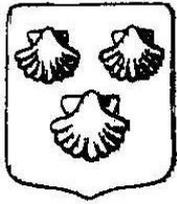
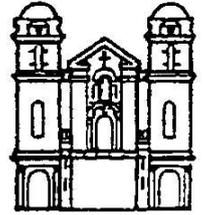


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14 JUNE 2020 – 2ND SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Prayer for the Week

O God,
the strength of all those who put their trust in you,
mercifully accept our prayers
and, because through the weakness of our mortal nature
we can do no good thing without you,
grant us the help of your grace,
that in the keeping of your commandments
we may please you both in will and deed;
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

Josephine Chizema (Tony's mother)

and those with Coronavirus symptoms from our community and beyond.

Rest in Peace

Frederick Sylvester : Veronica Small

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.

CHURCHES ARE NOW ALLOWED TO REOPEN FOR PRIVATE PRAYER.

We'll be opening from Sunday 21st June.

Opening times and further details will be published in next week's Bulletin.

Readings for the week

Exodus 19.2-8a

² They had journeyed from Rephidim, entered the wilderness of Sinai, and camped in the wilderness; Israel camped there in front of the mountain. ³ Then Moses went up to God; the LORD called to him from the mountain, saying, "Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob, and tell the Israelites: ⁴ You have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. ⁵ Now therefore, if you obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession out of all the peoples. Indeed, the whole earth is mine, ⁶ but you shall be for me a priestly kingdom and a holy nation. These are the words that you shall speak to the Israelites."

⁷ So Moses came, summoned the elders of the people, and set before them all these words that the LORD had commanded him. ⁸ The people all answered as one: "Everything that the LORD has spoken we will do." Moses reported the words of the people to the LORD.

Matthew 9.35-10.8

The Harvest Is Great, the Labourers Few

³⁵ Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. ³⁶ When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. ³⁷ Then he said to his disciples, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; ³⁸ therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest.'

The Twelve Apostles

10 Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness.

² These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; ³ Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax-collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; ⁴ Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him.

The Mission of the Twelve

⁵ These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: 'Go nowhere among the Gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans, ⁶ but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. ⁷ As you go, proclaim the good news, "The kingdom of heaven has come near." ⁸ Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment.

The Vicar Writes ...

As the Gospel this week tells of the twelve apostles being sent on their first mission, we are challenge in our mission and indeed our life. Are we travelling through life with too much baggage, trying to pack for all eventualities and adversities, when we cannot do so, and adversity is inevitable? Are we, should we, be prepared to sacrifice social bonds, even family relationships for the truth we know? And even if we have no power to literally raise the dead and cast out demons, do we seek to bring good news to those who can see no hope or purpose in life? Are we able to comfort those beset by demons of fear, shame or insecurity? The mission of the twelve, like ours, is rooted in the compassion of Christ, seeing the people like sheep without a shepherd. We are called to make that compassion known wherever we can today.

Andrew Quigley

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.***

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.***

RACISM – AN EVIL OF OUR TIMES by Reverend David Clark

A detail not in my daily paper but reported by Paul Vallely in the Church Times: George Floyd was an African American Christian activist, sent to Minnesota by his pastor, who later said, “George was loved and admired and served as a father figure”. He was killed there on a peaceful protest, on 25th May 2020, by a white policeman, who knelt on his neck for 8 minutes, 45 seconds, until he was dead. Three of the policeman’s colleagues stood watching, and offering no warning or help as George Floyd repeatedly said ‘I can’t breathe’, something many Covid19 sufferers have said.

This incident sparked days of protest and rioting, despite the pandemic and official lockdown. The indignation and protests became worldwide as other countries, including the UK, recognised similar patterns of white on black oppression. This is obvious racism, and our two Archbishops have led a strong Christian response. They said: “Systematic racism continues to cause incalculable harm across the world . . . Let us be clear: racism is an affront to God.”

The effects of the pandemic, illness and death, amongst the Black and Minority Ethnic (BAME) population are twice as bad as within the white population. The complex reasons for this include the ways in which our society is structurally racist. For example, differences in educational attainment dictate the nature and level of jobs BAME people can take up, as well as their living conditions.

Racism is inherent in our society. It is down to each individual to push back against racism wherever it is found. But first, we have to acknowledge our own hidden racism. Perhaps we can do that before God.

A COVID CONUNDRUM for Jennifer Smith

My husband regards me, after my expensive visits to the optician, dentist, hearing aid consultant, chiropodist et al, to be, in my advancing years, a person of ‘high maintenance’ cost.

That remark apart, my need for a decision to this conundrum, has something to do with some of this variety of added ‘personal’ needs.

I am currently sporting a ‘Covid haircut’ (two levels at the back and a fringe which looks like a cut around a pudding basin) where my hair at the sides is too long to fit around *my glasses arms*, so it sort of bunches up. I then have my *hearing aids* fitting around my ears with wires (albeit quite slender ones) so there is an added

extra. Are my ears sticking out more, I wonder? The final problem lies with my newly acquired *mask* which also has to fit around my ears with elastic loops! I cannot shift the mask without dislodging my hearing aids and possibly my glasses, so were I to be in a situation, say in a shop, where I wanted to speak more clearly I cannot shift the mask without then being unable to see or hear.

So: I believe I have two options:

- Ditch the mask
- Continue staying at home, not venturing beyond our house boundary and leaving my husband to do the essential shopping

What would YOU recommend?

QUIZ TIME

HISTORY GENERAL KNOWLEDGE QUIZ

1. After which American president is the teddy bear named?
2. Which famous English king was killed at the battle of Hastings?
3. Which event is commemorated in the nursery rhyme 'Ring a Ring of Roses'?
4. Which English king succeeded Charles I?
5. What are the ingredients of 'Bloody Mary' named after Mary I?
6. Who or what was the Enola Gay?
7. Who stamped their papers 'Action This Day'?
8. Which came first: the Bronze or Iron Age?
9. Which famous leader of the Iceni tribe rose up and defeated the Romans at Colchester and London?
10. What does VE mean in VE Day?
11. Which element did Pierre and Marie Curie discover?
12. What was the Roman name for Britain?
13. Which Spanish king sent the Spanish Armada to attack England in the time of Elizabeth I?
14. Apart from water which was the most popular drink of English peasants?
15. Name a foodstuff that was introduced to England in Tudor times
16. Who was Church chill referring to when he said 'Never was so much owed by so many to so few'?

PUZZLE TIME

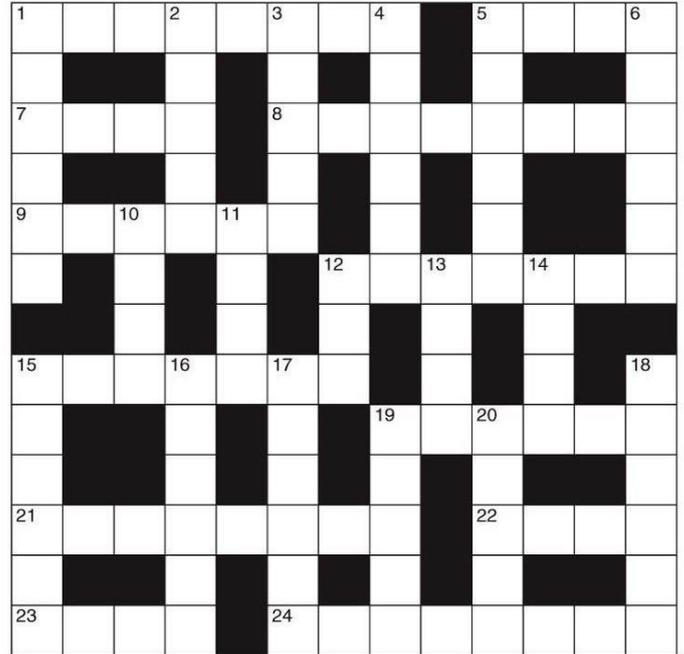
Around The World

ACROSS

1. US volcano, Mount ... (2,6)
5. Supersonic planes
7. Taj Mahal city
8. Cambridge & Oxford universities
9. Treeless Arctic zone
12. Coniferous tree found in Europe
15. Vienna is there
19. Croatian capital
21. Peninsula in southwest England
22. Manchurian river
23. Central attraction of Piccadilly Circus
24. Region that includes Japan, China and Korea (4,4)

DOWN

1. Roughly built settlements, ... towns
2. Large African antelope
3. Nasty disease named after a river in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, ... virus
4. Underground train system
5. City of northwest India
6. People from Stockholm
10. Scotland's monster lake, Loch ...
11. German industrial region
12. Washington-based spy group (1,1,1)
13. Italy's Leaning Tower of ...
14. Kuwaiti ruler



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| 15. Native American tribe | 17. Earth's glacial period (3,3) | 19. Bantu peoples of Natal |
| 16. Sport played at Wimbledon | 18. Portugal and Spain | 20. West African nation |