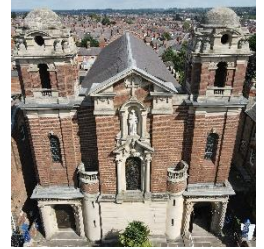


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This week at the Church of
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20th AUGUST 2023
TRINITY II
Prayer for the Week

O God, you declare your almighty power
most chiefly in showing mercy and pity:
mercifully grant to us such a measure of your grace,
that we, running the way of your commandments,
may receive your gracious promises,
and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure;
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:

Baptised today:
Nala Aura John

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 :
Nicola Shilton : Mandy Stephensen

*The Commemorative Flowers this week have been kindly given by
Barbara Raven in memory of John Raven*

Welcome to St James the Greater

08:30

Holy Communion

Common Worship Order One (Traditional)

President: The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar

Assisted by: Sheila Roberts

Churchwarden: Julia Walker

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

10:30

Sung Eucharist

See order of service

President: The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar

Assisted by: Margaret Sharman

Churchwardens: April Rule and Janet Burton

Servers: Michael Bull, Phil Jones and Charles Samuel

Sidesperson: David Sharman

Settings: Mass of St. Thomas – Thorne (Kyrie and Gloria):

Aston in F (Sanctus, Benedictus, Agnus Dei)

HYMN 608

GLORIA

READING Isaiah 56.1,6-8

Thus says the LORD:

Maintain justice, and do what is right,
for soon my salvation will come,
and my deliverance be revealed.

⁶ And the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD,
to minister to him, to love the name of the LORD,
and to be his servants,

all who keep the sabbath, and do not profane it,
and hold fast my covenant—

⁷ these I will bring to my holy mountain,
and make them joyful in my house of prayer;
their burnt-offerings and their sacrifices
will be accepted on my altar;

for my house shall be called a house of prayer
for all peoples.

⁸ Thus says the Lord GOD,
who gathers the outcasts of Israel,

Christ is our corner-stone Thorne

read by Val Bailey

I will gather others to them
besides those already gathered.

GRADUAL HYMN 679

In Christ there is no east or west

GOSPEL Matthew 15.10-28

Then he called the crowd to him and said to them, 'Listen and understand: ¹¹it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles.' ¹²Then the disciples approached and said to him, 'Do you know that the Pharisees took offence when they heard what you said?' ¹³He answered, 'Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. ¹⁴Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit.' ¹⁵But Peter said to him, 'Explain this parable to us.' ¹⁶Then he said, 'Are you also still without understanding? ¹⁷Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach, and goes out into the sewer? ¹⁸But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. ¹⁹For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, fornication, theft, false witness, slander. ²⁰These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile.'

²¹Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. ²²Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, 'Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.' ²³But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, 'Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.' ²⁴He answered, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.' ²⁵But she came and knelt before him, saying, 'Lord, help me.' ²⁶He answered, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs.' ²⁷She said, 'Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table.' ²⁸Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.' And her daughter was healed instantly.

SERMON

The Reverend Andrew Quigley

INTERCESSIONS

The Reverend Andrew Quigley

OFFERTORY HYMN 709

Light of the minds that know him

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).

ANTHEM

O taste and see - French

POST COMMUNION HYMN 439

Dearest Jesu, we are here

Post Communion Prayer

Lord of all mercy,
we your faithful people have celebrated that one true sacrifice
which takes away our sins and brings pardon and peace:
by our communion

keep us firm on the foundation of the gospel
and preserve us from all sin;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

RECESSIONAL HYMN 655

Have faith in God, my heart

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

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Everyone is invited for refreshments after the service.

12.30 Service of Baptism for Nala Aura John

The Vicar Writes

We still buy into the idea of pollution by eating – just look at the ever-growing list of “bad” foods that if we could only avoid we would live forever... However, in health both physical and spiritual, it is those wider habits of life that make most difference. Rather than the fundamentally selfish focus on what we put into ourselves, the outward focus on what we give to the world is more important.



18:30

Taizé Service

See special order of service

Officiant: The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar

Preacher: Sheila Roberts

Churchwarden: April Rule

Server: Hilary Rees

FIRST LESSON 2 Kings 4.1-37

read by Jennifer Clegg

Now the wife of a member of the company of prophets cried to Elisha, ‘Your servant my husband is dead; and you know that your servant feared the LORD, but a creditor has come to take my two children as slaves.’² Elisha said to her, ‘What shall I do for you? Tell me, what do you have in the house?’ She answered, ‘Your servant has nothing in the house, except a jar of oil.’³ He said, ‘Go outside, borrow vessels from all your neighbours, empty vessels and not just a few.’⁴ Then go in, and shut the door behind you and your children, and start pouring into all these vessels; when each is full, set it aside.’⁵ So she left him and shut the door behind her and her children; they kept bringing vessels to her, and she kept pouring.⁶ When the vessels were full, she said to her son, ‘Bring me another vessel.’ But he said to her, ‘There are no more.’ Then the oil stopped flowing.⁷ She came and told the man of God, and he said, ‘Go, sell the oil and pay your debts, and you and your children can live on the rest.’⁸ One day Elisha was passing through Shunem, where a wealthy woman lived, who urged him to have a meal. So whenever he passed that way, he would stop there for a meal.⁹ She said to her husband,

'Look, I am sure that this man who regularly passes our way is a holy man of God. ¹⁰Let us make a small roof chamber with walls, and put there for him a bed, a table, a chair, and a lamp, so that he can stay there whenever he comes to us.' ¹¹One day when he came there, he went up to the chamber and lay down there. ¹²He said to his servant Gehazi, 'Call the Shunammite woman.' When he had called her, she stood before him. ¹³He said to him, 'Say to her, Since you have taken all this trouble for us, what may be done for you? Would you have a word spoken on your behalf to the king or to the commander of the army?' She answered, 'I live among my own people.' ¹⁴He said, 'What then may be done for her?' Gehazi answered, 'Well, she has no son, and her husband is old.' ¹⁵He said, 'Call her.' When he had called her, she stood at the door. ¹⁶He said, 'At this season, in due time, you shall embrace a son.' She replied, 'No, my lord, O man of God; do not deceive your servant.' ¹⁷The woman conceived and bore a son at that season, in due time, as Elisha had declared to her. ¹⁸When the child was older, he went out one day to his father among the reapers. ¹⁹He complained to his father, 'Oh, my head, my head!' The father said to his servant, 'Carry him to his mother.' ²⁰He carried him and brought him to his mother; the child sat on her lap until noon, and he died. ²¹She went up and laid him on the bed of the man of God, closed the door on him, and left. ²²Then she called to her husband, and said, 'Send me one of the servants and one of the donkeys, so that I may quickly go to the man of God and come back again.' ²³He said, 'Why go to him today? It is neither new moon nor sabbath.' She said, 'It will be all right.' ²⁴Then she saddled the donkey and said to her servant, 'Urge the animal on; do not hold back for me unless I tell you.' ²⁵So she set out, and came to the man of God at Mount Carmel. When the man of God saw her coming, he said to Gehazi his servant, 'Look, there is the Shunammite woman; ²⁶run at once to meet her, and say to her, Are you all right? Is your husband all right? Is the child all right?' She answered, 'It is all right.' ²⁷When she came to the man of God at the mountain, she caught hold of his feet. Gehazi approached to push her away. But the man of God said, 'Let her alone, for she is in bitter distress; the LORD has hidden it from me and has not told me.' ²⁸Then she said, 'Did I ask my lord for a son? Did I not say, Do not mislead me?' ²⁹He said to Gehazi, 'Gird up your loins, and take my staff in your hand, and go. If you meet anyone, give no greeting, and if anyone greets you, do not answer; and lay my staff on the face of the child.' ³⁰Then the mother of the child said, 'As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave without you.' So he rose up and followed her. ³¹Gehazi went on ahead and laid the staff on the face of the child, but there was no sound or sign of life. He came back to meet him and told him, 'The child has not awakened.' ³²When Elisha came into the house, he saw the child lying dead on his bed. ³³So he went in and closed the door on the two of them, and prayed to the LORD. ³⁴Then he got up on the bed and lay upon the child, putting his mouth upon his mouth, his eyes upon his eyes, and his hands upon his hands; and while he lay bent over him, the flesh of the child became warm. ³⁵He got down, walked once to and fro in the room, then got up again and bent over him; the child sneezed seven times, and the child opened his eyes. ³⁶Elisha summoned Gehazi and said, 'Call the Shunammite woman.' So he called her. When she came to him, he said, 'Take your son.' ³⁷She came and fell at his feet, bowing to the ground; then she took her son and left.

SECOND LESSON Acts 16.1-15

read by Mike Bull

Paul went on also to Derbe and to Lystra, where there was a disciple named Timothy, the son of a Jewish woman who was a believer; but his father was a Greek. ²He was well spoken of by the believers in Lystra and Iconium. ³Paul wanted Timothy to accompany him; and he took him and had him circumcised because of the Jews who were in those places, for they all knew that

his father was a Greek. ⁴As they went from town to town, they delivered to them for observance the decisions that had been reached by the apostles and elders who were in Jerusalem. ⁵So the churches were strengthened in the faith and increased in numbers daily. ⁶They went through the region of Phrygia and Galatia, having been forbidden by the Holy Spirit to speak the word in Asia. ⁷When they had come opposite Mysia, they attempted to go into Bithynia, but the Spirit of Jesus did not allow them; ⁸so, passing by Mysia, they went down to Troas. ⁹During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, 'Come over to Macedonia and help us.' ¹⁰When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them. **11** We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, ¹²and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. ¹³On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. ¹⁴A certain woman named Lydia, a worshipper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. ¹⁵When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, 'If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home.' And she prevailed upon us.

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The Week Ahead

Wednesday

18.00 Concert given by 'Cantus Juvenum Karlsruhe' German Youth Choir.
(for details see below)

Thursday: Bartholomew the Apostle

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

President: The Reverend Jane Sharp. Assisted by: Vicky Roe

11.00 Coffee Drop-In at the back of the Church

19.30 St James Singers rehearsal in Ashman Room

Sunday Next – TRINITY 12

08.30 **Holy Communion**

President: The Rev'd Canon Dr Johannes Arens

10.30 **Sung Eucharist**

President: The Reverend Jane Sharp

Readings: Isaiah 51.1-6 and Matthew 16.13-20

18.30 **Choral Evensong**

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.

A TAIZÉ-STYLE SERVICE will replace Evensong **tonight**. It will be led by the Vicar and Sheila Roberts. All are welcome to attend.

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>

FORTHCOMING CONCERT

Wednesday 23rd August at 6pm. 'Cantus Juvenum Karlsruhe' German Youth Choir. Directors: Jörg Wetzel, Tristan Meister, Peter Gortner. Accompanist: Leon Tscholl.

Free of charge, donations for the organ.
No interval, refreshments after the concert.

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

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.**

JUNIOR CHOIR – recommences September 1st.

Our Junior Choir meets on Fridays 4.30 pm-5.30 pm and welcomes children of primary age. They will sing roughly once a month at Sunday services to begin with, for which they will even earn a bit of pocket money! The choir is free to join, there are no auditions and the boys and girls will sing in our supportive and inclusive church environment. Being a chorister means getting a free music education. From the moment they start school onwards children can be part of an organisation where they will improve their singing voice, learn to read music, develop their confidence, work as a team with other children, perform at a high level with teenagers and adults and make friends for life. If you know of a child of primary school age who might be interested, or are willing to help at the choir, please get in touch with Emma Trounson: DoM@stjamesthegreater.org.uk.

Resources for Home Worship

Broadcast Media

Daily Service	Monday – Friday at 9.45am	Radio 4 LW
Choral Evensong	Sunday at 3 pm and Wednesday at 4 pm	Radio 3
Sunday Worship	Sunday at 8.10 am	Radio 4
Songs of Praise	Sunday at 1.30 pm	BBC 2

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

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