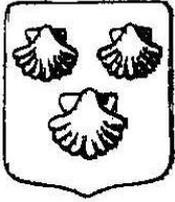
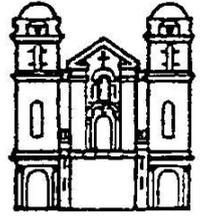


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A Prayer for the Nation

Gracious God,
as we remember before you the thousands
who have died,
surround us and all who mourn with your
strong compassion.

Be gentle with us in our grief,
protect us from despair,
and give us grace to persevere
and face the future with hope
in Jesus Christ our risen Lord.
Amen.

Our Prayers are asked for:

All prevented from worshipping with us, remembering this week

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

Unwell

Ann Blanchard : Anthony Green : Margaret Norman :
Owen Shepherd : Josephine Chizema : The Very Reverend Derek Hole

Rest In Peace

George Daley : David Muddimer
Freda Hughes (aged 91) Aunt to Caroline and Tereza Beardsmore :

Welcome to St James the Greater

31st January

10:30am

Welcome to our weekly online service. To be able to join us please ensure you have downloaded Zoom to your computer, mobile phone or tablet and click on the link below:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81897708742?pwd=OXV5UjBkZ2ZlYWtjMTYveVU5RjEzQT09>

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A Service of The Word For The Feast of The Presentation of Christ in the Temple

Responses are in bold type.

Preparation

Grace, mercy and peace, from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you
And also with you.

Prayers of Penitence

Hear the words of our Saviour Jesus Christ:

'I am the light of the world.

Whoever follows me shall never walk-in darkness
but shall have the light of life.'

Let us therefore bring our sins into his light
and confess them in penitence and faith.

**All Father eternal, giver of light and grace,
we have sinned against you and against our neighbour,
in what we have thought,
in what we have said and done,
through ignorance, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.
We have wounded your love,
and marred your image in us.
We are sorry and ashamed,
and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
who died for us,
forgive us all that is past;
and lead us out from darkness
to walk as children of light.
Amen.**

Invitation to Confession

May the father of all mercies cleanse you from your sins, and restore you in his image, to the
praise and glory of his name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Collect

The president introduces a period of silent prayer with the words

Let us pray that we may know and share the light of Christ.

Silence is kept.

Almighty and ever-living God, clothed in majesty, whose beloved Son was this day presented in the Temple, in substance of our flesh: grant that we may be presented to you with pure and clean hearts, by your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word

Malachi 3. 1 - 5

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

Then I will draw near to you for judgement; I will be swift to bear witness against the sorcerers, against the adulterers, against those who swear falsely, against those who oppress the hired workers in their wages, the widow, and the orphan, against those who thrust aside the alien, and do not fear me, says the Lord of hosts.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Luke 2. 22 – 40

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

Glory to you O Lord

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, 'Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord'), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, 'a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons.'

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents

brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying,
'Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace,
according to your word;
for my eyes have seen your salvation,
which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,
a light for revelation to the Gentiles
and for glory to your people Israel.'

And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed — and a sword will pierce your own soul too.'

There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband for seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you, O Christ.

The Sermon

The Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers

Each petition concludes:

Lord in your mercy **hear our prayer.**

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Final Responsory

Father, we have sung your praise with shepherds and angels:
may Christ be born in our hearts today.

All Praise to Christ our light.

We have shared in the joy of Simeon and Anna;
help us, like them, to trust your word.

All Praise to Christ our light.

We have greeted Jesus, the light of the world;
may we be filled with the light of your love.

All Praise to Christ our light.

Conclusion

Christ, whose glory fills the skies,
fill you with radiance
and scatter the darkness from your path.

All Amen.

Christ, the Sun of Righteousness,
gladden your eyes and warm your heart.

All Amen.

Christ, the Dayspring from on high,
draw near to guide your feet into the way of peace.

All Amen.

And the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

All Amen.

You are welcome to stay online for a chat after the service. Please remember to bring your own biscuits!

Wednesday 3rd February

6:30pm

A Service of Compline

Welcome to our second online service of Compline, which this week is led by Shelia Roberts. To be able to join us please ensure you have downloaded Zoom to your computer, mobile phone or tablet and click on the link below:

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/75236017913?pwd=eTB4Z0k4NEplcUloTzRXVIRhVGNFQT09>
Meeting ID: 752 3601 7913 **Passcode:** M7ncNs

A copy of the Order of Service can be downloaded from the church's website by visiting:

<http://www.stjamesthegreater.org.uk/resources/Order%20of%20Service%20-%20Online%20Compline.pdf>

You can join in the responses, but just make sure you've muted your microphone. There will also be some parts sung by a small group from the choir and the words of the service will also be shown on screen.

The Vicar Writes ...

As the period of Christmas and Epiphany is brought to a close, and we begin to look towards Lent, we hear the story of law and hope fulfilled, and of long, long waits completed. Simeon has been told he will see the Messiah before he dies, and Anna also, at the end of her long life greets the infant Christ.



Whilst the theme is one of expectation met and joy realised, the words are surprisingly double-edged – we hear of people falling, of a sword piercing Mary's soul. It is hard to distil the full meaning of this episode into a few words, but the certainty of God's good purposes being fulfilled, no matter how long the wait, is one of them, but another is that those purposes will not arrive without suffering.

A PRAYER FOR THE NATION

In response to reaching the terrible milestone of 100,000 deaths from COVID-19, the Archbishops of Canterbury and York invite all of us to call on God in Prayer. Starting on 1st February we are invited to set aside time every evening to pray, particularly at 6:00pm each day. More than ever, this is a time when we need to love each other. Prayer is an expression of love.

You'll find a copy of the Archbishops' Prayer for the Nation on the front page of this week's bulletin. You can also find themes for prayer for all of February, together with a letter the Archbishop's have written by visiting the Church of England website at: <https://www.churchofengland.org/resources/prayer-nation>.

Dates For Your Diary

TEA AT THE VICARAGE As well as meeting up after our Sunday morning service, we're continuing to hold our weekly virtual coffee morning every Thursday. It's good to be able to catch up with members of our fellowship that we've not been able to see for some time. This is especially true now as we're unable to meet in church at the moment.

We'll be holding this every Thursday going forward between 11 and 12. 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>. You can drop in anytime you like for a chat.

BIBLE STUDY our Zoom sessions take place every Friday at 7:00pm. At our next session on 5th February, we'll be looking at John's Gospel – Chapter 1, verses 1 – 14. To join the meeting, you just need to click on the following link: <https://tinyurl.com/yxz8dv3r>.

ONLINE HOUSE GROUP Our next meeting is tomorrow, Monday February 1st at 3:30pm. You can join by using the link to the Zoom meeting below:
<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/4049355092?pwd=ZU5aZ2JaTWlBK0V3aHZUTlp4bGVGUT09>

Meeting ID: 404 935 5092

Passcode: 6Hyy6R

You can also contact Angela Jagger for more information by emailing her at: A.F.Jagger@dunelm.org.uk.

VACINATION SCAMS as the rollout of the Covid-19 vaccine continues and more of us start to receive their injections, 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.

WELSEY HALL COMMUNITY CENTER which is located at 76 Hartington Road, are providing free hot meals for the elderly, disabled and those who are struggling due to Covid-19. These are available every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 1:00pm.

For more information, please contact the centre by telephoning them on: 0116 262 6000.

DAVID MUDDIMER'S funeral took place in church last Friday. A recording of the service can be found by visiting our YouTube channel, or clicking on the following link: <https://youtu.be/sI6VvYxCrMU>

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

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?

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).

Resources for Home Worship

Broadcast Media

Daily Service	Monday – Friday at 9.45am	Radio 4 LW
Choral Evensong	Wednesday at 3.30pm and Sunday at 3pm	Radio 3
Sunday Worship	Sunday at 8.10am	Radio 4
Songs of Praise	Sunday – check schedule for time	BBC I

There is also a service on Radio Leicester at 8:00am on a Sunday morning

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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