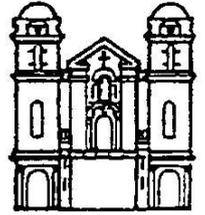


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This week at the Church of
St James the Greater
Leicester

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28 JUNE 2020 – 3RD SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Prayer for the Week

Almighty God,
you have broken the tyranny of sin
and have sent the Spirit of your Son into our hearts
whereby we call you Father:
give us grace to dedicate our freedom to your service,
that we and all creation may be brought
to the glorious liberty of the children of God;
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

Elizabeth Bentley : Josephine Chizema (Tony's mother)

and those with Coronavirus symptoms from our community and beyond.

Rest in Peace

Robert Bull (66) Michael Bull's brother

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 28:5-9

⁵ Then the prophet Jeremiah spoke to the prophet Hananiah in the presence of the priests and all the people who were standing in the house of the LORD; ⁶ and the prophet Jeremiah said, "Amen! May the LORD do so; may the LORD fulfill the words that you have prophesied, and bring back to this place from Babylon the vessels of the house of the LORD, and all the exiles. ⁷ But listen now to this word that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people. ⁸ The prophets who preceded you and me from ancient times prophesied war, famine, and pestilence against many countries and great kingdoms. ⁹ As for the prophet who prophesies peace, when the word of that prophet comes true, then it will be known that the LORD has truly sent the prophet."

Matthew 10:40-42

⁴⁰ "Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. ⁴¹ Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet's reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; ⁴² and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward."

The Vicar Writes ...

Our short Gospel this week is about "welcome". I like to think that (in normal times) St James' is a welcoming church, but then I've never known a church that did not describe itself as welcoming. Too often we are welcoming to those we already know, to those who have become familiar, and to those who conform. But do we welcome the stranger, the awkward, the annoying and the baffling? Do we welcome those who (despite the obvious superiority of our way of doing things) remain different and show no signs of fitting in? In fact the real thrust of our welcome should go beyond politeness, friendliness or accessibility. The "cup of cold water" shows that our welcome is most tested and most valued in those of greatest need. In the final analysis our churches can be judged not by the comfort of their chairs or the smiles of the sidespeople, but in how we support and walk alongside those in need.

Andrew Quigley

CHURCH OPEN FOR PRIVATE PRAYER

The church will be open again for PRIVATE PRAYER this Sunday, 28TH June, between 10am and 12pm. We'll also be open on Wednesday, 1st July, between 3pm and 4pm. **Please note the change in times for Wednesday.**

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'd like to help us, and you're under 70 and don't need to shield, please contact the Church Office on 07749 227109.

Reopening for Worship

Following the government's announcement earlier this week, we hope to be open for worship next Sunday, 5th July. However, we're waiting on confirmation from both the Church of England and central government about the form of worship we're able to offer and how the changes to social distancing will impact us. We'll provide more details about this in next week's leaflet

If you have any questions about the church reopening, please contact us 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 (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	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 If you would like to join an online video discussion of Sunday's readings, 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 next virtual meeting. ***If you need help downloading to your phone or computer please call or email Annabel who will try to help.***

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.***

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.



Thank you to William Woolley for this

QUIZ TIME

This week set by the Jackson family

1. Where would you find the Mona Lisa?
2. Who painted her?
3. In Harry Potter, what animal represents Hufflepuff house?
4. In what year did Margaret Thatcher die?
5. Which mineral water has been marketed by the slogan "Stay young"?
6. To the nearest 50, how many calories are there in a MacDonald's Big Mac?
7. Approximately how many corgis has the Queen owned in her reign?
8. When is the Feast of Michaelmas?
9. What is 54 in Roman numerals?
10. How old is John Cleese?

PUZZLE TIME

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Thank you to Keith Vaughan for this