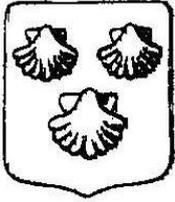
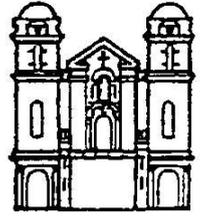


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CHRIST THE KING

Prayer for the Week

Eternal Father,
whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven
that he might rule over all things as Lord and King:
keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit
and in the bond of peace,
and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

PRIVATE PRAYER During the current restrictions, we regret that public worship has been suspended. We will be open again this Sunday for private prayer, but this week it will be at the new time of between 10.30 and 11.30.

Our Prayers are asked for:

All prevented from worshipping with us, remembering this week

George Daley : Gwen Leather : Marilyn Dorum
and all those currently unable to attend services.

Unwell

Darienne Griffith (recovering from surgery) : Ann Blanchard : Anthony Green :
Matt Brunning : Margaret Norman : Owen Shepherd :
Tony Chizema : Josephine Chizema

The Vicar Writes ...

On the feast of Christ the King we are given an image of the Son of Man sitting in Royal judgement, separating the righteous from sinners. But he does so to give his kingdom away – so that the righteous can inherit it. This is typical of his selfless rule of generosity and self-emptying.



Furthermore, those who inherit are not those who have given obeisance to his royalty, but who have shown compassion to his humanity in strangers, the poor, the ill, hungry, imprisoned. When we show such love, we are displaying his royalty, living as members and inheritors of his kingdom, so different from the kingdoms of this world.

Lectionary Readings for the Week

Ezekiel 34. 11 – 16

For thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord GOD. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.

Matthew 25. 31 – end

When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, “Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was

hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.”

Then the righteous will answer him, “Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?” And the king will answer them, “Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.” Then he will say to those at his left hand, “You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.” Then they also will answer, “Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?” Then he will answer them, “Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.” And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.’

ADMISSION OF CHURCHWARDENS As with everything else this year, we are having to do these things differently and the admission of churchwardens is no exception. Usually this is done at the Archdeacon’s Visitation, where wardens make their declarations collectively, but the current lockdown means this isn’t currently possible. However, the Diocesan Registrar has confirmed that wardens can make their declarations in an online meeting with their vicar.

So, following their election at our first virtual APCM last month, at Thursday night’s PCC Meeting, Phil and Simon were admitted into their office. They made their declarations, followed by their affirmation of commitment, in front of Andrew and everyone attending the meeting.

STEWARDSHIP ENVELOPES For 2020/2021 have been received and we’re currently looking at arrangements for how we will distribute these to everyone who uses them to make their offering to St James. We will let you have more details on how we are going to do this in next week’s bulletin.

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS SERVICES We’re all hopeful that we’ll be able to meet together for public worship again on 6th December, when we will mark the Second Sunday of Advent. There will be a Said Eucharist service in the

morning at 10:30am, followed in the afternoon by our Advent Carol Service at 4.00pm.

As Advent Carols is one of our most popular occasions in St James' year, we are introducing a free ticketing system for this service. This will allow us to ensure as many of you are able to attend this wonderful service. It will also mean we are able to maintain social distancing within the church by monitoring our capacity.

If you would like to attend Advent Carols, please email the office at: office@stjamesthegreater.org.uk and let us know how many seats you need. Alternatively, you can ring the Office on: 0116 254 2111 and leave a message saying how many seats you need. It's unlikely that we'll actually issue tickets for the service. However, if we start getting close to the current capacity of the church this may change, but we'll let you know.

Looking further ahead into next month, there will be Sung Eucharist and Baptism on the Third Sunday of Advent, 13th December, at 10:30am. The following week, 20th December, we will again have Said Eucharist at 10:30am. As this is the Fourth Sunday in Advent, we will then have our traditional service of Nine Lessons and Carols at 4.00pm. This will also be a ticketed service.

We will celebrate Christmas Day with a Sung Eucharist service at 10:30am. Unfortunately, the current situation means that we won't be holding Midnight Mass on Christmas Eve.

BIBLE STUDY Following last Friday's session, our next online Bible discussion will take place at 7.30pm on Friday 27th November, where we'll be discussing the gospel for the First Sunday of Advent: Mark 13. 24 – 37. If you'd like to join the Zoom session, please email the vicar at: revdaquigley@gmail.com or call him on: 0116 254 4113.

FAITH IN FANTASY Our look at the spiritual dimensions of the worlds of Rowling, Lewis and Tolkien continues next Wednesday, 25th November at 7.30pm. This time we'll be looking at the works of J.R.R Tolkien. For joining details or more information please email the vicar at: revdaquigley@gmail.com or call him on: 0116 254 4113. There will be spoilers!

YOUR GIVING TO ST JAMES Did you know that in a normal year over 35% of the church's income is made up of regular Direct Debits and Standing Orders from members of the congregation?

This income is especially important to us at the moment, since Sunday services have been suspended during the second lockdown and there has been a dramatic fall in our income from lettings.

If you already give by Direct Debit or Standing Order, thank you! Of course, if you are able to increase the amount you give, that would be very welcome. We do not hold Gift Aid declarations for some people and if this applies to you, we will be in touch to ask if you can fill one in for us.

If you are not already a regular giver, please consider starting a Direct Debit through the Church of England's Parish Giving Scheme. They offer a very friendly service and will help you set everything up over the phone. They make sure that Gift Aid tax relief is claimed (this adds 25p to every £1 that you give), and they pass every penny of your donation straight through to St James the Greater.

You can contact the Parish Giving Scheme on 0333 002 1271 (local call rates apply).

CONTACTING THE TEAM Andrew can be contacted by email at: revdaquigley@gmail.com or 0116 254 4113. The Church Office can be contacted by email at: office@stjamesthegreater.org.uk or by telephoning 0116 254 2111 and leaving a message. Please don't hesitate to get in touch, further details are on our website www.stjamesthegreater.org.uk

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
Songs of Praise	Sun – check schedule for time	BBC1

Online

www.churchofengland.org
www.leicestercathedral.org

DAILY HOPE TELEPHONE SERVICE 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 selection of hymns, updated daily. An option entitled 'Hymns We Love', provides an increasing range of hymns and reflections on them. More options have been added.

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. Chair exercises – a different set of exercise for each day of the week.
4. Daily Reflection for these times – read by Pam Rhodes.
5. Access to more options (6 – 9).
6. Weekly service from C of E.
7. Morning and Evening Prayer from Common Worship.
8. Latest Government advice on Coronavirus.
9. Mother's Union Midday Service.

Pressing 0 returns you to the top menu (1 – 5) and * gives access to the full text of the Archbishop of Canterbury's introduction.

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