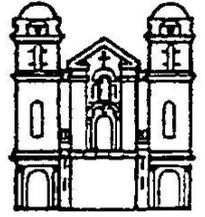


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This week at the Church of
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Leicester

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31 MAY 2020 – PENTECOST

Prayer for the Week

God, who as at this time
taught the hearts of your faithful people
by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit:
grant us by the same Spirit
to have a right judgement in all things
and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort;
through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour,
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

Josephine Chizema (Tony's mother)

and those with Coronavirus symptoms from our community and beyond.

Rest in Peace

Brenda Stephenson-Smith

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 2.1-21

The Coming of the Holy Spirit

² When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. ² And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³ Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴ All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

⁵ Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶ And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. ⁷ Amazed and astonished, they asked, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? ⁸ And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? ⁹ Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰ Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹ Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God’s deeds of power.” ¹² All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” ¹³ But others sneered and said, “They are filled with new wine.”

Peter Addresses the Crowd

¹⁴ But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, “Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. ¹⁵ Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o’clock in the morning. ¹⁶ No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

¹⁷ ‘In the last days it will be, God declares,
that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
and your young men shall see visions,
and your old men shall dream dreams.

¹⁸ Even upon my slaves, both men and women,
in those days I will pour out my Spirit;
and they shall prophesy.

¹⁹ And I will show portents in the heaven above
and signs on the earth below,
blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

- ²⁰ The sun shall be turned to darkness
and the moon to blood,
before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.
- ²¹ Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

John 20.19-23

Jesus Appears to the Disciples

¹⁹ When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." ²² When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

The Vicar Writes ...

In our Gospel reading the doors are locked for fear of the Jews, rather than fear of the virus, but in any case both the resurrected Christ and the Holy Spirit move where they will. In the account of Pentecost from Acts we should be struck by the sheer inclusiveness of the Spirit's gift - previously only individuals, prophets, kings, great leaders, had been anointed with this gift, but now all the disciples receive the tongues of fire and the languages of the nations - this in turn is so that all people, no longer just one race might hear the good news, and Peter, now filled with courage claims the fulfilment of the prophecy, "I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh." God is not limited, His Spirit cannot be hampered or locked out, His love and compassion know no borders or boundaries. We are called now, and always, like the disciples to cast off fear, receive the Spirit, and share that Good News with all people.

8 of us met by zoom on Thursday to talk about this week's reading from Acts. It was a really rewarding time. If you would like to join in next time, again, email the vicar and he will send you an invitation with the meeting details. The time for the next discussion is Thursday June 11th, this time at 7.30pm, for 45mins to an hour.

Andrew Quigley

ALL CHURCHES ARE CLOSED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

We will reopen as soon as 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 (weekdays only please unless an emergency) Further 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.***

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	BBC1
Songs of Praise	Sun – check schedule for time	BBC1

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.

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.**

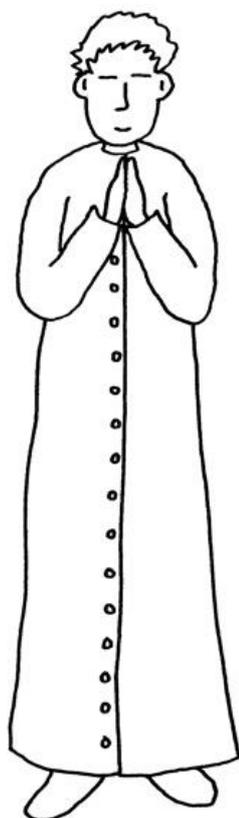
A guide to isolation and social distancing from those who know

These online resources are offered to help people live through the coronavirus pandemic. Their special quality is that they don't come from theories; they all come from those with experience of social distancing or isolation, people who have lived this reality either intentionally like monks and nuns or against their will like hostages or the housebound. This is a new and difficult journey for most people but experienced guides give us hope along the way.

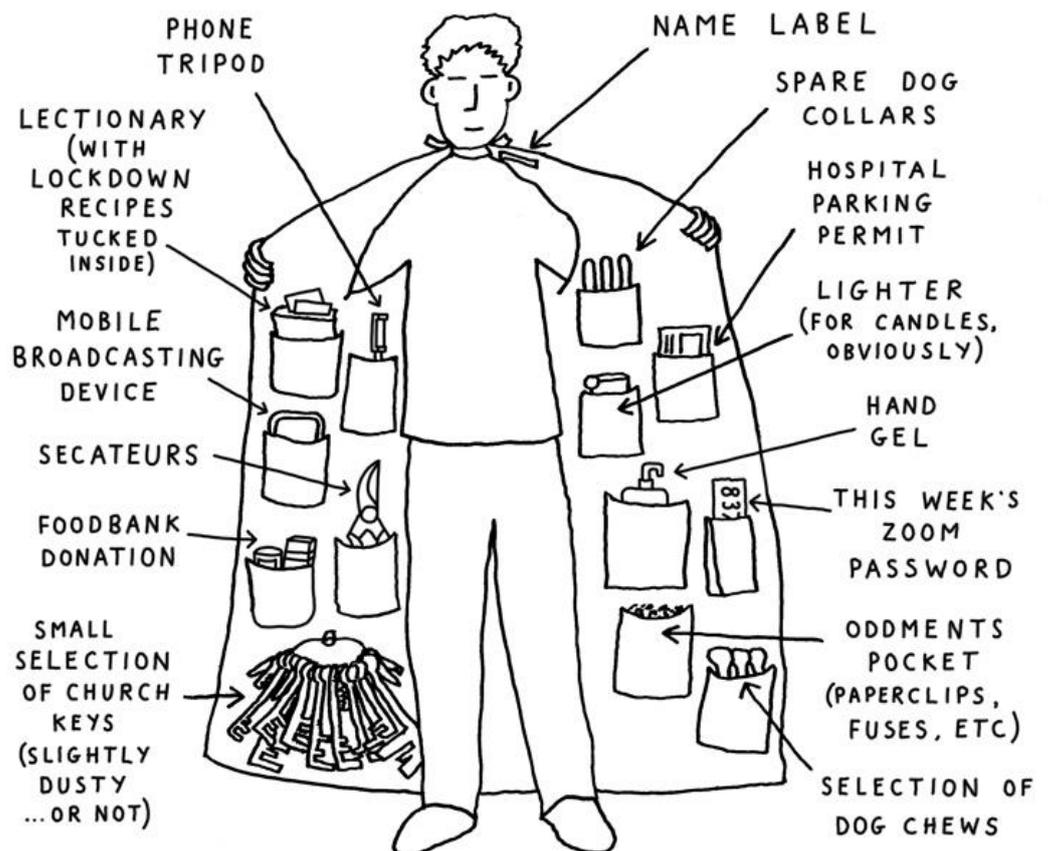
<https://www.alonetogether.org.uk/>

THE SHELL The quarterly edition of The Shell is now available on the St James the Greater website. Please continue to write articles and forward them to the editor by the end of July – the next issue will be published in late August.

THE CASSOCK



THE OUTWARD APPEARANCE



THE INWARD REALITY

BIBLE STUDY The next group will meet on 11 June at 7.30, please contact the Vicar to be emailed the link to participate. Everyone welcome

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.***

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.

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, available 24 hours a day on 0800 804 8044, has been set up with those unable to join online church services during this period in mind. This is a freephone number. It's helpful to have the telephone on speakerphone to avoid having to hold the handset.

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.

Vicky Roe
Pastoral Assistant

QUIZ TIME

This week set by the Jacksons

1. Name the Monopoly railway stations?
2. When were KitKats first made?
3. Where do Dominic Cummings' parents live?
4. Which bakery's shares soared on the introduction of a vegan sausage roll?
5. Who wrote 101 Dalmatians?
6. Name Shakespeare's four major tragedies?
7. What do Gogglebox's Mary and Giles call each other?
8. What is the capital of Iceland?
9. Which famous fashion house supplied the Nazi uniforms?
10. Where is the current Pope from?
11. Where is the world's largest refugee camp and what is it called?
12. What was the UK's best selling song in 2019?
13. What is the town of Melton Mowbray famous for?
14. What is more expensive: 70cl of Aldi Topaz gin or 210g of Prestat chocolates?

Last Week's answers

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| 1. 1974 | 6. A towel |
| 2. Elstree Studios | 7. Pineapple |
| 3. Andes | 8. Carrot |
| 4. Lemon | 9. Ikebana |
| 5. Eiffel | 10. Adelaide |

PUZZLE TIME

Gifts of the Holy Spirit

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Fear and Fortitude Knowledge	of the Awe Reverence Counsel	Lord Right Courage Understanding	Wonder judgment Piety Wisdom
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