doors were closed to him – there was no room for him. Now, beyond the end of that life, when he lives again, no door can keep him out. All space and time is his, as his mortality meets eternity in tangible yet transcendent form.



18:30

Evening Prayer with Hymns

See order of service

Officiant and Preacher: Sheila Roberts

Churchwardens: Simon Edwards and April Rule

Server: Michael Bull

HYMN 203

Good Christians all, rejoice and sing!

CONFESSION

see service card

PRECES

Ferial

PSALM 30. 1-5

see music sheet

FIRST LESSON Daniel 6. 6-23

read by Colin Stray

6 So the presidents and satraps conspired and came to the king and said to him, 'O King Darius, live for ever! 7 All the presidents of the kingdom, the prefects and the satraps, the counsellors and the governors, are agreed that the king should

establish an ordinance and enforce an interdict, that whoever prays to anyone, divine or human, for thirty days, except to you, O king, shall be thrown into a den of lions. ⁸Now, O king, establish the interdict and sign the document, so that it cannot be changed, according to the law of the Medes and the Persians, which cannot be revoked.' ⁹Therefore King Darius signed the document and interdict.

¹⁰ Although Daniel knew that the document had been signed, he continued to go to his house, which had windows in its upper room open towards Jerusalem, and to get down on his knees three times a day to pray to his God and praise him, just as he had done previously. ¹¹The conspirators came and found Daniel praying and seeking mercy before his God. ¹²Then they approached the king and said concerning the interdict, 'O king! Did you not sign an interdict, that anyone who prays to anyone, divine or human, within thirty days except to you, O king, shall be thrown into a den of lions?' The king answered, 'The thing stands fast, according to the law of the Medes and Persians, which cannot be revoked.' ¹³Then they responded to the king, 'Daniel, one of the exiles from Judah, pays no attention to you, O king, or to the interdict you have signed, but he is saying his prayers three times a day.'

MAGNIFICAT - HYMN 394

Tell out, my soul

SECOND LESSON Mark 15.46-16.8

read by Angela Stray

⁴⁶Then Joseph bought a linen cloth, and taking down the body, wrapped it in the linen cloth, and laid it in a tomb that had been hewn out of the rock. He then rolled a stone against the door of the tomb. ⁴⁷Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joseph saw where the body was laid.

¹⁶When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. ²And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. ³They had been saying to one another, 'Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?' ⁴When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. ⁵As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. ⁶But he said to them, 'Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. ⁷But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you.' ⁸So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

NUNC DIMITTIS

chanted – see music sheet

THE CREED

RESPONSES

PRAYERS

HYMN 199

SERMON

HYMN 197

see white service card, p 3

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Sheila Roberts

Christ is alive! Let Christians sing

Sheila Roberts

Alleluia! Alleluia! give thanks ...

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 for the link

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://us02web.zoom.us/j/81259880030?pwd=TG9JbmJzUWV56VmFrMmJxdDJBTHFNQT09>

Meeting ID: 812 5988 0030 Passcode: u7iqca

Thursday

10.30 **Holy Communion** Common Worship, Order 1 (traditional)

President: The Rev'd Andrew Quigley. Assisted by: Vicky Roe

11.00 Coffee Drop-In at the back of the Church

19.30 PCC Meeting in the Ashman Room

Friday

16.30 Junior Choir

18.00 Choir Practice

Saturday

16.00 **Chorister Showcase Concert.** See below for details.

Sunday Next – 3rd Sunday of Easter

08.30 **Holy Communion**

President: The Reverend Andrew Quigley

10.30 **Sung Eucharist**

President: The Reverend Andrew Quigley

Readings: Acts 2.14a, 36-41 and Luke 24.13-35

18.30 **Choral Evensong**

Officiant: The Reverend Andrew Quigley

'THE SHELL' The next edition of 'The Shell' is being prepared. The deadline for articles or other contributions is the first week in May. Please send items for inclusion to the church office by post or E-mail or to Paul Jenkins at editor@stjamesthegreater.org.uk

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.

THE DEREK HOLE LECTURE presented by the **University of Leicester Chaplaincy** on **Wednesday 3rd May at 5.30 pm in the Bennett Lecture Theatre 2**. The speaker will be Dr. Krish Kandiah, Chair of the Adoption and Special Guardianship Leadership Board, on 'The Cascade of Grace: transforming society through compassionate hospitality'. The event is open to the public and will be followed by a drinks reception. Book through Eventbrite on <https://chaplancylecture.eventbrite.co.uk>

FORTHCOMING CONCERTS

Saturday 22nd April at 4-5 pm. St. James 'Chorister Showcase' - the choir will be holding a fundraising event to help with the costs of our upcoming weekend choir tour to St Mary Redcliffe, Bristol in August. A concert of solos and ensemble items you wouldn't usually hear our choristers perform! Musical theatre, instrumental... expect the unexpected! - followed by refreshments.

Saturday 29th April at 7 pm. Knighton Chamber Orchestra plays Beethoven. Egmont Overture, Piano Concerto No 5, Emperor, Soloist Francois Salignat, Symphony No 7. Tickets £10 available on the door by cash.

Saturday 13th May at 7 pm. Music for Monarchy. City of Leicester Singers present music from the four nations. Tickets £10 on the door and at www.cityofleicestersingers.co.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
Sunday Worship	Sunday at 8.10 am	Radio 4
Songs of Praise	Sunday at 13.15 pm	BBC I

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 special 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 Reflections and Prayers for the Coronation of King Charles III.
- 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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