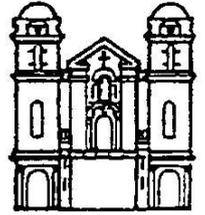


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This week at the Church of
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Leicester

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21 JUNE 2020 – 2nd SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Prayer for the Week

Lord, you have taught us
that all our doings without love are nothing worth:
send your Holy Spirit
and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love,
the true bond of peace and of all virtues,
without which whoever lives is counted dead before you.
Grant this for your only Son Jesus Christ's sake,
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

George Daley : Gwen Leather : Marilyn Dorum

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.

Readings for the week

Jeremiah 20:7-13

Jeremiah Denounces His Persecutors

⁷ O LORD, you have enticed me,
and I was enticed;
you have overpowered me,
and you have prevailed.

I have become a laughingstock all day long;
everyone mocks me.

⁸ For whenever I speak, I must cry out,
I must shout, "Violence and destruction!"
For the word of the LORD has become for me
a reproach and derision all day long.

⁹ If I say, "I will not mention him,
or speak any more in his name,"
then within me there is something like a burning fire
shut up in my bones;
I am weary with holding it in,
and I cannot.

¹⁰ For I hear many whispering:
"Terror is all around!
Denounce him! Let us denounce him!"
All my close friends
are watching for me to stumble.

"Perhaps he can be enticed,
and we can prevail against him,
and take our revenge on him."

¹¹ But the LORD is with me like a dread warrior;
therefore my persecutors will stumble,
and they will not prevail.

They will be greatly shamed,
for they will not succeed.

Their eternal dishonor
will never be forgotten.

¹² O LORD of hosts, you test the righteous,
you see the heart and the mind;
let me see your retribution upon them,
for to you I have committed my cause.

¹³ Sing to the LORD;
praise the LORD!
For he has delivered the life of the needy
from the hands of evildoers.

Matthew 10:24-39

²⁴ “A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; ²⁵ it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household!

Whom to Fear

²⁶ “So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. ²⁷ What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. ²⁸ Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell.^[a] ²⁹ Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. ³⁰ And even the hairs of your head are all counted. ³¹ So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

³² “Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; ³³ but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.

Not Peace, but a Sword

³⁴ “Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword.

³⁵ For I have come to set a man against his father,
and a daughter against her mother,
and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law;
³⁶ and one’s foes will be members of one’s own household.

³⁷ Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; ³⁸ and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. ³⁹ Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.

Footnotes:

a. [Matthew 10:28](#) Gk *Gehenna*

The Vicar Writes ...

I watched with first disbelief and then delight as I saw the pictures from Bristol of the statue of the slave-trader Edward Colston being toppled, then heaved into the waters of the docks. I grew up in Bristol (and used to worship at the church outside which the statue stood) and was aware of the shameful historic source of that city's wealth. Yes, Colston was a philanthropist (at least to those whose politics he agreed with), but the source of that wealth was the kidnap, enslavement, suffering and murder of tens of thousands of people. To call it blood money barely covers the scope of horror it embodies.

Some have decried the violence and vandalism of those scenes in Bristol, but in reality this was no riot - no windows were broken, no one attacked. It seemed to me that this was a reasonable response to the atrocity of a mass-murderer being literally placed on a pedestal at the heart of one of our cities. That guilty monument was not erected in his own time, when slavery was still regarded as "a respectable trade", but 160 odd years after his death, long after abolition. It can only have been put up in an attempt to rewrite history.

The Gospel this week reminds us that following Christ and his uncompromising law of love will sometimes bring violence and disagreement - "I have not come to bring peace, but a sword". Too often Christians have kept their heads down or unthinkingly supported the status quo, no matter how unjust, imagining that a quiet life or "respecting the rule of law" are Gospel imperatives.

It would take more space than I have available to analyse the role of slavery in the Bible (including in this Gospel passage), other than to say that the realities of slavery in New Testament times and those of the "Triangular Trade" were different in nature and scale by an order of magnitude. What our reading does say is that there is "nothing secret that will not become known." Despite public monuments, grand buildings, and historical amnesia, the shameful secret of much of this nation's wealth, namely in the violent exploitation and enslavement of other peoples, has become known. How we respond to this, living in that truth while repenting of the sins of the past, is a challenge for all who would take up their cross and follow Christ.

Andrew Quigley

BIBLE STUDY The next online session will be on Thursday evening (25th) at 7.30pm. The readings are for Peter and Pauls' day which falls the following Monday. The readings are Matthew 16.13-19, and if we have time, Acts 12.1-11. As ever, all welcome. Please contact the Vicar for a zoom invitation

CHURCH REOPENING

From this Sunday, 21st June, the Church will be open for PRIVATE PRAYER on Sundays between 10am and 12pm and on Wednesdays between 2pm and 4pm. Just like everywhere else, St James will be a little different to normal. When you arrive, you'll need to enter via the servery door and use the hand sanitizer provided. You'll find that chairs have been set out 2m apart and we ask that you don't move any, as this will allow us to keep these gaps in place.

There's no need for you to wear a mask or facial covering while you're in church. But we do ask that you maintain social distancing while you're with us. Stewards will be on duty to guide you and we've put signage up to let you know which way to move around.

We need help with stewarding on both Sunday mornings and Wednesday afternoons. So, if you're under 70, don't need to shield and would like to help or you have any questions about the church reopening, please contact the Church Office on 07749 227109.

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 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.

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.***

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.

PUZZLE TIME

Bible Word Search:

NAMES AND TITLES OF JESUS

U Q O K A I S N S M T K R P M
V L F Z J T Y O A E E O A O R
O M G Y V O N T N Z I C B X K
Y D N Y M O E N U V A N B O A
D L O V F H T C A S I R I X R
E R I G W A R S P D S H E W E
N T O G B M A L I D O V Z N D
F D J L H Q Y V K R T T R Z E
I G Q R R T A E G T H V E P E
P B Y I H D S E K E U C T X M
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V N N Q Z Y K V A D E J M V R
G O J E S U S E M M A N U E L
S V B G G W T Z T P B Q J F E

CHRIST	EMMANUEL	JESUS
KING of the Jews	LAMB of God	LIGHT of the World
LORD	MASTER	NAZARENE
RABBI	REDEEMER	SAVIOR
SON OF DAVID	SON OF GOD	SON OF MAN

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.***

THE SHELL The latest issue can be found on the Church website www.stjamesthegreater.org.uk. Please start to send in articles for the next issue due out in August – hopefully in print this time!

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

QUIZ TIME

This week set by Travel Bible Quiz (from 'The Ultimate Bible Fact and Quiz Book' by Martin Manser)

1. From which direction did the Wise Men come?
2. Who welcomed three visitors when his tents were pitched near the great trees of Mamre?
3. How long did Paul stay in Corinth when he founded the church there?
4. True or false? In Jesus' parable about a mugging, the man was traveling up from Jericho to Jerusalem.
5. After Jesus walked on the water, where did the boat come ashore?
6. In what direction did Mary and Joseph go when they fled from Herod with the child Jesus?
7. When the Hebrew slaves left Egypt, what shorter route did God forbid them to take, because it was more dangerous?
8. Who did the writer of Ephesians promise to send to Ephesus?
9. Name three places in mainland Italy that we know Paul visited?
10. When Paul set out from Macedonia, which was the only church to support him by sending aid?
11. Who, according to Isaiah, will travel on the Way of Holiness?
12. To which city did David eventually take Goliath's head?
13. According to Chronicles, people as far away as Issachar, Zebulun and Naphtali brought food to the celebrations at Hebron. Name two of the four beasts of burden mentioned.
14. What did Solomon's men bring him when they sailed back from Ophir?
15. Where were Joshua and the tribes when Joshua sent out two spies to Jericho?