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

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**30th APRIL 2023**  
**4th SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**Prayer for the Week**

Almighty God,  
whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life:  
raise us, who trust in him,  
from the death of sin to the life of righteousness,  
that we may seek those things which are above,  
where he 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**

Ken Muddimer:

Renee Lewis : Kath Higginson

Funeral on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> May at 12 noon in St. Andrew's Church, Aylestone.

*The Commemorative Flowers this week have been kindly given by  
Polly Taylor in memory of her parents.*

# Welcome to St James the Greater

**08:30**

## Holy Communion

Common Worship Order One (Traditional)

President: The Reverend Jane Sharp

Assisted by: William Simpey

Churchwarden: Paul Jenkins

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**10:30**

## Sung Eucharist

*See order of service*

President: The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar

Assisted by: Vicky Roe

Churchwardens: Simon Edwards and Janet Burton

Servers: Charles Samuel, Hazel Carlin and Lucy Hutchinson

Setting: Leighton in D

**OPENING HYMN 201 (i)**

**Come ye faithful, raise the strain**

**GLORIA**

**Jones**

READING Acts 2.42-47

*read by Mike Rule*

<sup>42</sup>They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

<sup>43</sup> Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. <sup>44</sup>All who believed were together and had all things in common; <sup>45</sup>they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. <sup>46</sup>Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, <sup>47</sup>praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

**GRADUAL HYMN 653**

**Happy are they, they that love God**

GOSPEL John 10.1-10

'Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. <sup>2</sup>The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. <sup>3</sup>The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. <sup>4</sup>When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. <sup>5</sup>They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him

because they do not know the voice of strangers.’ <sup>6</sup>Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

<sup>7</sup> So again Jesus said to them, ‘Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. <sup>8</sup>All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. <sup>9</sup>I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. <sup>10</sup>The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.

SERMON

The Reverend Andrew Quigley

INTERCESSIONS

The Youth Group

**OFFERTORY HYMN 194**

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Hearts to heaven**

ANTHEM

Above all praise and all majesty - *Mendelssohn*

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

**Post Communion Prayer**

Merciful Father,

you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd,

and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again:

keep us always under his protection,

and give us grace to follow in his steps;

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**RECESSIONAL HYMN 807**

**Thine for ever! God of love**

ORGAN VOLUNTARY – Paeon - *Leighton*

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

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## **The Vicar Writes**

The promise of Christianity is not about rules or limits, not about buildings or services, but is simply about life.

The abundant life Christ brings is not even limited by death and it brings the fulness of love and potential which transforms the world.



**18:30**

## **Choral Evensong**

*See order of service*

Officiant: Sheila Roberts

Churchwarden: Simon Edwards

Servers: Michael Bull and Hilary Rees

**HYMN 640 (i)**

**CONFESSION**

PRECES

**PSALM 29.1-10**

FIRST LESSON Ezra 3.1-13

**Give to our God immortal praise**

*see service card*

Rose

*see music sheet*

*read by Paul Jenkins*

When the seventh month came, and the Israelites were in the towns, the people gathered together in Jerusalem. <sup>2</sup>Then Jeshua son of Jozadak, with his fellow priests, and Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel with his kin set out to build the altar of the God of Israel, to offer burnt-offerings on it, as prescribed in the law of Moses the man of God. <sup>3</sup>They set up the altar on its foundation, because they were in dread of the neighbouring peoples, and they offered burnt-offerings upon it to the LORD, morning and evening. <sup>4</sup>And they kept the festival of booths, as prescribed, and offered the daily burnt-offerings by number according to the ordinance, as required for each day, <sup>5</sup>and after that the regular burnt-offerings, the offerings at the new moon and at all the sacred festivals of the LORD, and the offerings of everyone who made a freewill-offering to the LORD. <sup>6</sup>From the first day of the seventh month they began to offer burnt-offerings to the LORD. But the foundation of the temple of the LORD was not yet laid. <sup>7</sup>So they gave money to the masons and the carpenters, and food, drink, and oil to the Sidonians and the Tyrians to bring cedar trees from Lebanon to the sea, to Joppa, according to the grant that they had from King Cyrus of Persia.

<sup>8</sup> In the second year after their arrival at the house of God at Jerusalem, in the second month, Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel and Jeshua son of Jozadak made a beginning, together with the rest of their people, the priests and the Levites and all who had come to Jerusalem from the captivity. They appointed the Levites, from twenty years old and upwards, to have the oversight of the work on the house of the LORD. <sup>9</sup>And Jeshua with his sons and his kin, and Kadmiel and his sons, Binnui and Hodaviah along with the sons of Henadad, the Levites, their sons and kin, together took charge of the workers in the house of God.

<sup>10</sup> When the builders laid the foundation of the temple of the LORD, the priests in their vestments were stationed to praise the LORD with trumpets, and the Levites, the sons of Asaph, with cymbals, according to the directions of King David of

Israel; <sup>11</sup>and they sang responsively, praising and giving thanks to the LORD,  
'For he is good,

for his steadfast love endures for ever towards Israel.'

And all the people responded with a great shout when they praised the LORD,  
because the foundation of the house of the LORD was laid. <sup>12</sup>But many of the  
priests and Levites and heads of families, old people who had seen the first house  
on its foundations, wept with a loud voice when they saw this house, though many  
shouted aloud for joy, <sup>13</sup>so that the people could not distinguish the sound of the  
joyful shout from the sound of the people's weeping, for the people shouted so  
loudly that the sound was heard far away.

## **OFFICE HYMN 696**

**Jesus, where'er thy people meet**

**MAGNIFICAT**

Sung by the choir *Harwood in A flat*

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

**SECOND LESSON** Ephesians 2.11-22

*read by Brenda Thompson*

So then, remember that at one time you Gentiles by birth, called 'the  
uncircumcision' by those who are called 'the circumcision'—a physical  
circumcision made in the flesh by human hands—<sup>12</sup>remember that you were at  
that time without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and  
strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the  
world. <sup>13</sup>But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought  
near by the blood of Christ. <sup>14</sup>For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both  
groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility  
between us. <sup>15</sup>He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, so  
that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making  
peace, <sup>16</sup>and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross,  
thus putting to death that hostility through it. <sup>17</sup>So he came and proclaimed peace  
to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; <sup>18</sup>for through him  
both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. <sup>19</sup>So then you are no longer  
strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the  
household of God, <sup>20</sup>built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with  
Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. <sup>21</sup>In him the whole structure is joined  
together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; <sup>22</sup>in whom you also are built  
together spiritually into a dwelling-place for God.

**NUNC DIMITTIS**

Sung by the choir *Harwood in A flat*

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

**THE CREED**  
**RESPONSES**

***see white service card, p 3***  
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ANTHEM  
PRAYERS  
**HYMN 204**  
SERMON  
**HYMN 610**

How lovely are thy dwellings – *Brahms*

Sheila Roberts

**If Christ had not been raised from death**

Sheila Roberts

**Christ is the world's true light**

DISMISSAL *Plainsong*

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

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

ORGAN VOLUNTARY – Prelude in C minor - *Mendelssohn*

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## The Week Ahead

### Tuesday - Friday

08.00 Morning Prayer in church

### Wednesday

17.30 Derek Hole Memorial Lecture (see notice below)

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 I (traditional)

President: The Rev'd 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

## Sunday Next – 5th Sunday of Easter

08.30 **Holy Communion (BCP)**      President: The Reverend Andrew Quigley

10.30 **Sung Eucharist**      President: The Reverend Andrew Quigley

Readings: Acts 7.55-end and John 14.1-14

18.30 **Evensong for the Coronation**      Officiant: The Reverend Andrew Quigley

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**'THE SHELL'** The next edition of 'The Shell' is being prepared. The deadline for articles or other contributions is **end of 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](mailto:editor@stjamesthegreater.org.uk)

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**ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING** The APCM will be held after the main morning service on **Sunday May 14<sup>th</sup> at 11.30am**. Copies of the Annual Reports and Accounts will be made available at the back of church. Please see notice below for details of PCC elections.

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**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 at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting on Sunday May 14<sup>th</sup> (after morning service). 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.

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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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**THE DEREK HOLE LECTURE** presented by the **University of Leicester Chaplaincy on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> 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://chaplaianceylecture.eventbrite.co.uk>

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**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER** This year's service was planned by the women of Taiwan. Two local services were held attended by 52 people. £178 was donated in offerings. Next year the services will be on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2024.

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## **FORTHCOMING CONCERT**

**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](http://www.cityofleicestersingers.co.uk)

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# 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
Songs of Praise	Sunday at 13.15 pm	BBC I

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 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.

**Vicky Roe.**

**Pastoral Assistant**

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