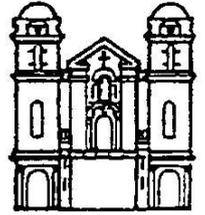


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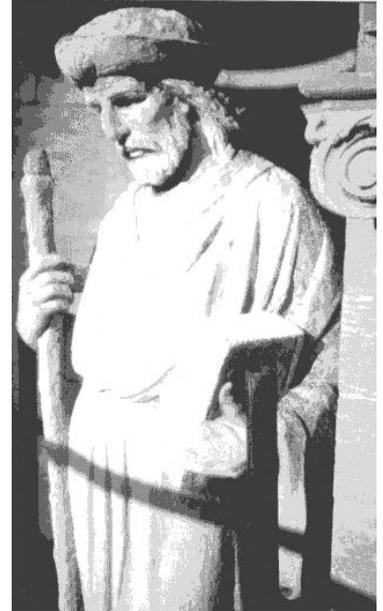
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## 26 JULY 2020 – PATRONAL FESTIVAL

### Prayer for the Week

Merciful God,  
whose holy apostle Saint James,  
leaving his father and all that he had,  
was obedient to the calling of your Son Jesus Christ  
and followed him even to death:  
help us, forsaking the false attractions of the world,  
to be ready at all times to answer your call without delay;  
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)

#### Recovering

Barbara Penrose – cataracts surgery

#### Rest in Peace

Ray Wood (Doris Makepeace's Brother in Law)

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 OPEN FOR PRIVATE PRAYER

To allow us to celebrate our Patronal Festival, we'll be open for private prayer this Sunday morning between 10am and 12pm. As there's still a high infection rate in Leicester, we strongly advise everyone who visits the church to wear a face covering.

As with previous Sunday's, there'll be a one-way system in place. When you arrive, you'll need to enter via the servery door and use the hand sanitizer provided. Chairs remain 2m apart and we ask that you don't move any, as this will allow us to maintain social distancing.

Please remember that if you're in the more vulnerable age group (70+), or have underlying health conditions, then you should still stay at home as much as possible.

We'll be open again next Wednesday, 29<sup>th</sup> July, between 3pm and 4pm and also on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> August. The PCC met earlier this week and agreed that if the local conditions allow it, we we'll open for public worship on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> August. We'll let you have more details about this closer to the time.

**Philip Jones**  
**Churchwarden**

## Readings for the week

### Acts 11. 27 – 12. 2

<sup>27</sup> At that time prophets came down from Jerusalem to Antioch. <sup>28</sup> One of them named Agabus stood up and predicted by the Spirit that there would be a severe famine over all the world; and this took place during the reign of Claudius. <sup>29</sup> The disciples determined that according to their ability, each would send relief to the believers<sup>[a]</sup> living in Judea; <sup>30</sup> this they did, sending it to the elders by Barnabas and Saul.

### James Killed and Peter Imprisoned

**12** About that time King Herod laid violent hands upon some who belonged to the church. <sup>2</sup> He had James, the brother of John, killed with the sword.

## **Matthew 20. 20-28**

### **The Request of the Mother of James and John**

<sup>20</sup> Then the mother of the sons of Zebedee came to him with her sons, and kneeling before him, she asked a favour of him. <sup>21</sup> And he said to her, 'What do you want?' She said to him, 'Declare that these two sons of mine will sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your kingdom.' <sup>22</sup> But Jesus answered, 'You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I am about to drink?'<sup>[a]</sup> They said to him, 'We are able.' <sup>23</sup> He said to them, 'You will indeed drink my cup, but to sit at my right hand and at my left, this is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared by my Father.'

<sup>24</sup> When the ten heard it, they were angry with the two brothers. <sup>25</sup> But Jesus called them to him and said, 'You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. <sup>26</sup> It will not be so among you; but whoever wishes to be great among you must be your servant, <sup>27</sup> and whoever wishes to be first among you must be your slave; <sup>28</sup> just as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.'

### **The Vicar Writes ...**

We have a funny habit in the Church of remembering apostles by their worst moments - I'm thinking of Thomas forever lumbered with that moment of doubt, and Peter, getting out of the boat and sinking, being called "Satan", and denying Christ three times. Similarly the portrait of James from our gospel is less than flattering - he appears shallowly ambitious, yet cowardly hiding behind his mother at the same time. And crucially he has misunderstood the nature of Christ's kingdom. Yet today we celebrate James as a saint, an apostle, our patron. At the very least we are reminded that even saints make mistakes, and I think as a Christian community - which is of course what a "church" is (something the lockdown of our building has reinforced) - it is easy to remember those mistakes above all else, to be perpetually locked in our worst moments. But James' faithful following, all the way to martyrdom, shows us that despite the bad moments there is liberation, redemption. I know I make mistakes as a Christian, and as a Vicar, and I have a high degree of confidence that I will make more. My prayer is that I, and everyone reading this, may know what it is to be part of a community of forgiveness and hope, like the Church of St James the Greater.

**Andrew Quigley**

## **CHORAL EVENSONG FOR THE PATRONAL FESTIVAL**

As we still cannot meet in church, you are all invited to join us online on Sunday 26th July at 4pm for a service of Choral Evensong to celebrate St James' Day. The choir, alumni and others offer this third service in the highly-acclaimed series of virtual evensongs, all recorded from their own homes. Search for us on YouTube or follow the links from our website [www.stjamesthegreater.org.uk](http://www.stjamesthegreater.org.uk)

**CONTACTING THE TEAM** You may not be physically seeing us but we are still working! Andrew can be contacted by email [revdaquigley@gmail.com](mailto:revdaquigley@gmail.com) or 0116 254 4113. Annabel in the Church Office can be contacted by email [office@stjamesthegreater.org.uk](mailto:office@stjamesthegreater.org.uk) or 07749 227109. Please don't hesitate to get in touch, further details are on our website [www.stjamesthegreater.org.uk](http://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](mailto:office@stjamesthegreater.org.uk) by Wednesday midday for inclusion.

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**HELP FOR PEOPLE SELF-ISOLATING** We have volunteers who have offered to help members with shopping and 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](http://www.churchofengland.org)

[www.leicestercathedral.org](http://www.leicestercathedral.org)

*Many churches and cathedrals have put services online – let us know your favourites so we can share next week.*

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**BIBLE STUDY** The vicar would like to invite you to an online video discussion of Sunday's readings. We 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.***

**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**

**BARBARA PENROSE** thanks everyone who sent messages to her prior and following her recent surgery. She is looking forward to clearly seeing!

**JAMES LEWIS** sent a message wishing everyone well.



## **IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF ST JAMES THE GREATER TO SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA by Jennifer and Howard Smith**

Our pilgrimage was hardly 'in the steps' since we arrived by coach! Our first visit, from a cruise ship, was short but riveting and we decided to return again to this inspirational place sometime later, spending three nights there.

Our arrival in the main square was on foot though hardly in the long, arduous and more traditional way of the Camino de Santiago (The Way of St. James). There are various routes which for centuries were followed by pilgrims on their way to venerate the burial place of St James in the great cathedral church at Santiago de Compostela in Galicia, Northern Spain. By the beginning of the 20th century these pilgrimages had largely died away, but the 1970's and 1980's witnessed a revival of this tradition and at times now the square is almost filled with pilgrims.

Despite our own humble stroll, we immediately felt a part of a remarkable and exciting experience alongside the pilgrims resting in the square before entering the great church, and those continuing to enter the square singing and holding their St. James staves and shell emblems.

When the sarcophagus of St. James was miraculously discovered in the early part of the 9th century a small sanctuary was built to protect the relics. Over the years the great cathedral, begun in the 11th century was built, adapted and expanded and this continues today with the west front with its flight of 'pilgrims' steps being renovated when we were there. The relics are in a crypt beneath the gloriously golden Baroque high altar and above the altar hangs a statue of the saint which can be embraced from behind.

The Pilgrims Mass is said daily during which the giant 'botafumeiro' or incense burner swings from transept to transept taking eight acolytes to control it and which I had longed to see. We managed to squeeze in to the mass and coped with a fairly lengthy sermon in Spanish in order to see the incense burner in action. Well, it wasn't our day! Following this mass there was to be a children's mass with pupils from a wide area of the diocese at which the incense burner swung.

Despite our disappointment, the experience of this massive building filled with pilgrims from around the world worshipping together was immense and the memory of this frequently uplifts my soul.

I did consider bringing back a collection of the St. James' crooks for the St. James' Singers to use as we process into worship, but thought they might be too much for my baggage allowance!

Our beautiful shell ornament at home is a daily reminder of this wonderful experience.

# ST JAMES WORDSEARCH by Vicky Roe

## St James the Greater

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