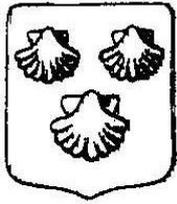
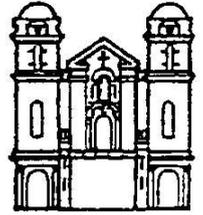


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28 FEBRUARY 2021
SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Prayer for the Week

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that they may reject those things
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and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same;
through our Lord Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
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

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

Recovering

The Very Reverend Derek Hole : Jean Warren

Welcome to St James the Greater

28th February

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=OXV5UIBkZ2ZlYWtjMjYveVU5RjEzQT09>

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A Service of Morning Prayer For The Second Sunday Of Lent

*Please join in the responses in **bold type**, but ensure your microphone is muted.*

Preparation

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

All: **And also with you.**

This is the day that the Lord has made.

All: **Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

The minister may say

We have come together in the name of Christ
to offer our praise and thanksgiving,
to hear and receive God's holy word,
to pray for the needs of the world,
and to seek the forgiveness of our sins,
that by the power of the Holy Spirit
we may give ourselves to the service of God.

The sacrifice of God is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart God will not despise. Let us come to the Lord, who is full of compassion, and acknowledge our transgressions in penitence and faith.

All:

Lord God,

we have sinned against you;

we have done evil in your sight.

We are sorry and repent.

Have mercy on us according to your love.

Wash away our wrongdoing and cleanse us from our sin.

Renew a right spirit within us

and restore us to the joy of your salvation;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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.

All: Amen.

Blessed is the Lord,

All: for he has heard the voice of our prayer;

therefore, shall our hearts dance for joy

All: and in our song will we praise our God.

Blessed are you, Lord our God,
creator and redeemer of all;
to you be glory and praise for ever.
From the waters of chaos, you drew forth the world
and in your great love fashioned us in your image.
Now, through the deep waters of death,
you have brought your people to new birth
by raising your Son to life in triumph.
May Christ your light ever dawn in our hearts
as we offer you our sacrifice of thanks and praise.
Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit:

All: Blessed be God for ever.

The night has passed, and the day lies open before us;
let us pray with one heart and mind.

Silence is kept.

As we rejoice in the gift of this new day,
so may the light of your presence, O God,
set our hearts on fire with love for you;
now and for ever.

All: Amen.

The Word of God ***Genesis 17. 1 – 7, 15 - 16***

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said to him, 'I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous.' Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, 'As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will

make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you.

God said to Abraham, 'As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her.'

This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Mark 8. 31 – 38

Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, 'Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.'

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.'

This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead.

All: And Christ shall give you light.

You have died and your life is hid with Christ in God.

All: Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead.

Set your minds on things that are above,
not on things that are on the earth.

All: And Christ shall give you light.

When Christ our life appears you will appear with him in glory.

**All: Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead,
and Christ shall give you light.**

Gospel Canticle

The Benedictus (The Song of Zechariah) is said:

All:

- 1. Blessed be the Lord the God of Israel,
who has come to his people and set them free.**
- 2. He has raised up for us a mighty Saviour,
born of the house of his servant David.**
- 3. Through his holy prophets God promised of old
to save us from our enemies,
from the hands of all that hate us,**
- 4. To show mercy to our ancestors,
and to remember his holy covenant.**
- 5. This was the oath God swore to our father Abraham:
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,**
- 6. Free to worship him without fear,
holy and righteous in his sight
all the days of our life.**
- 7. And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High,
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,**
- 8. To give his people knowledge of salvation
by the forgiveness of all their sins.**
- 9. In the tender compassion of our God
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,**
- 10. To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death,
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.**

Luke 1.68-79

All:

**Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

A sermon is preached

The Creed

All:

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,

**who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.
Amen.**

Prayers

Intercessions are offered.

At the end of each petition:

Lord in your mercy

All: Hear our prayer.

The Collect is said.

Almighty God,

you show to those who are in error the light of your truth,

that they may return to the way of righteousness:

grant to all those who are admitted

into the fellowship of Christ's religion,

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who is alive and reigns with you,

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one God, now and for ever.

All: Amen.

The Lord's Prayer is said

Gathering our prayers and praises into one,

let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

All:

Our Father, who art in heaven,

hallowed be 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.

The Conclusion

The Blessing

The Lord bless us, and preserve us from all evil,
and keep us in eternal life.

All: **Amen.**

Let us bless the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

You are welcome to stay online for a chat – feel free to remain logged in while you make a drink!

Wednesday 3rd March

6:30pm

A Service of Compline

Welcome to our second online service of Compline for Lent, which this week is led by David Brunning. 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/78095362850?pwd=WGJIWS9VMUNKRDFPKzlpUGITKzNVZz09>

Meeting ID: 780 9536 2850

Passcode: flk8m8

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 ...

So-called "Doom-mongers", whether of climate change, Brexit or handling of the pandemic, are reviled in certain sectors of the press and government. This is the case regardless of their expertise, the evidence backing them up, or even when they are proved correct. It is a golden-age for Cassandras.



But the human instinct to look on the brighter side, to try and breeze through adversity through a mixture of positive thinking and jingoism has a long history. This may be what makes it hard for Peter (and surely the other disciples) to accept what Jesus tells them about his coming death. In this case though Peter has mistaken what success or the brighter side looks like. God's success is wrought through suffering, not pretending it might never happen, and when the time comes for us to shoulder our crosses, that is vital to know.

THE SHELL The Spring 2021 edition has just been published and you can find a copy, along with the previous editions, by visiting our website at: www.stjamesthegreater.org.uk. You'll find it under the 'News' section and 'Parish Magazine'. Thank you to everyone who contributed articles and special thanks to Graham Jagger for his sterling work in editing it for us.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER is celebrated in over 120 countries. This year the service has been prepared by the women of Vanuatu on the theme, "Build on a strong foundation." Links to services, including one recorded by the women of Vanuatu, will be posted online for Friday 5th March at <https://www.wwdp.org.uk/>

Lent 2021

Whilst we're unable to meet in person to mark Lent this year, there are a large number of online resources, in addition to our own Lent Course, which you can use to prepare for Easter. Some that may be of interest are listed below.

ONLINE LENT RETREAT BBC Radio 4's Sunday Worship and Daily Service programmes are following the themes of an Ignatian Lent Retreat. The online resources provide images, readings, prayers and music for each day. Details can be found online at <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/articles/3gGFW2dW4dqbsFxRMjqzdmD/pathways-to-prayer-lent-retreat-2021> and <https://www.onlineprayer.net/>.

CHRISTIAN EVIDENCE SOCIETY Are hosting a weekly webinar series, every Tuesday evening at 8:00pm, which this Lent tackles "Questions of our Times."

There are eminent thinkers lined up including the Rev Dr Lord Rowan Williams whose talk is titled: 'Prayer and Spirituality: Is God really listening?' This coming week the speaker will address the question 'How can I find wholeness in a broken world'. It's free to join the series, you just need to go to their website at: christianevidence.org.

#LIVELENT: GOD'S STORY, OUR STORY This Lent you can sign up for daily lent reflections from the Church of England. They've also launched a #LiveLent app for smartphones and tablets. You can find more details by visiting their website at: <https://tinyurl.com/t7vuf8d4>.

LENT APPEAL In last week's bulletin we launched our Lent Appeal for 2021. In most years, we would usually support the Bishop's Lent Appeal. However, this year with churches in Leicester and Leicestershire unable to open, an appeal isn't being held. Because of this, we'd like to encourage you to take this opportunity to help a charity of your choice.

We know many of you already support charities both locally, nationally and abroad. However, if you're unsure of a charity to back, or would like to help a different one, maybe you'd like to consider making a donation to one of the fantastic organisations listed below. We've included a link to their website to allow you to learn more about them.

- **Open Hands** Is a Leicester charity, whose primary purpose is to show compassion, support and care to those in need, to invest hope in and through people and to empower individuals to work towards a better future. <https://www.openhandsleicester.org.uk/>
- **Leicester South Foodbank** This is the nearest foodbank to St James and we've supported them in previous Harvest Thanksgiving and Christmas appeals. <https://leicestersouth.foodbank.org.uk/>
- **One Roof** Provide accommodation, support and advice to people who are homeless, destitute refugees, asylum seekers and vulnerably housed in Leicester. <https://www.oneroof.org.uk/>
- **Menphys** Is a local charity that provides a range of specialist services to support children and young adults with additional needs and disabilities, and their families. <https://www.menphys.org.uk/>
- **After 18** Is a charity which specialises in supporting unaccompanied asylum-seeking children and young refugees under 25 to adjust to living in

Leicestershire, consider their options and prepare for their future.

<https://www.after18.org.uk/>

- **Christian Aid** Whilst Christian Aid week will take place in late May, last year's appeal was greatly impacted by the first Covid lockdown and they still need our support. <https://www.christianaid.org.uk/>

The last twelve months have been difficult for all of us, but this Lent it would be good if we could show our Christian charity by displaying our support for those who are less fortunate as ourselves.

Dates For Your Diary

TEA AT THE VICARAGE After a week's break, 'Tea at the Vicarage' returns this Thursday, 4th March at 11:00am. You can drop in anytime between 11 and 12 for a chat and catch-up with everyone online. To join, you just need to have Zoom installed on a computer, tablet or mobile phone and use the following link: <https://tinyurl.com/yy7qmm3j>.

LENT COURSE Our online course for this Lent continues this Friday, 5th March, at 7:00pm. To join us, you just need to click on the following link: <https://tinyurl.com/yxz8dv3r>. It doesn't matter if you've been unable to attend any of the previous sessions, you

ONLINE HOUSE GROUPS These will be continuing through Lent, with the next session taking place on Monday 1st March at 3:30pm, co-ordinated by Val Bailey. This week they'll be discussing the Lent hymn 'Forty Days and Forty Nights'. You can join the Zoom meeting by using the details below:

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/4049355092?pwd=ZU5aZ2JaTWlBK0V3aHZUTlp4bGVGUT09>

Meeting ID: 404 935 5092

Passcode: 6Hy6R

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).

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	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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