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This week at the Church of  
**St James the Greater**  
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**3<sup>rd</sup> SEPTEMBER 2023**  
**CREATIONTIDE I**  
**Prayer for the Week**

Almighty God,  
who called your Church to bear witness  
that you were in Christ reconciling the world to yourself:  
help us to proclaim the good news of your love,  
that all who hear it may be drawn to you;  
through him who was lifted up on the cross,  
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 Vicky Roe*

# Welcome to St James the Greater

**08:30**

## Holy Communion

Book of Common Prayer

President: The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar

Assisted by: Mike Rule

Churchwarden: Paul Jenkins

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**10:30**

## Sung Eucharist

***See order of service***

President: The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar

Assisted by: Michael Bull

Churchwardens: April Rule and Janet Burton

Servers: Hazel Carlin, Michael Bull and Charles Samuel

Sidesperson: David Pugh

Setting: Ireland in C

**HYMN 541 (Tune 345)**

**GLORIA**

**Lord of beauty, thine the splendour**

**Rawsthorne**

READING Jeremiah 15.15-21

*read by Caroline Beardsmore*

<sup>15</sup> O LORD, you know;  
remember me and visit me,  
and bring down retribution for me on my persecutors.

In your forbearance do not take me away;  
know that on your account I suffer insult.

<sup>16</sup> Your words were found, and I ate them,  
and your words became to me a joy  
and the delight of my heart;

for I am called by your name,  
O LORD, God of hosts.

<sup>17</sup> I did not sit in the company of merry-makers,  
nor did I rejoice;  
under the weight of your hand I sat alone,  
for you had filled me with indignation.

<sup>18</sup> Why is my pain unceasing,  
my wound incurable,  
refusing to be healed?

Truly, you are to me like a deceitful brook,

like waters that fail.

<sup>19</sup> Therefore, thus says the LORD:

If you turn back, I will take you back,  
and you shall stand before me.

If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless,  
you shall serve as my mouth.

It is they who will turn to you,  
not you who will turn to them.

<sup>20</sup> And I will make you to this people  
a fortified wall of bronze;

they will fight against you,  
but they shall not prevail over you,

for I am with you  
to save you and deliver you, says the LORD.

<sup>21</sup> I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked,  
and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.

**GRADUAL HYMN 379 (Tune 337)      God has spoken – by his prophets**

**GOSPEL** Matthew 16.21-end

<sup>21</sup> From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. <sup>22</sup>And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, 'God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you.' <sup>23</sup>But he turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling-block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.'

<sup>24</sup> Then Jesus told his disciples, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. <sup>25</sup>For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. <sup>26</sup>For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?

<sup>27</sup> 'For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. <sup>28</sup>Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.'

**SERMON**

**INTERCESSIONS**

**OFFERTORY HYMN 635**

The Reverend Andrew Quigley

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**For the healing of the nations**

ANTHEM

A Gaelic Blessing - Rutter

**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 430 i**

**Bread of heaven, on thee we feed**

**Post Communion Prayer**

God our creator,  
you feed your children with the true manna,  
the living bread from heaven:  
let this holy food sustain us through our earthly pilgrimage  
until we come to that place  
    where hunger and thirst are no more;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**RECESSIONAL HYMN 580**

**Judge eternal, throned in splendour**

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

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*Everyone is invited for refreshments after the service.*

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## The Vicar Writes

Following Christ is not just about going to church and singing hymns, or even praying and reading the Bible. It is a serious business, of self-denial and real life and death choices. As we enter Creationtide, we have this opportunity to consider where our care for the planet and our Christian vocation might intersect, even as people die in fire and floods as a consequence of our bad choices



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**18:30**

**Choral Evensong**

*See order of service*

Officiant: Sheila Roberts

Churchwardens: Simon Edwards and April Rule

Servers: Phil Jones and William Woolley

**HYMN 737**

**CONFESSION**

**PRECES**

**PSALM 121**

**New songs of celebration render**

*see white service card*

Forbes-L'Estrange

*see music sheet*

<sup>24</sup> Some time later King Ben-hadad of Aram mustered his entire army; he marched against Samaria and laid siege to it. <sup>25</sup> As the siege continued, famine in Samaria became so great that a donkey's head was sold for eighty shekels of silver, and one-fourth of a kab of dove's dung for five shekels of silver.

<sup>3</sup> Now there were four leprous men outside the city gate, who said to one another, 'Why should we sit here until we die? <sup>4</sup> If we say, "Let us enter the city", the famine is in the city, and we shall die there; but if we sit here, we shall also die. Therefore, let us desert to the Aramean camp; if they spare our lives, we shall live; and if they kill us, we shall but die.' <sup>5</sup> So they arose at twilight to go to the Aramean camp; but when they came to the edge of the Aramean camp, there was no one there at all. <sup>6</sup> For the Lord had caused the Aramean army to hear the sound of chariots and of horses, the sound of a great army, so that they said to one another, 'The king of Israel has hired the kings of the Hittites and the kings of Egypt to fight against us.' <sup>7</sup> So they fled away in the twilight and abandoned their tents, their horses, and their donkeys, leaving the camp just as it was, and fled for their lives. <sup>8</sup> When these leprous men had come to the edge of the camp, they went into a tent, ate and drank, carried off silver, gold, and clothing, and went and hid them. Then they came back, entered another tent, carried off things from it, and went and hid them.

<sup>9</sup> Then they said to one another, 'What we are doing is wrong. This is a day of good news; if we are silent and wait until the morning light, we will be found guilty; therefore let us go and tell the king's household.' <sup>10</sup> So they came and called to the gatekeepers of the city, and told them, 'We went to the Aramean camp, but there was no one to be seen or heard there, nothing but the horses tied, the donkeys tied, and the tents as they were.' <sup>11</sup> Then the gatekeepers called out and proclaimed it to the king's household. <sup>12</sup> The king got up in the night, and said to his servants, 'I will tell you what the Arameans have prepared against us. They know that we are starving; so they have left the camp to hide themselves in the open country, thinking, "When they come out of the city, we shall take them alive and get into the city." ' <sup>13</sup> One of his servants said, 'Let some men take five of the remaining horses, since those left here will suffer the fate of the whole multitude of Israel that have perished already; let us send and find out.' <sup>14</sup> So they took two mounted men, and the king sent them after the Aramean army, saying, 'Go and find out.' <sup>15</sup> So they went after them as far as the Jordan; the whole way was littered with garments and equipment that the Arameans had thrown away in their haste. So the messengers returned, and told the king.

<sup>16</sup> Then the people went out, and plundered the camp of the Arameans. So a measure of choice meal was sold for a shekel, and two measures of barley for a shekel, according to the word of the LORD. <sup>17</sup> Now the king had appointed the

captain on whose hand he leaned to have charge of the gate; the people trampled him to death in the gate, just as the man of God had said when the king came down to him. <sup>18</sup>For when the man of God had said to the king, 'Two measures of barley shall be sold for a shekel, and a measure of choice meal for a shekel, about this time tomorrow in the gate of Samaria', <sup>19</sup>the captain had answered the man of God, 'Even if the LORD were to make windows in the sky, could such a thing happen?' And he had answered, 'You shall see it with your own eyes, but you shall not eat from it.' <sup>20</sup>It did indeed happen to him; the people trampled him to death in the gate.

**HYMN 770**

**Restore in us, O God**

**MAGNIFICAT**

*See music sheet*

**SECOND LESSON Acts 18.1-6**

*read by Vicky Roe*

After this Paul left Athens and went to Corinth. <sup>2</sup>There he found a Jew named Aquila, a native of Pontus, who had recently come from Italy with his wife Priscilla, because Claudius had ordered all Jews to leave Rome. Paul went to see them, <sup>3</sup>and, because he was of the same trade, he stayed with them, and they worked together—by trade they were tentmakers. <sup>4</sup>Every sabbath he would argue in the synagogue and would try to convince Jews and Greeks.

<sup>5</sup> When Silas and Timothy arrived from Macedonia, Paul was occupied with proclaiming the word, testifying to the Jews that the Messiah was Jesus. <sup>6</sup>When they opposed and reviled him, in protest he shook the dust from his clothes and said to them, 'Your blood be on your own heads! I am innocent. From now on I will go to the Gentiles.'

**NUNC DIMITTIS**

*Sung by the choir – Harwood in A flat*

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

***see white service card, p. 3***

**THE CREED**

Forbes-L'Estrange

**RESPONSES**

Thou visitest the earth - Greene

**ANTHEM**

Sheila Roberts

**PRAYERS**

**As pants the hart for cooling streams**

**HYMN 591**

Sheila Roberts

**SERMON**

**Son of God, eternal Saviour**

**HYMN 781**

**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

## Wednesday

19.30 St James Youth Group in the Undercroft

21.00 **Compline** via Zoom. To join, please use the link

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/75984858232?pwd=sXKl93zlo5Vj4WApP0aKUmTjrXEX0O.l>

Meeting ID: 759 8485 8232 Passcode: L6WRmc

## Thursday:

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

President: The Reverend Andrew Quigley. Assisted by: Sheila Roberts

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

## Saturday

10.00-15.00 Ride and Stride. Church Open Day.

## Sunday Next – CREATIONTIDE 2

08.30 **Holy Communion**

President: The Reverend Canon Philip Norwood

10.30 **Sung Eucharist**

President: The Reverend Andrew Quigley

Readings: Ezekiel 33.7-11 and Matthew 18.15-20

18.30 **Choral Evensong**

Officiant: The Reverend Andrew Quigley

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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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**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** Congratulations to Mike Rule on his 40<sup>th</sup> birthday today.

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**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.

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**ST. JAMES' YOUTH GROUP** Meeting alternate Wednesdays from 7:30-9pm. All young people in school years 8-13 are welcome to join us for games, food and a short discussion based on a Bible passage. See fliers on back tables at church. Next meeting is: Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September.

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## **RIDE AND STRIDE**

This takes place on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> 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 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.

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**SUNDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> 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 is **only** on Zoom.

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## **JUNIOR CHOIR**

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. 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](mailto:DoM@stjamesthegreater.org.uk).

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## **Resources for Home Worship**

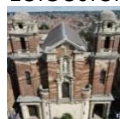
### **Broadcast Media**

Daily Service	Monday – Friday at 9.45am	Radio 4 LW
Choral Evensong	Sunday at 1 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

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