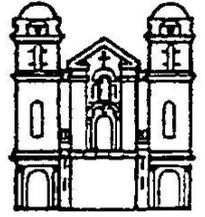


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This week at the Church of
St James the Greater
Leicester

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17 MAY 2020 – 6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Prayer for the Week

God our redeemer,
you have delivered us from the power of darkness
and brought us into the kingdom of your Son:
grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life,
so by his continual presence in us he may raise us to eternal joy;
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 this week

John Goadby : David Muddimer : Conceição Fernandes

Unwell

Ann Blanchard : Anthony & Barbara Green : Owen Shepherd

Hilary Simpson : Josephine Chizema (Tony's mother)

and those with Coronavirus symptoms from our community and beyond.

Rest in Peace

Brenda Stephenson-Smith : Maurice Bailey (Val's husband) : Jean Bilney

Wendi Stevens, wife of Bishop Tim, former Bishop of Leicester

Pat Beardsmore (90) Caroline's mother, Tereza's mother in law

Keep us, good Lord,
under the shadow of your mercy
in this time of uncertainty and distress.
Sustain and support the anxious and fearful,
and lift up all who are brought low;
that we may rejoice in your comfort
knowing that nothing can separate us from your love
in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

Readings for the week

Acts 17.22-31

²² Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, “Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. ²³ For 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. ²⁴ The 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, ²⁵ nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. ²⁶ From 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, ²⁷ so 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. ²⁸ For ‘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.’

²⁹ Since 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. ³⁰ While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, ³¹ because 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.”

John 14.15-21

The Promise of the Holy Spirit

¹⁵ “If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶ And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. ¹⁷ This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

¹⁸ “I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. ¹⁹ In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. ²⁰ On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. ²¹ They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.”

The Vicar Writes ...

On this sixth Sunday of Easter our readings invite us to contrast the known and the unknown, the intimate and the indifferent. In Acts Paul stands on the Areopagus and makes the case for the God who has made himself known, again and again, through the history of the world, and in the workings of our minds. This is not distant idol or uncaring ruler, but a parent with passionate and eternal care for their offspring. In the Gospel, as Jesus tries to ready his disciples for his physical separation from them, he stresses that they will not be orphaned. He is with them in the community of mutual care his commandments create, in his abiding love, and in the gift of the Spirit. Yet again, as we are separated, distanced or isolated at present, we are given reassurance that God's presence and love remains constant. This is meant to be more than a private consolation for individuals, but a hallmark of our fellowship, even in lockdown. In our prayers, our phone calls and emails, our shared experience of broadcast or streamed worship, we are still able to embody this abiding love of the God who would be known."

Andrew Quigley
Vicar of St James the Greater

ALL CHURCHES ARE CLOSED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

We will reopen when permitted by the Government – details will be posted on our website, Facebook page and on the porch noticeboard once this occurs.

CONTACTING THE TEAM You may not be physically seeing us but we are still working! Andrew can be contacted by email revdaquigley@gmail.com or 0116 254 4113. Annabel in the Church Office can be contacted by email office@stjamesthegreater.org.uk or 07749 227109. Further contact details are on our website www.stjamesthegreater.org.uk

KEEPING IN TOUCH This bulletin will be emailed every week if possible - if you do not have access to the internet please ask a relative or friend to contact the Church Office to be included. ***We are unable to print until Government restrictions are eased, if you are able to share news with those who do not have internet, they will be most grateful.***

ARTICLES If you would like to share what you are doing during your isolation, perhaps a recipe to use those tins we have all stockpiled or a poem/joke to brighten our day, please email to office@stjamesthegreater.org.uk by Wednesday midday for inclusion.

Resources for Home Worship

Broadcast Media

Daily Service	Mon-Fri at 9.45am	Radio 4 LW
Choral Evensong	Wed at 3.30pm & Sun at 3pm	Radio 3
Sunday Worship	Sun at 8.10am	Radio 4
Morning Worship	Sun – check schedule for time	BBC I
Songs of Praise	Sun – check schedule for time	BBC I

Online

www.churchofengland.org

www.leicestercathedral.org

Many churches and cathedrals have put services online – let us know your favourites so we can share next week.

Hymn Singing

If you are missing singing hymns, then do check out Saturday morning hymn practice provided by William Saunders (of St. Edmundsbury Cathedral) at 10 am each week. A words sheet can be downloaded from his website (<http://william-saunders.info/2020/03/24/hymn-practice-congo-live-on-saturday-mornings/>) and the event is broadcast live from his home via his Facebook page (https://www.facebook.com/musicianwilliam?epa=SEARCH_BOX) or can be watched there later, if 10 am on a Saturday is too early for you. You can even make requests for a hymn to be included.

BIBLE STUDY In the near future the vicar would like to invite you to an online video discussion of Sunday's readings. We'd like to do this via "zoom", an online video conferencing programme. To join you'll need a computer, phone or tablet with a camera and microphone, a reasonably good internet connection, and to download the zoom software (which is free). Please then email the vicar and you'll receive an invitation to the virtual meeting. ***If you need help downloading to your phone or computer please call or email Annabel who will try to help.***

THE SHELL The quarterly editions of The Shell will continue to be published, not in hard copy for the foreseeable future, but in glorious technicolour on the St James's website – www.stjamesthegreater.org.uk. The summer edition will be published at the end of May and the closing date for copy is **18 May**. ***Please use these lockdown hours to write those super articles which have been buzzing around in your head for so long and send your material to Graham at editor@stjamesthegreater.org.uk.*** Thank you.

GIVING TO ST JAMES We know that many of you will see your income reduced and other hardships so we are most grateful to all those who have already pledged to continue their giving through this difficult time. ***If you normally give through gift aid envelopes, stewardship envelopes or cash on the plate, please contact the Church Office if you are able to switch to a standing order, we also can accept cheques through the post.***

DAILY HOPE TELEPHONE SERVICE

Daily Hope 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 during the period of restrictions in mind. This is a freephone number.

Options available include materials also available digitally by the Church of England's Communications team such as Prayer during the Day and Night Prayer updated daily, from Common Worship, and a recording of the Church of England weekly national online service. A section called Hymn Line offers callers a small selection of hymns, updated daily. An option entitled 'Hymns We Love', provides a hymn and reflection and is based on an initiative by the Connections group.

The options are detailed below:

1. Hymns we love - one each day with a spoken reflection based on it
2. Hymn line - favourite hymns on a repeating loop
3. Prayer line - prayers for the coronavirus crisis
4. Access to more options (5-7)
5. Weekly service from C of E
6. Morning and Evening Prayer from Common Worship
7. Latest Government advice on Coronavirus

Pressing 0 returns you to the top menu (1-4) and * gives access to the full text of the Archbishop of Canterbury's introduction.

It is helpful to have the telephone on speakerphone to avoid having to hold the handset for a long time.

Vicky Roe
Pastoral Assistant

HELP FOR PEOPLE SELF-ISOLATING We have volunteers who have offered to help members with shopping or other essentials who have nobody else to help them and are not able to get online shopping. ***Please contact the Church Office for further details of this and other neighbourhood schemes being established.***

QUIZ TIME

This week send by Vicky Roe

from The Ultimate Bible Fact & Quiz Book by Martin Manser

1. Who helped Joseph of Arimathea take Jesus' body from the cross?
2. On the afternoon Jesus rose from the dead, he joined two friends as they were walking from Jerusalem to what village?
3. True or false? This village was five miles from Jerusalem.
4. Who said that he was certain that Jesus was a righteous man?
5. When three women went to visit Jesus' tomb, what question did they discuss on the way?
6. Which Old Testament figure did Jesus mention in connection with the Son of Man being in the heart of the earth for three days and nights?
7. At Jesus' trial before the Sanhedrin, what accusation did the witnesses make?
8. Which Old Testament book has a verse in it which is taken as a Messianic prophecy about Jesus being buried with the rich?
9. When Judas went up to Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane, how did Jesus address him?
10. After Jesus was laid in the tomb, why did his enemies go to Pilate?
11. True or false? According to Mark's Gospel, the women went to the tomb just after sunrise?
12. Peter and John both ran to Jesus' tomb, but who reached it first?
13. Who was the first disciple to enter the tomb?
14. Who was the first disciple to believe that Jesus was alive?
15. Which two enemies became friends as a result of the arrest and trial of Jesus?

Answers to last week's quiz

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| 1. A business | 6. Tridecagon |
| 2. A horse | 7. The Ritz Hotel |
| 3. 1948 | 8. John McEnroe |
| 4. Iain Stirling | 9. Manchester |
| 5. 5 hours | 10. Fe |

PUZZLE TIME

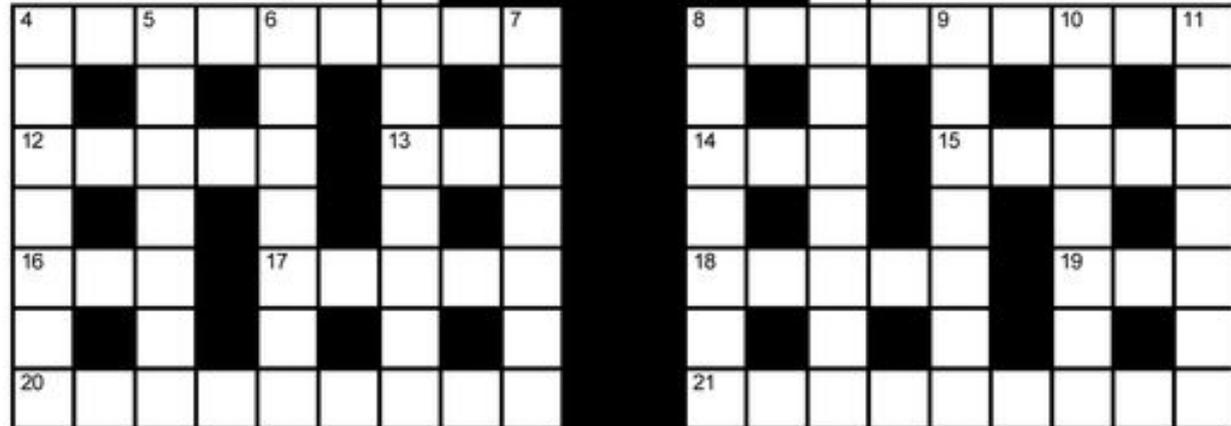
Bible Crossword X

Across

- 1 Donkey (3)
- 2 Jesus' Father (3)
- 4 One of the twelve (9)

Down

- 1 One of God's messengers (5,2,3,4)
- 3 1940s archaeological find (4,3,7)



- 8 Didn't believe in resurrection (9)
- 12 One of David's warriors (5)
- 13 First word of the Lord's Prayer (3)
- 14 New Testament name for Noah (3)
- 15 Wish harm upon (5)
- 16 Hole in the ground (3)
- 17 Adversary (5)
- 18 Savour (5)
- 19 First woman (3)
- 20 Mother of John the Baptist (9)
- 21 Family of priests (9)
- 22 Third son of Jacob (4)
- 23 Hates (8)
- 26 Assurances (8)
- 30 Endured pain (8)
- 31 Return from the dead (4)
- 32 Intercessor (8)
- 35 Decorating (8)
- 39 Old Testament book of the Bible (4)
- 40 The prince of Rosh, Mesech and Tubal (3)
- 42 A wise insect (3)
- 44 Dwelling place of kings (6)
- 45 Make bigger (8)

- 4 Tread down (7)
- 5 Father of Jonah (7)
- 6 Very salty water bordering Israel (4,3)
- 7 Defensive structures (11)
- 8 Refuges (11)
- 9 Dirty (7)
- 10 Devout (7)
- 11 Pieces of money (7)
- 24 Used to listen (3)
- 25 Used to see (3)
- 26 Positions (5)
- 27 Made available (7)
- 28 Snake (7)
- 29 Destroyed along with Gomorrah (5)
- 33 Finish (3)
- 34 Possess (3)
- 35 King of the Amalekites (4)
- 36 Last letter of the Greek alphabet (5)
- 37 Almost sacrificed by Abraham (5)
- 38 Present (4)
- 41 Unfasten (4)
- 43 Fish traps (4)