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This week at the Church of
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Leicester

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25 APRIL 2021
FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Prayer for the Week

Almighty God,
whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life:
raise us, who trust in him,
from the death of sin to the life of righteousness,
that we may seek those things which are above,
where he 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

Conceicáo Fernandes : Gwen Leather :
Marilyn Dorum : Margaret Norman
and all those currently unable to attend services.

Those who are unwell and who are recovering

Mark Saddler : Mollie Drake : Michael Quigley :
Ann Blanchard : Anthony Green :
Owen Shepherd : Josephine Chizema : The Very Reverend Derek Hole

Rest In Peace

Tony Hurst (Scout Leader)

Welcome to St James the Greater

Sunday 25TH April 2021

10:30am

A Service of Said Eucharist For The Fourth Sunday Of Easter

Celebrant and Preacher:

Reverend Andrew Quigley

If you're joining us in church for this morning's service, you'll find your copy of the service book 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.

You'll also be able to join us online via Zoom. To be able to do 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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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.

The Readings for the Fourth Sunday of Easter

Acts 15. 35 – 41

Read by Val Bailey

But Paul and Barnabas remained in Antioch, and there, with many others, they taught and proclaimed the word of the Lord.

After some days Paul said to Barnabas, ‘Come, let us return and visit the believers in every city where we proclaimed the word of the Lord and see how they are doing.’ Barnabas wanted to take with them John called Mark. But Paul decided not to take with them one who had deserted them in Pamphylia and had not accompanied them in the work. The disagreement became so sharp that they parted company; Barnabas took Mark with him and sailed away to Cyprus. But Paul chose Silas and set out, the believers commending him to the grace of the Lord. He went through Syria and Cilicia, strengthening the churches.

The Gospel

John 10. 11 – 18

‘I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.’

Post Communion Prayer

Merciful Father,
you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd,
and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again:
keep us always under his protection,
and give us grace to follow in his steps;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Vicar Writes ...

Sunday is the Feast day of St Mark the Evangelist. His Gospel is urgent, brief, breathless. Students of Greek become familiar with his "kai euthus" - "and immediately" - the way everything happens in his narrative.

A companion of Peter and Paul, an early witness of Jesus and receiver of his teaching, Mark's is commonly regarded as the first Gospel and provided the model and influence for the others. His Gospel is short enough to read at a single sitting, something I always recommend.

In that short, startling, story, we may be left slightly stunned, and hopefully stirred, faced with the challenge to share the good news of Christ with the same passion and urgency.



The Week Ahead

Wednesday 28th April 2021

9:00pm

A Service of Compline

Welcome to our weekly online service of Compline for Holy Week, which this week is led by Sheila 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/71769752311?pwd=TisrQy9rNVJlPWxIbWk5OZDlZRIlBlcz09>

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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.

ONLINE HOUSE GROUPS The next session, led by Val Bailey, takes place this coming Monday, 26th April at 2:30pm. Where they'll be discussing the hymn 'Blessed Assurance'. You can join the Zoom meeting by using the details over the page.

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/4049355092?pwd=ZU5aZ2JaTWlBK0V3aHZUTl4bGVGUT09>

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TEA AT THE VICARAGE Is being held again this Thursday morning, 29th April, starting 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>.

BIBLE STUDY Bible Study continues this coming Friday, 30th April, at 7:00pm. This week, we'll be looking at John's Gospel – Chapter 15, verses 1 – 8. To join us, you just need to click on the following link: <https://tinyurl.com/yzx8dv3r>.

BISHOP GULI'S FAREWELL SERVICE Takes place at Leicester Cathedral this Sunday, 25th April, at 3.00pm. Due to Covid restrictions this is an invite only service. However, you'll be able to watch the service live on the cathedral's Facebook page – you don't even need a Facebook account to do this.

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
Sunday Morning Stories	Led by the Rev Kate Botley 10:30am	BBC I
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.

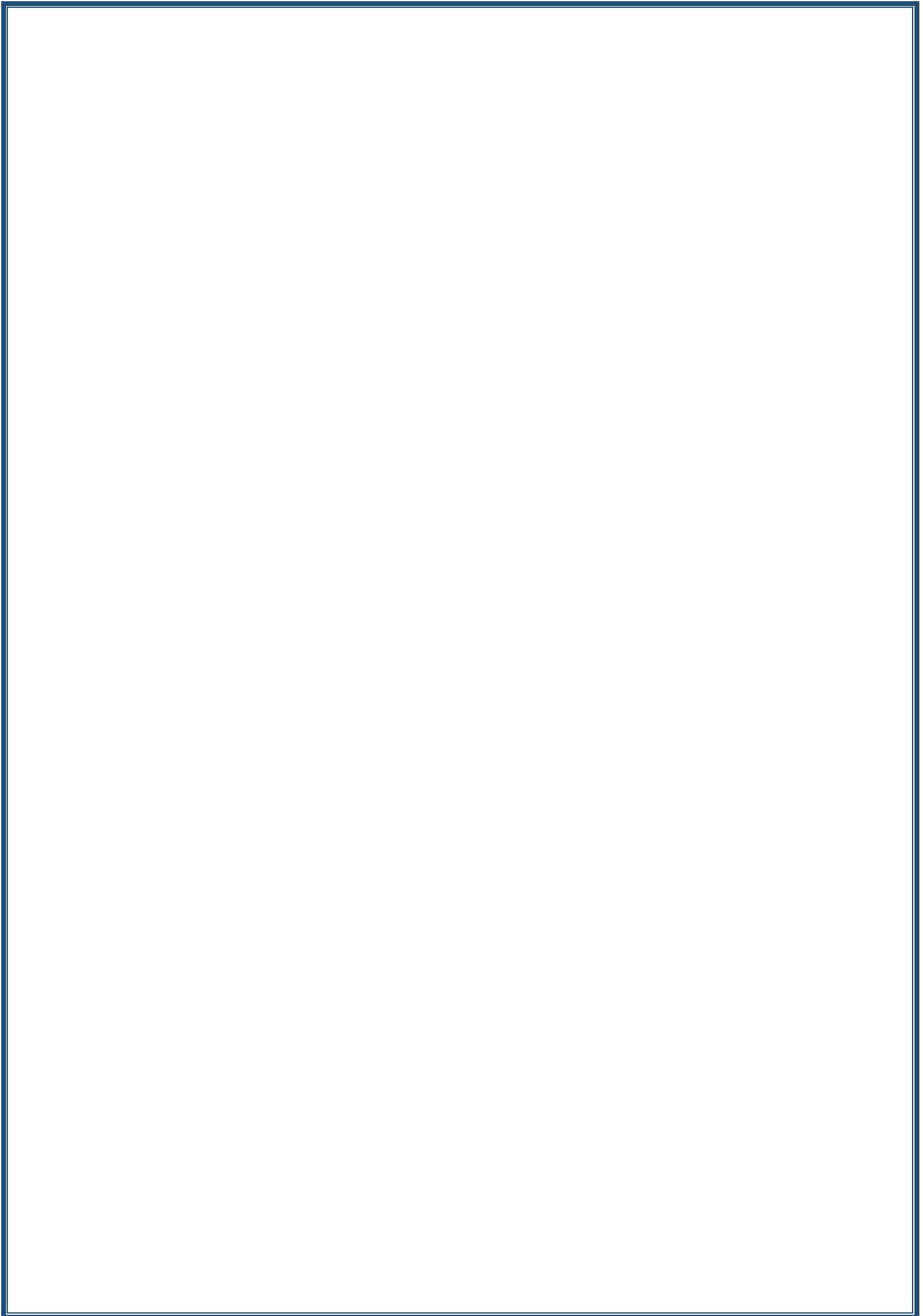
The options are detailed below:

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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