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This week at the Church of
St James the Greater
Leicester

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17th SEPTEMBER 2023
CREATIONTIDE 3
Prayer for the Week

God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit
upon your Church in the burning fire of your love:
grant that your people may be fervent
in the fellowship of the gospel
that, always abiding in you,
they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service;
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:

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 :
Rod Eynon-Baldock : Nina French : Sara King : Rachel Bentley :
Nicola Shilton : Mandy Stephensen : Margaret Clarke

Rest in Peace

Peter Relph – Funeral on Friday 29th September at 10:00 am at South
Leicestershire Crematorium

Charles Derick Horsfall - Funeral on Friday 6th October at 11.00 am in St. James.
Gary Adey

Welcome to St James the Greater

A polite reminder... The Radio 2 'Festival in the Park' is this weekend and 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.

08:30

Holy Communion

Common Worship Order I (Traditional)

President: The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar

Assisted by: Sheila Roberts and Feby John

Churchwarden: Paul Jenkins

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

10.00

Battle of Britain Service

See order of service

Officiant: The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar

Churchwardens: April Rule and Janet Burton

Servers: Michael Bull, Charles Samuel and Tony Chizema

No refreshments after the service today.

18:30

Online Evening Prayer

To join, please use the link

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/75984858232?pwd=sXK193zlo5Vj4WApP0aKUmTjrXEX00.1>

Meeting ID: 759 8485 8232 Passcode: L6VWRmc

Officiant: Mike Rule

FIRST LESSON Ezekiel 20.1-8,33-44

In the seventh year, in the fifth month, on the tenth day of the month, certain elders of Israel came to consult the LORD, and sat down before me. ²And the word of the LORD came to me: ³Mortal, speak to the elders of Israel, and say to them: Thus says the Lord GOD: Why are you coming? To consult me? As I live, says the Lord GOD, I will not be consulted by you. ⁴Will you judge them, mortal, will you judge them? Then let them know the abominations of their ancestors, ⁵and say to them: Thus says the Lord GOD: On the day when I chose Israel, I swore to the offspring of the house of Jacob—making myself known to them in the land of Egypt—I swore to them, saying, I am the LORD your God. ⁶On that day I swore to them that I would bring them out of the land of Egypt into a land that I had searched out for them, a land flowing with milk and honey, the

most glorious of all lands. ⁷And I said to them, Cast away the detestable things your eyes feast on, every one of you, and do not defile yourselves with the idols of Egypt; I am the LORD your God. ⁸But they rebelled against me and would not listen to me; not one of them cast away the detestable things their eyes feasted on, nor did they forsake the idols of Egypt.

Then I thought I would pour out my wrath upon them and spend my anger against them in the midst of the land of Egypt.

³³ As I live, says the Lord GOD, surely with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, and with wrath poured out, I will be king over you. ³⁴I will bring you out from the peoples and gather you out of the countries where you are scattered, with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, and with wrath poured out; ³⁵and I will bring you into the wilderness of the peoples, and there I will enter into judgement with you face to face. ³⁶As I entered into judgement with your ancestors in the wilderness of the land of Egypt, so I will enter into judgement with you, says the Lord GOD. ³⁷I will make you pass under the staff, and will bring you within the bond of the covenant. ³⁸I will purge out the rebels among you, and those who transgress against me; I will bring them out of the land where they reside as aliens, but they shall not enter the land of Israel. Then you shall know that I am the LORD.

³⁹ As for you, O house of Israel, thus says the Lord GOD: Go, serve your idols, every one of you now and hereafter, if you will not listen to me; but my holy name you shall no more profane with your gifts and your idols.

⁴⁰ For on my holy mountain, the mountain height of Israel, says the Lord GOD, there all the house of Israel, all of them, shall serve me in the land; there I will accept them, and there I will require your contributions and the choicest of your gifts, with all your sacred things. ⁴¹As a pleasing odour I will accept you, when I bring you out from the peoples, and gather you out of the countries where you have been scattered; and I will manifest my holiness among you in the sight of the nations. ⁴²You shall know that I am the LORD, when I bring you into the land of Israel, the country that I swore to give to your ancestors. ⁴³There you shall remember your ways and all the deeds by which you have polluted yourselves; and you shall loathe yourselves for all the evils that you have committed. ⁴⁴And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I deal with you for my name's sake, not according to your evil ways or corrupt deeds, O house of Israel, says the Lord GOD.

SECOND LESSON Acts 20.17-38

From Miletus he sent a message to Ephesus, asking the elders of the church to meet him. ¹⁸When they came to him, he said to them:

‘You yourselves know how I lived among you the entire time from the first day that I set foot in Asia, ¹⁹servicing the Lord with all humility and with tears, enduring the trials that came to me through the plots of the Jews. ²⁰I did not shrink from doing anything helpful, proclaiming the message to you and teaching you publicly and from house to house, ²¹as I testified to both Jews and Greeks about repentance towards God and faith towards our Lord Jesus. ²²And now, as a captive to the Spirit, I am on my way to Jerusalem, not knowing what will happen to me there, ²³except that the Holy Spirit testifies to me in every city that imprisonment and persecutions are waiting for me. ²⁴But I do not count my life of any value to myself, if only I may finish my course and the ministry that I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the good news of God’s grace.

²⁵ ‘And now I know that none of you, among whom I have gone about proclaiming the kingdom, will ever see my face again. ²⁶Therefore I declare to you this day that I am not responsible for the blood of any of you, ²⁷for I did not shrink from declaring to you the whole purpose of God. ²⁸Keep watch over yourselves and over all the flock, of which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God that he obtained with the blood of his own Son. ²⁹I know that after I have gone, savage wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock. ³⁰Some even from your own group will come distorting the truth in order to entice the disciples to follow them. ³¹Therefore be alert, remembering that for three years I did not cease night or day to warn everyone with tears. ³²And now I commend you to God and to the message of his grace, a message that is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all who are sanctified. ³³I coveted no one’s silver or gold or clothing. ³⁴You know for yourselves that I worked with my own hands to support myself and my companions. ³⁵In all this I have given you an example that by such work we must support the weak, remembering the words of the Lord Jesus, for he himself said, “It is more blessed to give than to receive.” ’

³⁶ When he had finished speaking, he knelt down with them all and prayed. ³⁷There was much weeping among them all; they embraced Paul and kissed him, ³⁸grieving especially because of what he had said, that they would not see him again. Then they brought him to the ship.

The Vicar Writes We might feel we're being generous if we give someone a second chance, or we might feel the policy of "Three strikes and you're out" is sound. But God's forgiveness is limitless – there is no score-keeping, grudge-bearing. We are called to be a forgiving people, and forgiveness is at the heart of the Lord's Prayer. Forgiveness is not just forgetting, and it is not easy, but for Christians it is essential.



The Week Ahead

Tuesday - Friday

08.00 Morning Prayer in church

Wednesday :

19.30 **St James Youth Group** (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: L6VRmc

Thursday :

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

President: Fr Stephen Foster. Assisted by: Janet Burton

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 – HARVEST FESTIVAL (CREATIONTIDE 4)

08.30 **Holy Communion**

President: The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar

10.30 **Sung Eucharist**

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Readings: Deuteronomy 28.1-14 and Luke 12.16-30

18.30 **Choral Evensong**

Officiant: Dr. Angela Jagger

Readings: Leviticus 19.9-10, 33-34 and 2 Corinthians 9.6-11

Donations for Leicester South Foodbank can be brought to church at our Festival. The Foodbank are desperate for tinned food (kidney beans, chickpeas, tomatoes, potatoes), UHT milk, UHT juice, tinned fruit, curry sauce, custard, rice pudding, tinned sponge puddings, deodorant sprays, shampoo, feminine hygiene products, etc.

RIDE & STRIDE Thanks to all who helped on Saturday 9th September. We had about 21 visitors. Please let the office know of any sponsor money to come.

FORTHCOMING CONCERT The next concert by Knighton Chamber Orchestra is next Sunday 24th September at 3.00 pm in St James. Music to include Bach's 'Brandenburg Concerto No.1', and music by Handel including 'Arrival of the Queen of Sheba', 'Organ Concerto in B-flat (Organist: Simon Headley), Music for the Royal Fireworks and more. Tickets are £5 and available on the door by cash or card. Refreshments served during the interval.

MUSIC FESTIVAL St. Denys Church in Evington are having a Music Festival. There are posters at the back of church with information about the Festival, including ticket booking and contact details etc.

JOURNEY IN FAITH COURSE There is still time to sign up for the **Journey in Faith** course.

This is a 3-term course that includes:

- ◆ Exploring Faith: to consider our own faith journeys
- ◆ God's Call and Our Response: Introduction to the Old Testament
- ◆ Development of the Church: Introduction to the New Testament and Church Doctrine

Introductory session: Saturday 23rd September 10.00am-12.30pm at St. Martin's House. Course Groups begin first week of October.

Who can join? It is open to anyone - there is some reading to do between sessions, but you don't need to have done any studying before.

Is there a cost? £40 per term to cover venue hire and materials, but speak to us if this is a barrier.

How do I join a course? For more information contact Liz Rawlings (liz.rawlings@leicestercofe.org). To register email Claire Stapleton (claire.stapleton@leicestercofe.org) stating your preferred group.

What does a previous participant say? "If you want to know more about yourself and your Christian faith, then JiF is the course for you. You'll be welcomed and challenged, affirmed and changed, and you'll definitely be glad you came."

Mike Rule has completed the course, if you want to know more about it.

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.

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. The next Youth Group will meet on Wednesday 20th September.

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 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 Have you considered joining our serving team? Talk to one of us or E-mail servers@stjamesthegreater.org

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.

CONTACTING THE TEAM

Andrew can be contacted by E-mail at: revdaquigley@gmail.com or 0116 2544113. The Church Office can be contacted by E-mail at: office@stjamesthegreater.org.uk or by telephoning 0116 2542111 and leaving a message. Simon Edwards can be contacted at fabric@stjamesthegreater.org.uk Please do not hesitate to get in touch. Further details are on our website: www.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 2.15 pm	BBC 1

Online at www.churchofengland.org and 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. Holiday at home on the 'phone.
- 4. Chair Exercises.
- 5. Weekly C of E service.
- 6. Morning and Evening Prayer from Common Worship.
- 7. Prayer for the situation in 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.

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