

31/23



This week at the Church of
St James the Greater
Leicester

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30th JULY 2023
TRINITY 8

Prayer for the Week

Almighty Lord and everlasting God,
we beseech you to direct, sanctify and govern
both our hearts and bodies
in the ways of your laws
and the works of your commandments;
that through your most mighty protection, both here and ever,
we may be preserved in body and soul;
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,
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 : Rachel Bentley

*The Commemorative Flowers this week have been kindly given by
Pauline Hannaford in memory of her son Dean*

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

Please take this leaflet away with you at the end of the Service.

10.30

Eucharist with Hymns

See order of service

President: The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar

Assisted by: Margaret Sharman

Churchwarden: Simon Edwards

Sidesman: David Sharman

Servers: Charles Samuel, William Woolley and Tony Chizema

Setting: Mass of St. Thomas - Thorne

HYMN 545

GLORIA

READING I Kings 3.5-12

Morning has broken

Thorne

read by Phil Jones

⁵At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, 'Ask what I should give you.' ⁶And Solomon said, 'You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart towards you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. ⁷And now, O LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. ⁸And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. ⁹Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?' ¹⁰It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. ¹¹God said to him, 'Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, ¹²I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you.'

GRADUAL HYMN 658

Help us, O Lord, to learn

GOSPEL Matthew 13.31-33,44-52

31 He put before them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; ³²it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.' 33 He told them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.' 44 'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. 45 'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; ⁴⁶on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it. 47 'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; ⁴⁸when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. ⁴⁹So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous ⁵⁰and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. 51 'Have you understood all this?' They answered, 'Yes.' ⁵²And he said to them, 'Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.'

SERMON

The Reverend Andrew Quigley

INTERCESSIONS

The Reverend Andrew Quigley

OFFERTORY HYMN 676

Immortal, invisible, God only wise

Please remember that intinction (dipping the bread in the wine) is not permitted due to the infection risk. If you do not wish to drink from the chalice, please receive the bread only (which is still full and valid communion).

Post Communion Prayer

Strengthen for service, Lord,

the hands that have taken holy things;

may the ears which have heard your word be deaf to clamour and dispute;

may the tongues which have sung your praise be free from deceit;

may the eyes which have seen the tokens of your love

shine with the light of hope;

and may the bodies which have been fed with your body

be refreshed with the fullness of your life;

glory to you for ever.

RECESSIONAL HYMN 761 Praise the Lord! Ye heavens, adore him

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

A card reader donation machine is available at the back of church.

Everyone is invited for refreshments after the service.

The Vicar Writes

The mustard seed is not just a parable for growth – but growth like a weed, that provides shelter for birds – abundance and hospitality from one perspective, inconvenient pest from another. Are we ready for the inconvenience and unexpectedness of the kingdom?



18.30

Choral Evensong

See order of service

Officiant: Sheila Roberts

Churchwardens: Simon Edwards and April Rule

Server: Phil Jones

HYMN 649

CONFESSION

PRECES

PSALM 75

FIRST LESSON | Kings 6.11-14,23-38

God of mercy, God of grace

see white service card

Darke

see music sheet

read by Andrew Curry

11 Now the word of the LORD came to Solomon, ¹²‘Concerning this house that you are building, if you will walk in my statutes, obey my ordinances, and keep all my commandments by walking in them, then I will establish my promise with you, which I made to your father David. ¹³I will dwell among the children of Israel, and will not forsake my people Israel.’ ¹⁴ So Solomon built the house, and finished it.

²³ In the inner sanctuary he made two cherubim of olive wood, each ten cubits high. ²⁴ Five cubits was the length of one wing of the cherub, and five cubits the length of the other wing of the cherub; it was ten cubits from the tip of one wing to the tip of the other. ²⁵ The other cherub also measured ten cubits; both cherubim had the same measure and the same form. ²⁶ The height of one cherub was ten cubits, and so was that of the other cherub. ²⁷ He put the cherubim in the innermost part of the house; the wings of the cherubim were spread out so that a wing of one was touching one wall, and a wing of the other cherub was touching the other wall; their other wings towards the centre of the house were touching wing to wing. ²⁸ He also overlaid the cherubim with gold. ²⁹ He carved the walls of the house all round about with carved engravings of cherubim, palm trees, and open flowers, in the inner and outer rooms. ³⁰ The floor of the house he overlaid with gold, in the inner and outer rooms. ³¹ For the entrance to the inner sanctuary he made doors of olive wood; the lintel and the doorposts were five-sided. ³² He covered the two doors of olive wood with carvings of cherubim, palm

trees, and open flowers; he overlaid them with gold, and spread gold on the cherubim and on the palm trees. ³³ So also he made for the entrance to the nave doorposts of olive wood, each four-sided, ³⁴ and two doors of cypress wood; the two leaves of one door were folding, and the two leaves of the other door were folding. ³⁵ He carved cherubim, palm trees, and open flowers, overlaying them with gold evenly applied upon the carved work. ³⁶ He built the inner court with three courses of dressed stone to one course of cedar beams. ³⁷ In the fourth year the foundation of the house of the LORD was laid, in the month of Ziv. ³⁸ In the eleventh year, in the month of Bul, which is the eighth month, the house was finished in all its parts, and according to all its specifications. He was seven years in building it.

HYMN 17
MAGNIFICAT

Hail, gladdening Light
Sung by the choir - Brewer in F
Please remain seated but stand for the Gloria

SECOND LESSON Acts 12.1-17

read by Julia Warner

About that time King Herod laid violent hands upon some who belonged to the church. ² He had James, the brother of John, killed with the sword. ³ After he saw that it pleased the Jews, he proceeded to arrest Peter also. (This was during the festival of Unleavened Bread.) ⁴ When he had seized him, he put him in prison and handed him over to four squads of soldiers to guard him, intending to bring him out to the people after the Passover. ⁵ While Peter was kept in prison, the church prayed fervently to God for him. ⁶ The very night before Herod was going to bring him out, Peter, bound with two chains, was sleeping between two soldiers, while guards in front of the door were keeping watch over the prison. ⁷ Suddenly an angel of the Lord appeared and a light shone in the cell. He tapped Peter on the side and woke him, saying, 'Get up quickly.' And the chains fell off his wrists. ⁸ The angel said to him, 'Fasten your belt and put on your sandals.' He did so. Then he said to him, 'Wrap your cloak around you and follow me.' ⁹ Peter went out and followed him; he did not realize that what was happening with the angel's help was real; he thought he was seeing a vision. ¹⁰ After they had passed the first and the second guard, they came before the iron gate leading into the city. It opened for them of its own accord, and they went outside and walked along a lane, when suddenly the angel left him. ¹¹ Then Peter came to himself and said, 'Now I am sure that the Lord has sent his angel and rescued me from the hands of Herod and from all that the Jewish people were expecting.' ¹² As soon as he realized this, he went to the house of Mary, the mother of John whose other name was Mark, where many had gathered and were praying. ¹³ When he knocked at the outer gate, a maid named Rhoda came to answer. ¹⁴ On recognizing Peter's voice, she was so overjoyed that, instead of opening the gate, she ran in and announced that Peter was standing at the gate. ¹⁵ They said to her, 'You are out of your mind!' But she insisted that it was so. They said, 'It is his angel.' ¹⁶ Meanwhile, Peter continued

knocking; and when they opened the gate, they saw him and were amazed. ¹⁷He motioned to them with his hand to be silent, and described for them how the Lord had brought him out of the prison. And he added, 'Tell this to James and to the believers.' Then he left and went to another place.

NUNC DIMITTIS

see music sheet

THE CREED

see white service card, p 3

RESPONSES

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ANTHEM

Fairest Lord Jesus - *How*

PRAYERS

Sheila Roberts

HYMN 602

Blest are the pure in heart

SERMON

Sheila Roberts

HYMN 696

Jesus, where'er thy people meet

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

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The Week Ahead

Monday

14.30 House Group online. E-mail A.F.Jagger@dunelm.org.uk for the link

Thursday:

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

President: The Rev'd Andrew Quigley. Assisted by: Sheila Roberts

11.00 Coffee Drop-In at the back of the Church

Sunday Next – TRINITY 9 -TRANSFIGURATION

08.30 **Holy Communion(BCP)** President: The Rev'd Canon Dr.Johannes Arens

10.30 **Sung Eucharist** President: The Rev'd Canon Philip Norwood

Readings: Daniel 7.9-10,13-14 and Luke 9.28-36

18.30 **Evening Prayer with Hymns** Officiant: Angela Jagger

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.

FREE ART EXHIBITION 'The Human One', by Welsh artist, Jeremy Thomas, will be at St Hugh's, Granville Street, Market Harborough, LE16 9HF, in August. It is an exhibition of originals and prints exploring the Life, Death and Resurrection of Jesus, the Christ. It is open on Fridays 6-8 pm, Saturdays 12-3 pm and Sundays 2-4 pm. Refreshments will be available at these times.

For full information on open dates and times please visit the church website:

<https://www.harborough-anglican.org.uk/transfiguration>

COMPLINE The online Compline service on Wednesday evenings will not take place during the month of August. It will recommence on Wednesday 6th September at the usual time of 9 pm.

CAN YOU HELP?

WELCOMING We need more **sidespeople** to welcome people to our services. The job is simple - handing people the service sheets and welcoming them as they arrive, but important, particularly for new people coming to church. Please speak to the Vicar or Churchwardens if you can help.

READING During the course of the 10.30 am Eucharist and 6.30 pm Evensong services members of the congregation read a passage from the Bible as part of our worship. If taking part in services in this way is something that may interest you, please have a chat with Mike Rule.

SINGING If you like to sing with and may wish to explore the possibility of joining St James Singers, please have a chat with Mike Rule. We rehearse every fortnight on a Thursday evening and sing one service each month and during school holidays. No audition is required, just a love of singing.

SERVING Singing, reading or welcoming not for you? Have you considered joining our serving team? Talk to one of us or E-mail servers@stjamesthegreater.org

ADMINISTRATOR St. James is looking for an administrator. This is for a minimum of 9 hours per week, additional hours may be required, at an hourly rate of £14.50. Experience of parish administration and a willingness to start immediately on appointment would be desirable. This role will also include managing church and hall bookings, marketing and book-keeping. Closing date: Sunday 30th July 2023. Expressions of interest can be sent to the Churchwardens, Simon Edwards and April Rule. E-mail: fabric@stjamesthegreater.org.uk

THE SHELL

The deadline for contributions to the next edition of 'The Shell' is **next** Sunday 6th of August. Please send items for inclusion to the church office by post or E-mail or to Paul Jenkins at editor@stjamesthegreater.org.uk

CHOIR ON TOUR

The Senior Choir are going on tour to Bristol over the weekend 4-6th August. They are travelling down by minibus, staying in a hotel and meeting up with recent past choristers to sing a recital in Clifton on the Saturday 5th August and three services on Sunday 6th August at St Mary Redcliffe. If you'd like to come and support the choir in the audience/congregation, or you have family or friends in the area, please contact Emma for more precise details of when and where the choir will be singing over the weekend. E-mail: dom@stjamesthegreater.org.uk

RIDE AND STRIDE

This takes place on Saturday 9th September. If you would like to take part in this year's sponsored event, forms are on the back table. If you require further information, go to <https://www.lhct.org.uk/ride-and-stride/>

If you can volunteer on the day for an hour or two to help welcome people coming to St. James, please contact the Church Office on 0116 2542111 **or sign up on the sheet at the back of church.**

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 1.15pm	BBC 1

Online at www.churchofengland.org and www.leicestercathedral.org

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