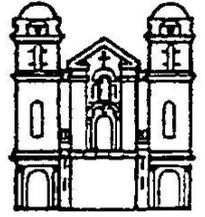


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**This week at the Church of
St James the Greater
Leicester**

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**10 JANUARY 2021
BAPTISM OF CHRIST**

Prayer for the Week

Eternal Father,
who at the baptism of Jesus
revealed him to be your Son,
anointing him with the Holy Spirit:
grant to us, who are born again by water and the Spirit,
that we may be faithful to our calling as your adopted children;
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

David Muddimer : Conceição Fernandes
and all those currently unable to attend services.

Unwell

Ann Blanchard : Anthony Green : Margaret Norman :
Owen Shepherd : Josephine Chizema

Rest in Peace

John Willett (William Woolley's Cousin)

Welcome to St James the Greater

With the introduction of the new national lockdown, we are able to remain open for public worship. If you join us on a Sunday morning please follow the guidance from the churchwardens on duty regarding sanitising and social distancing. If you are able, please wear a face covering throughout the service – visors are not a legal face covering. If you have forgotten yours, please speak to one of the wardens.

Please remember to check-in to church when you enter using either our QR code or by completing the Track and Trace contact details slip that you will find with your leaflet and place it in the boxes as you leave church.

If you would like to have the leaflet emailed to you each Friday so you can print it or view it online, please contact the Church Office to be added to our mailing list.

There continues to be no Offertory. To allow you to make your offering, collection bowls can be found on the tables at the back of church.

Please take this leaflet away with you at the end of the service.

The Vicar Writes ...

From Christmas through the season of Epiphany we are offered a series of new beginnings – the birth of a child in Bethlehem, a new star, and today a baptism, marking the beginning of a new ministry. Meanwhile in the ordinary calendar we are just a few days into the new year, although I suspect some are weary of it already.



We are told in scripture that God's mercies are new every morning. We can be assured that his forgiveness and his healing are similarly fresh, ready to be offered at every moment of repentance or need. I pray that each day we may know God's love poured upon us, as if for the first time.

10:30

Said Eucharist

Celebrant:

Reverend Andrew Quigley

Preacher:

Reverend Rosie Woodall

You'll find the service books for this week's Eucharist laid out on the seats in church. Please place your book in the boxes that you'll find as you leave church at the end the service.

The Readings for The Baptism of Chirst

Genesis 1. 1 – 5

Read by William Woolley

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, 'Let there be light'; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

Mark 1. 4 – 11

John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptised by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, 'The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptised you with water; but he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit.'

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptised by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'

The Gloria

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,

almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.

Post Communion Prayer

Lord of all time and eternity,
you opened the heavens and revealed yourself as Father
in the baptism of Jesus your beloved Son:
by the power of your Spirit
complete the heavenly work of our rebirth
through the waters of the new creation;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

DORIS MAKEPEACE would like to thank everyone who sent her Christmas and birthday cards, she really appreciated these.

VACINATION SCAMS as the rollout of the Covid-19 vaccine takes place please beware of scam text messages and emails claiming to be from the NHS and which ask you to submit your bank details. The NHS will never ask you for your financial details and there is no charge to receive the vaccine from them.

Dates For Your Diary

As we enter another lockdown, we're going to be holding a number of online sessions that we hope you'll be able to join in with and meet up with other members of the St James community.

As some of the links to the internet are quite long, we've used the Tiny URL website to make them a bit more manageable.

TEA AT THE VICARAGE one of the things we miss the most during this time of Covid is the chance to join together over a cup of tea or coffee after a services on a Thursday or Sunday morning and catch up on the latest gossip or news. The vicar would like to invite everyone who can, to join him for a virtual hot drink between 11 and 12 next Thursday morning, 14th January.

There's no need to book, you just need to have Zoom installed on a computer, tablet or mobile phone and use the following link: <https://tinyurl.com/yy7qmm3j>. Just remember that you'll to bring your own biscuits.

BIBLE STUDY after a break for Christmas, our online bible study sessions recommence next Friday, 15th December at 7:00pm. This week we'll be considering St John's Gospel, Chapter I verse 43 to the end. To join Zoom meeting, you just need to click on the following link: <https://tinyurl.com/yxz8dv3r>.

ONLINE HOUSE GROUP If you'd like to join Angela Jagger's online house group it's not too late. Their next meeting is this coming Tuesday – 12th January at 7:30pm – when they'll be discussing the hymn 'O Come All Ye Faithful'. To join you can just email Angela at: A.F.Jagger@dunelm.org.uk and she'll let you have all the details.

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

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| 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 | BBC I |

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.

It is helpful to have the telephone on speakerphone to avoid having to hold the handset for a long time.

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