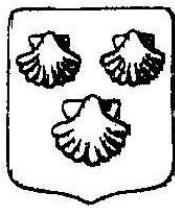
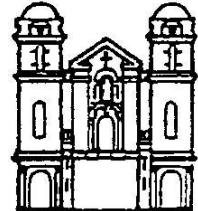


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**This week at the Church of
St James the Greater
Leicester**

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5 JULY 2020 – 4TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Prayer for the Week

O God, the protector of all who trust in you,
without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy:
increase and multiply upon us your mercy;
that with you as our ruler and guide
we may so pass through things temporal
that we lose not our hold on things eternal;
grant this, heavenly Father,
for our Lord 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
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.

CHURCH CLOSED

Following the reintroduction of lockdown in Leicester and guidance we've received from Bishop's Martyn and Guli, unfortunately we've had to close the church again. This includes all public worship including funerals, weddings and private prayer.

We aim to reopen as soon as we can after lockdown is lifted. The PCC has already begun to discuss the form of worship we will be able to offer and we will provide you more details on this in the coming weeks.

Readings for the week

Zechariah 9:9-12

The Coming Ruler of God's People

⁹ Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion!
Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem!

Lo, your king comes to you;
triumphant and victorious is he,
humble and riding on a donkey,
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

¹⁰ He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim
and the war-horse from Jerusalem;
and the battle bow shall be cut off,
and he shall command peace to the nations;
his dominion shall be from sea to sea,
and from the River to the ends of the earth.

¹¹ As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you,
I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.

¹² Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope;
today I declare that I will restore to you double.

Matthew 11.16-19, 25-30

¹⁶“But to what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another, ¹⁷‘We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.’ ¹⁸For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon’; ¹⁹the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.”

²⁵At that time Jesus said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; ²⁶yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. ²⁷All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. ²⁸"Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. ²⁹Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

The Vicar Writes ...

The final verses of today's Gospel will be known to those of us familiar with the BCP Communion service as the "Comfortable Words" - "Come unto me all that travail and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you". These words provide a rare respite of reassurance amidst the Prayer Book's repeated emphasis on our sinful nature. "Comfort" is a word like "indifferent" that has subtly changed its meaning since the Prayer book was compiled. Comfort food and comfy chairs, a sort of "there, there" pat on the back are not the kind of comfort these words offer. Comfort is that which gives strength, which imparts resolve. We could call these the "Gutsy Words" or the "Words of Endurance". Clearly there are many in the world, and many in this city at the moment in need of such comfort. Not the comfort of bravado, of pretending we are not tired or our burdens are not heavy, but the strength-giving knowledge that Christ walks with us and shares the load.

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.**

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.

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

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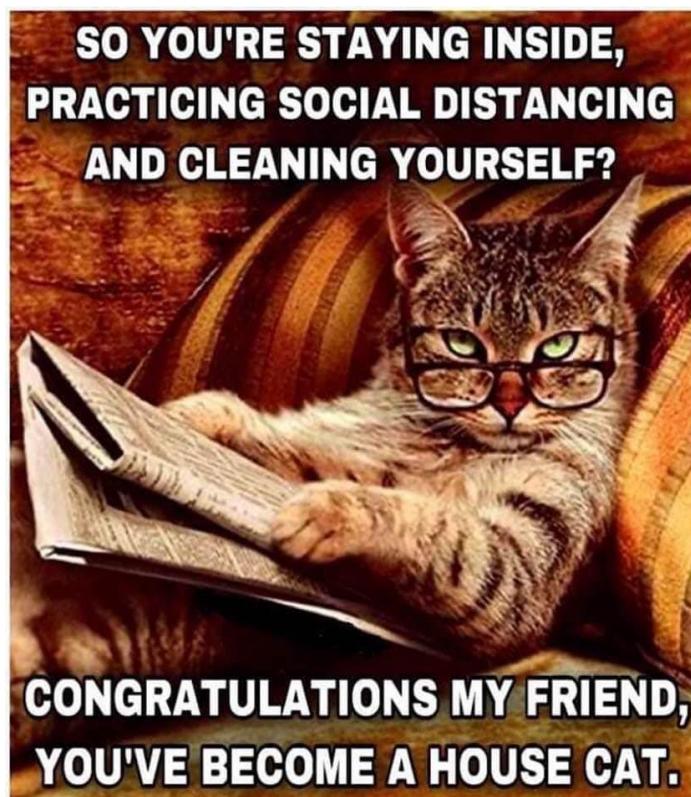
Vicky Roe
Pastoral Assistant

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.

BIBLE STUDY Bible Discussion by zoom this Thursday 9th at 11am, looking at Matthew 13v1-9 & 18-23. 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.**

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.**

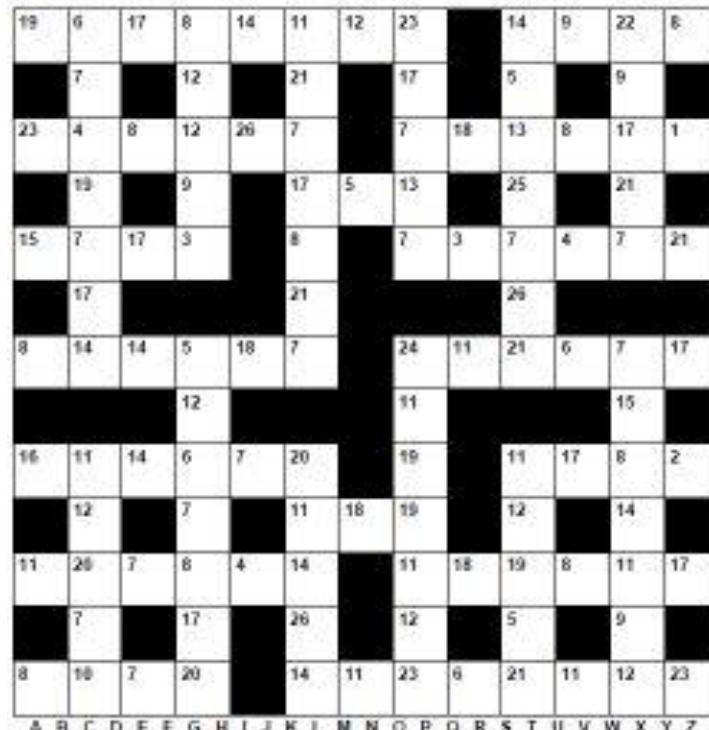


QUIZ TIME

This week set by the Radio Times

1. Only two countries in the world have a flag that is square-shaped. One is the Vatican City, but what is the other?
2. Hamilton has become one of the biggest musical theatre shows of all time since it debuted in 2015 – but what is the name of the acclaimed star who wrote it?
3. Name the current UK Home Secretary.
4. In 2017 the Best Picture Oscar winner was erroneously announced as La La Land. But which film actually won the award?
5. The highest peak in Europe is in which country?
6. Which Shakespeare play included the famous stage direction Exit Pursued By A Bear?
7. Which iconic English rock band are responsible for the 1967 hit song Waterloo Sunset?
8. In which year was the popular video game Fortnite first released?
9. Which vegetable forms the base of a traditional moussaka?
10. How many hearts does an octopus have?

PUZZLE TIME



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