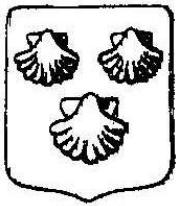
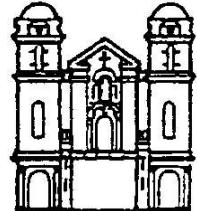


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**23 MAY 2021
PENTECOST**

Prayer for the Week

God, who as at this time
taught the hearts of your faithful people
by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit:
grant us by the same Spirit
to have a right judgement in all things
and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort;
through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour,
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
Conceicão Fernandes : Gwen Leather :
Marilyn Dorum : Margaret Norman
and all those currently unable to attend services.

Those who are unwell and who are recovering

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

Rest In Peace

Nigel Makepeace : Nina Muddimer

Welcome to St James the Greater

Sunday 23rd May 2021

10:30am

A Service of Said Eucharist for Pentecost

Celebrant and Preacher:

Reverend Rosie Woodall

If you're joining us in church for this morning's service, you'll find a copy of this week's bulletin laid out on your seat in church. At the end of the service please take this booklet with you as you leave church.

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The Gathering

WELCOME

Stand for THE ACCLAMATION

Priest The love of God has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us:

All **we dwell in him and he in us.**

Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his name:

All **make known his deeds among the peoples.**

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God almighty:

All **who was and is and is to come!**

Priest What God has prepared for those who love him, he has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything. Therefore, let us in penitence open our hearts to the Lord, who has prepared good things for those who love him.

Kneel or sit

**Most merciful God,
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
we confess that we have sinned
in thought, word and deed.**

**We have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.**

**In your mercy
forgive what we have been,
help us to amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be;
that we may do justly,
love mercy,
and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen.**

Kyrie eleison

Lord have mercy

Christe eleison

Christ have mercy

Kyrie eleison

Lord have mercy

ABSOLUTION: Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Stand for 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 COLLECT

The Liturgy of the Word

Sit READING: Acts 2. 1 – 21

read by Phil Jones

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, ‘Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God’s deeds of power.’ All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, ‘What does this mean?’ But others sneered and said, ‘They are filled with new wine.’

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: ‘Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o’clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

“In the last days it will be, God declares,
that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
and your young men shall see visions,
and your old men shall dream dreams.
Even upon my slaves, both men and women,
in those days I will pour out my Spirit;
and they shall prophesy.
And I will show portents in the heaven above

and signs on the earth below,
blood, and fire, and smoky mist.
The sun shall be turned to darkness
and the moon to blood,
before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.
Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

THE GOSPEL: John 15. 26 – 27; 16. 4b – 15

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

Glory to you, O Lord.

'When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning.

But I have said these things to you so that when their hour comes you may remember that I told you about them.

'I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, "Where are you going?" But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgement: about sin, because they do not believe in me; about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; about judgement, because the ruler of this world has been condemned.

'I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

At the end: This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sit SERMON

Stand AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:

Let us declare our faith in God.

We believe in God the Father,

from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named.

We believe in God the Son,

**who lives in our hearts through faith,
and fills us with his love.**

We believe in God the Holy Spirit,

who strengthens us with power from on high.

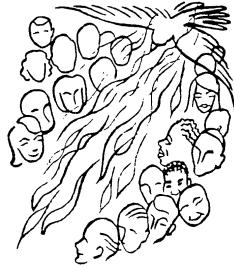
We believe in one God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

Kneel or sit

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

This response may be used

Lord, come to bless us **and fill us with your Spirit.**
And at the end Merciful Father,
accept these prayers for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.



The Liturgy of the Sacrament

Stand THE PEACE:

God has made us one in Christ. He has set his seal upon us and, as a pledge of what is to come, has given the Spirit to dwell in our hearts. Alleluia! The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All **And also with you.**

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER [E]

Priest The Lord is here.

All **His Spirit is with us.**

Lift up your hearts.

All **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

Father, you made the world ... and angels praising you and singing

All **Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts,**

heaven and earth are full of thy glory.

Glory be to thee, O Lord most high.

Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Kneel or sit

... Praise to you, Lord Jesus:

Dying you destroyed our death,

rising you restored our life:

Lord Jesus, come in glory.

The prayer concludes and all respond **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER:

Priest In the power of the Spirit, let us pray 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.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD:

Priest Lord, we died with you on the cross.

All **Now we are raised to new life.**

We were buried in your tomb.

All **Now we share in your resurrection.**

Live in us, that we may live in you.

All **O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.**

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Move forward for Communion.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER *and then*

**Almighty God,
we thank you for feeding us
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies
to be a living sacrifice.
Send us out
in the power of your Spirit
to live and work
to your praise and glory. Amen**

The Dismissal

BLESSING:

The Spirit of truth lead you into all truth, give you grace to confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, and strengthen you to proclaim the word and works of God; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia!

All **In the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia!**

ORGAN VOLUNTARY – *please be mindful of those listening.*

Choral Evensong

6:30pm

Worship led by

Sheila Roberts

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The Psalm and Readings for Evensong

Psalm 139

Refrain: Search me out, O God, and know my heart.

- ¹ O Lord, you have searched me out and known me;
 you know my sitting down and my rising up;
 you discern my thoughts from afar.
- ² You mark out my journeys and my resting place
 and are acquainted with all my ways.
- ³ For there is not a word on my tongue,
 but you, O Lord, know it altogether.
- ⁴ You encompass me behind and before
 and lay your hand upon me.
- ⁵ Such knowledge is too wonderful for me,
 so high that I cannot attain it. [R]
- ⁶ Where can I go then from your spirit?
 Or where can I flee from your presence?
- ⁷ If I climb up to heaven, you are there;
 if I make the grave my bed, you are there also.
- ⁸ If I take the wings of the morning
 and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,
- ⁹ Even there your hand shall lead me,
 your right hand hold me fast.
- ¹⁰ If I say, ‘Surely the darkness will cover me
 and the light around me turn to night,’
- ¹¹ Even darkness is no darkness with you;
 the night is as clear as the day;
 darkness and light to you are both alike. [R]

Ezekiel 36. 22 – 28

Read by Simon Edwards

Therefore say to the house of Israel, Thus says the Lord God: It is not for your sake, O house of Israel, that I am about to act, but for the sake of my holy name, which you have profaned among the nations to which you came. I will sanctify my great name, which has been profaned among the nations, and which you have profaned among them; and the nations shall know that I am the Lord, says the Lord God, when through you I display my holiness before their eyes. I will take you from the nations, and gather you from all the countries, and bring you into your own land. I will sprinkle clean water upon you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. A new heart I will give you, and a new spirit I will put within you; and I will remove from your body the heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. I will put my spirit within you, and make you follow my statutes and be careful to observe my ordinances. Then you shall live in the land that I gave to your ancestors; and you shall be my people, and I will be your God.

'You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know— this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. For David says concerning him,

"I saw the Lord always before me,

for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken;
therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced;

moreover, my flesh will live in hope.

For you will not abandon my soul to Hades,

or let your Holy One experience corruption.

You have made known to me the ways of life;

you will make me full of gladness with your presence."

'Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying,

"He was not abandoned to Hades,

nor did his flesh experience corruption."

This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses. Being therefore exalted at the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, he has poured out this that you both see and hear. For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he himself says,

"The Lord said to my Lord,

'Sit at my right hand,

until I make your enemies your footstool.'

Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified.'

Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, 'Brothers, what should we do?' Peter said to them, 'Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

The Vicar Writes ...

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for the cards and messages they've sent me following the death of my father, Michael, at the end of last month. Your thoughts and prayers are truly appreciated both by myself and my family.



The Week Ahead

Wednesday 26th May 2021

9:00pm

A Service of Compline

Welcome to our weekly online service of Compline, 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/78882073946?pwd=bmhqUTdIMzB1UmNwNlZNZnZHRjdtZz09>
Meeting ID: 788 8207 3946 Passcode: k1dNe8

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, 24th May at 2:30pm. Where they'll be discussing the hymn 'O Thou Who Camest From Above'. You can join the Zoom meeting by using the details over the page.

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/4049355092?pwd=ZU5aZ2JaTWIBK0V3aHZUTIp4bGVGUT09>
Meeting ID: 404 935 5092 Passcode: 6Hyy6R

TEA AT THE VICARAGE AND BIBLE STUDY These two online sessions are taking a break for the next few weeks. Tea at the Vicarage will start again on Thursday 11th June at the usual time of 11:00am.

With choir practice taking place again on a Friday night, we're looking for an alternative day to hold Bible Study on. We'll let you know what day this will be as soon as we can.

COUNCIL OF CHRISTIANS AND JEWS The Leicester branch are meeting online this coming Wednesday, 26th May at 7:30pm on Wednesday 26th May. At their meeting, Rebbetzin Rivkie Pink will be speaking on 'Inspiring the next generation with our faith and values.'

To be emailed the Zoom link for this meeting please contact Angela Jagger at:
A.F.Jagger@dunelm.org.uk.

JOURNEY IN FAITH The diocese are now taking booking for this course, which runs through the 2021/22 academic year. Journey In Faith is held in small local groups on a weekly basis at locations across Leicestershire. It can help to grow confidence in our faith and to explore how we can live out everyday faith. You can find more information by visiting the Diocese of Leicester website [here](#).

GAIA AT THE CATHEDRAL Gaia is a touring artwork by UK artist Luke Jerram, which is now open to the public in Leicester Cathedral until 6th June.

Measuring seven metres in diameter, Gaia features detailed imagery of the Earth's surface, compiled from NASA's Visible Earth series. The artwork provides the opportunity to see our planet on this scale, floating in three-dimensions. In 2018 and 2019 the cathedral hosted the artist's 'Museum of the Moon' installation and is now to be followed by his planet Earth version.

Each day there will be opportunity for people to visit and to engage, drawing our attention to the wonder of creation and of our need to address our eco- crisis. There will be a series of events with their inspiration drawn from every continent of the world.

A specially made surround sound composition by BAFTA award-winning composer Dan Jones is played alongside the sculpture. You can find out more information by visiting: <https://leicestercathedral.org/gaia>.

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 BBC1
Songs of Praise	Sunday – check schedule for time	BBC1

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.

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