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This week at the Church of
St James the Greater
Leicester

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27th AUGUST 2023
TRINITY 12
Prayer for the Week

Almighty and everlasting God,
you are always more ready to hear than we to pray
and to give more than either we desire or deserve:
pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy,
forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid
and giving us those good things
which we are not worthy to ask
but through the merits and mediation
of 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:

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 : Margaret Clarke

*The Commemorative Flowers this week have been kindly given by
Michael Molloy in memory of Michael and Hilda Molloy*

Welcome to St James the Greater

08:30

Holy Communion

Common Worship Order One (Traditional)

President: The Reverend Canon Dr. Johannes Arens

Assisted by: Janet Burton

Churchwarden: Julia Walker

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10:30

Sung Eucharist

See order of service

President: The Reverend Jane Sharp

Assisted by: David Kibert

Churchwardens: April Rule and Janet Burton

Servers: David Kibert, William Simpey and William Woolley

Sidesperson: Sue Ingle

Settings: Mass of St. Thomas – Thorne

HYMN 357

GLORIA

READING Isaiah 51.1-6

Listen to me, you that pursue righteousness,
you that seek the LORD.

Look to the rock from which you were hewn,
and to the quarry from which you were dug.

² Look to Abraham your father
and to Sarah who bore you;

for he was but one when I called him,
but I blessed him and made him many.

³ For the LORD will comfort Zion;
he will comfort all her waste places,
and will make her wilderness like Eden,
her desert like the garden of the LORD;
joy and gladness will be found in her,
thanksgiving and the voice of song.

⁴ Listen to me, my people,
and give heed to me, my nation;
for a teaching will go out from me,
and my justice for a light to the peoples.

All people that on earth do dwell

Lecot

read by Phil Jones

⁵ I will bring near my deliverance swiftly,
my salvation has gone out
and my arms will rule the peoples;
the coastlands wait for me,
and for my arm they hope.

⁶ Lift up your eyes to the heavens,
and look at the earth beneath;
for the heavens will vanish like smoke,
the earth will wear out like a garment,
and those who live on it will die like gnats;
but my salvation will be for ever,
and my deliverance will never be ended.

GRADUAL HYMN 51

The Lord will come and not be slow

GOSPEL Matthew 16.13-20

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that the Son of Man is?' ¹⁴And they said, 'Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' ¹⁵He said to them, 'But who do you say that I am?' ¹⁶Simon Peter answered, 'You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.' ¹⁷And Jesus answered him, 'Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. ¹⁸And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. ¹⁹I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.' ²⁰Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

SERMON

The Reverend Jane Sharp

INTERCESSIONS

The Reverend Jane Sharp

OFFERTORY HYMN 321

Thou art the Christ, O Lord

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 HYMN 441 Draw near and take the body of the Lord

Post Communion Prayer

God of all mercy,
in this eucharist you have set aside our sins
and given us your healing:
grant that we who are made whole in Christ
may bring that healing to this broken world,
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

RECESSIONAL HYMN 629 iii

Father, hear the prayer we offer

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

This morning we are not singing “The Church’s one foundation” (written by a Rev’d Stone, amusingly enough), which is just as well, since it contradicts our Gospel reading. Peter is the Church’s one foundation, although since that declaration is based on his recognition of Jesus as the Christ, perhaps Rev’d Stone was right all along. We are invited to consider what we base our lives on, what is truly our foundation stone, and whether it will endure.



18:30

Choral Evensong

See order of service

Officiant: Angela Jagger

Churchwardens: Simon Edwards and April Rule

Sidespeople: Colin and Angela Stray

Server: Hazel Carlin

HYMN 503

CONFESSION

PRECES

PSALM 95

Send, O God, your Holy Spirit

see white service card

Darke

see music sheet

FIRST LESSON 2 Kings 6.8-23

read by Colin Stray

Once when the king of Aram was at war with Israel, he took counsel with his officers. He said, ‘At such and such a place shall be my camp.’ ⁹But the man of God sent word to the king of Israel, ‘Take care not to pass this place, because the Arameans are going down there.’ ¹⁰The king of Israel sent word to the place of which the man of God spoke. More than once or twice he warned such a place so that it was on the alert.

|| The mind of the king of Aram was greatly perturbed because of this; he called his officers and said to them, ‘Now tell me who among us sides with the king of Israel?’ ¹²Then one of his officers said, ‘No one, my lord king. It is Elisha, the prophet in Israel, who tells the king of Israel the words that you speak in your bedchamber.’ ¹³He said, ‘Go and find where he is; I will send and seize him.’ He

was told, 'He is in Dothan.' ¹⁴So he sent horses and chariots there and a great army; they came by night, and surrounded the city.

¹⁵ When an attendant of the man of God rose early in the morning and went out, an army with horses and chariots was all around the city. His servant said, 'Alas, master! What shall we do?' ¹⁶He replied, 'Do not be afraid, for there are more with us than there are with them.' ¹⁷Then Elisha prayed: 'O LORD, please open his eyes that he may see.' So the LORD opened the eyes of the servant, and he saw; the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha. ¹⁸When the Arameans came down against him, Elisha prayed to the LORD, and said, 'Strike this people, please, with blindness.' So he struck them with blindness as Elisha had asked. ¹⁹Elisha said to them, 'This is not the way, and this is not the city; follow me, and I will bring you to the man whom you seek.' And he led them to Samaria.

²⁰ As soon as they entered Samaria, Elisha said, 'O LORD, open the eyes of these men so that they may see.' The LORD opened their eyes, and they saw that they were inside Samaria. ²¹When the king of Israel saw them he said to Elisha, 'Father, shall I kill them? Shall I kill them?' ²²He answered, 'No! Did you capture with your sword and your bow those whom you want to kill? Set food and water before them so that they may eat and drink; and let them go to their master.' ²³So he prepared for them a great feast; after they ate and drank, he sent them on their way, and they went to their master. And the Arameans no longer came raiding into the land of Israel.

HYMN 383

Lord, thy word abideth

MAGNIFICAT

Sung by the choir – *Brewer in F*

Please remain seated but stand for the Gloria

SECOND LESSON Acts 17.15-34

read by Angela Stray

Those who conducted Paul brought him as far as Athens; and after receiving instructions to have Silas and Timothy join him as soon as possible, they left him.

¹⁶ While Paul was waiting for them in Athens, he was deeply distressed to see that the city was full of idols. ¹⁷So he argued in the synagogue with the Jews and the devout persons, and also in the market-place every day with those who happened to be there. ¹⁸Also some Epicurean and Stoic philosophers debated with him. Some said, 'What does this babbler want to say?' Others said, 'He seems to be a proclaimer of foreign divinities.' (This was because he was telling the good news about Jesus and the resurrection.) ¹⁹So they took him and brought him to the Areopagus and asked him, 'May we know what this new teaching is that you are presenting?' ²⁰It sounds rather strange to us, so we would like to know what it

means.’ ²¹Now all the Athenians and the foreigners living there would spend their time in nothing but telling or hearing something new.

22 Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, ‘Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. ²³For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, “To an unknown god.” What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. ²⁴The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, ²⁵nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. ²⁶From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, ²⁷so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. ²⁸For “In him we live and move and have our being”; as even some of your own poets have said, “For we too are his offspring.”

²⁹Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. ³⁰While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, ³¹because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.’

32 When they heard of the resurrection of the dead, some scoffed; but others said, ‘We will hear you again about this.’ ³³At that point Paul left them. ³⁴But some of them joined him and became believers, including Dionysius the Areopagite and a woman named Damaris, and others with them.

NUNC DIMITTIS

**THE CREED
RESPONSES**

ANTHEM

PRAYERS

HYMN 727 i

SERMON

HYMN 626

see music sheet

see *white service card, p. 3*

Ferial

Let all the world – Dyson

Angela Jagger

May the mind of Christ my Saviour

Angela Jagger

Father in whom we live

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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

Thursday:

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

President: The Reverend Andrew Quigley. Assisted by: Vicky Roe

11.00 Coffee Drop-In at the back of the Church

Friday

16.30 Junior Choir. 18.15 Chorister Training. 6.45 Full Choir Rehearsal.

19.00 Bible Discussion via Zoom. To join, please use the link or codes below:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83054314360?pwd=RU4yUzhVSnpSajZHanBZYU93K3pOdz09>

Meeting ID: 830 5431 4360 Passcode: 922881

Sunday Next – TRINITY 13

08.30 **Holy Communion**

President: The Reverend Andrew Quigley

10.30 **Sung Eucharist**

President: The Reverend Andrew Quigley

Readings: Jeremiah 15.15-21 and Matthew 16.21-end

18.30 **Choral Evensong**

Officiant: Sheila Roberts

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.

THANK YOU FOR THE MUSIC We are very grateful to St. James Singers for leading the worship during August. If you would like to join, please see Mike Rule.

NEW ADMINISTRATOR After considerable interest in the position, we are pleased to announce that from the start of September, our new Administrator, James Gutteridge, will relieve Vicky Roe from this arduous role (and our deepest thanks go to her for tiding us over to this point). James will fill this post alongside his work as administrator at St Mary Magdalen, Knighton, where he works in the morning, so he will be in the office at St. James on weekday afternoons.

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/>

SPONSORSHIP Andrew Curry and Mike Rule are participating in Ride & Stride this year and would welcome sponsorship from anyone at St. James the Greater. Any money that raised will be divided equally, with 50% going to St. James and 50% to the Leicestershire Historic Churches Trust, which uses the funds raised for grants to churches and chapels for repair, restoration and improvement projects.

SUNDAY 17TH SEPTEMBER The Radio 2 Festival in the Park that weekend has necessitated changes to the regular service pattern. In order to avoid noise disturbance, the 8.30 am said service will be the main Holy Communion, the Battle of Britain Service will start at 10 am and the 6.30 pm service will be on Zoom.

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 1.15 pm	BBC 1

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

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