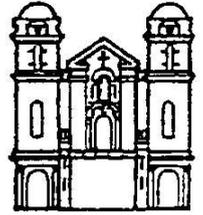


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13 JUNE 2021
SECOND SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Prayer for the Week

Lord, you have taught us
that all our doings without love are nothing worth:
send your Holy Spirit
and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love,
the true bond of peace and of all virtues,
without which whoever lives is counted dead before you.
Grant this for your only Son Jesus Christ's sake,
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

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

Please Take This Leaflet Away With You At The End Of The Service

Welcome to St James the Greater

Sunday 13th June 2021

10:30am

A Service of Said Eucharist For The Second Sunday After Trinity

Celebrant and Preacher:

Reverend Andrew Quigley

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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 Second Sunday After Trinity

Ezekiel 17. 22 – 24

Read by Paul Jenkins

Thus says the Lord God:
I myself will take a sprig
from the lofty top of a cedar;

I will set it out.
I will break off a tender one
from the topmost of its young twigs;
I myself will plant it
on a high and lofty mountain.
On the mountain height of Israel
I will plant it,
in order that it may produce boughs and bear fruit,
and become a noble cedar.
Under it every kind of bird will live;
in the shade of its branches will nest
winged creatures of every kind.
All the trees of the field shall know
that I am the Lord.
I bring low the high tree,
I make high the low tree;
I dry up the green tree
and make the dry tree flourish.
I the Lord have spoken;
I will accomplish it.

The Gospel

Mark 4. 26 – 34

He also said, 'The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come.'

He also said, 'With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.'

With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

Post Communion Prayer

Loving Father,
we thank you for feeding us at the supper of your Son:
sustain us with your Spirit,
that we may serve you here on earth
until our joy is complete in heaven,
and we share in the eternal banquet
with Jesus Christ our Lord.

Worship led by

Reverend Andrew Quigley

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The Psalm and Readings for Evensong

Psalm 39

¹ I said, 'I will keep watch over my ways,
so that I offend not with my tongue.

² 'I will guard my mouth with a muzzle,
while the wicked are in my sight.'

³ So I held my tongue and said nothing;
I kept silent but to no avail.

⁴ My distress increased, my heart grew hot within me;
while I mused, the fire was kindled
and I spoke out with my tongue:

⁵ 'Lord, let me know my end and the number of my days,
that I may know how short my time is.

⁶ 'You have made my days but a handsbreadth,
and my lifetime is as nothing in your sight;
truly, even those who stand upright are but a breath.

⁷ 'We walk about like a shadow
and in vain we are in turmoil;
we heap up riches and cannot tell who will gather them.

⁸ 'And now, what is my hope?
Truly my hope is even in you.

⁹ 'Deliver me from all my transgressions
and do not make me the taunt of the fool.'

¹⁰ I fell silent and did not open my mouth,
for surely it was your doing.

¹¹ Take away your plague from me;
I am consumed by the blows of your hand.

¹² With rebukes for sin you punish us;
like a moth you consume our beauty;
truly, everyone is but a breath.

¹³ Hear my prayer, O Lord, and give ear to my cry;
hold not your peace at my tears.

¹⁴ For I am but a stranger with you,

a wayfarer, as all my forebears were.

¹⁵ Turn your gaze from me, that I may be glad again,
before I go my way and am no more.

Jeremiah 7. 1 – 16

Read by Phil Jones

The word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord: Stand in the gate of the Lord's house, and proclaim there this word, and say, Hear the word of the Lord, all you people of Judah, you that enter these gates to worship the Lord. Thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: Amend your ways and your doings, and let me dwell with you in this place. Do not trust in these deceptive words: 'This is the temple of the Lord, the temple of the Lord, the temple of the Lord.'

For if you truly amend your ways and your doings, if you truly act justly one with another, if you do not oppress the alien, the orphan, and the widow, or shed innocent blood in this place, and if you do not go after other gods to your own hurt, then I will dwell with you in this place, in the land that I gave of old to your ancestors for ever and ever.

Here you are, trusting in deceptive words to no avail. Will you steal, murder, commit adultery, swear falsely, make offerings to Baal, and go after other gods that you have not known, and then come and stand before me in this house, which is called by my name, and say, 'We are safe!'—only to go on doing all these abominations? Has this house, which is called by my name, become a den of robbers in your sight? You know, I too am watching, says the Lord. Go now to my place that was in Shiloh, where I made my name dwell at first, and see what I did to it for the wickedness of my people Israel. And now, because you have done all these things, says the Lord, and when I spoke to you persistently, you did not listen, and when I called you, you did not answer, therefore I will do to the house that is called by my name, in which you trust, and to the place that I gave to you and to your ancestors, just what I did to Shiloh. And I will cast you out of my sight, just as I cast out all your kinsfolk, all the offspring of Ephraim.

As for you, do not pray for this people, do not raise a cry or prayer on their behalf, and do not intercede with me, for I will not hear you.

Romans 9. 14 – 26

Read by Jennifer Smith

'What then are we to say? Is there injustice on God's part? By no means! For he says to Moses, 'I will have mercy on whom I have mercy,
and I will have compassion on whom I have compassion.'

So it depends not on human will or exertion, but on God who shows mercy. For the scripture says to Pharaoh, 'I have raised you up for the very purpose of showing my power in you, so that my name may be proclaimed in all the earth.' So then he has mercy on whomsoever he chooses, and he hardens the heart of whomsoever he chooses.

You will say to me then, 'Why then does he still find fault? For who can resist his will?' But who indeed are you, a human being, to argue with God? Will what is moulded say to the one who moulds it, 'Why have you made me like this?' Has the potter no right over the clay, to make out of the same lump one object for special use and another for ordinary use? What if God, desiring to show his wrath and to make known his power, has endured with much patience the objects of wrath that are made for destruction; and what if he has done so in order to make

known the riches of his glory for the objects of mercy, which he has prepared beforehand for glory — including us whom he has called, not from the Jews only but also from the Gentiles? As indeed he says in Hosea,

‘Those who were not my people I will call “my people”,
and her who was not beloved I will call “beloved”.’

‘And in the very place where it was said to them, “You are not my people”,
there they shall be called children of the living God.’

The Vicar Writes ...

As a birdwatcher I take a particular pleasure in this week's readings. I like the idea of God's unexpected, spontaneous, exponential actions in the world being rather like providing habitat for birds.

Beyond the strangeness of God's action, we are meant to look for his agency in the small, the vulnerable, and find the richness of his love up springing through the cracks, where it is least expected.



The Week Ahead

Wednesday 16th June 2021

9:00pm

A Service of Compline

Welcome to our weekly online service of Compline, 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/74012102471?pwd=dmlrZUI0WVZPTmVJbzdxdU3dTUXVMZz09>
Meeting ID: 740 1210 2471 **Passcode:** 305R82

A copy of the Order of Service can be downloaded from the church's website at:
<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 hymn to be discussed will be 'Amazing Grace'. Due to a clash with the Shaped By God Together meeting this coming

Tuesday, we need to reschedule the Tuesday evening session to a new date, which is yet to be confirmed. The Monday afternoon group, led by Val Bailey, will meet as planned on Monday 21st June at 2:30pm. For more details on how to join, please contact Angela Jagger at: **A.F.Jagger@dunelm.org.uk**.

TEA AT THE VICARAGE Continues this Thursday, 17th June, 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 Restarts this week on a new day, Thursday, but at the same time of 7:00pm. This coming week, we'll be looking at Mark's Gospel – Chapter 4, verses 35 – 41. To join us, you just need to click on the following link:
<https://tinyurl.com/yxz8dv3r>.

SHAPED BY GOD TOGETHER As mentioned in last week's bulletin, following this Sunday's morning service, we'll be holding our open meeting to discuss our response to the diocese's initiative 'Shaped By God Together.'

The meeting will give us the opportunity to come together as a church to have a conversation about three possible models of ministry for the future in our diocese, and to feedback our reflections into the larger diocesan conversation.

If you're unable to be in church on Sunday morning, we'll also be holding an online meeting held on Zoom this coming **Tuesday, 15th June, at 7:30pm**. You'll find the login details to join below:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87065865293?pwd=ZFIFZkF3dkFNUVV4SWtuTGNwTlVPQT09>
Meeting ID: 870 6586 5293 **Passcode: 061485**

You'll find a copy of the leaflet that will give you more information about Shaped By God attached with your copy of this week's bulletin. Further information, including details of the proposed models of ministry, can be found by visiting the diocese's website at: **<https://www.leicester.anglican.org/about-us/sbgt/>**.

EVERYDAY SPIRITUALITY Spiritual Habits for Everyday Life: Following on from the sessions that were run in April, two further Everyday Spirituality sessions are being run in the next few weeks. This time entitled 'Centering Prayer'.

The first session will take place on Zoom, between 7:00pm and 8:30pm on Tuesday 29th June. The second is being held at St Peter's Church – Copt Oak – on Saturday 3rd July, starting at 10:00am and lasting for 90 minutes.

If you're interested in attending either of these sessions, please email the diocese at: mmbookings@leicestercofe.org.

VICARAGE FLAT A new tenant will be moving into the vicarage flat later this week. Can we ask that if you're parking on the forecourt that you leave the space at the far end free for them to use. Many thanks.

THE SHELL Work has now started on the Summer edition of The Shell and we've already received a couple of articles for inclusion. As we (hopefully) move out of lockdown and society opens up more, you may have a story you'd like to share with the readership of our quarterly magazine.

Please let us have your submissions as soon as possible and by **2nd July** at the latest. You can email them to the office at: office@stjamesthegreater.org.uk.

THE KNIGHTON CHAMBER ORCHESTRA led by Paul Jenkins have very generously agreed to put on two concerts for us to help raise funds for the church. These will take place at 4:00pm and 7:00pm on Saturday 31st July and will feature the following music by J.S Bach:

- Brandenburg Concerto No 3
- Violin Concerto in A minor
- Concerto for two violins
- Suite No 4 for Orchestra

Tickets are £10 each and will be available after services at the church from Sunday 13th June onwards. They'll also be available from members of the orchestra. Each performance will last an hour and will be run to current Covid-19 guidelines. Audiences will also be restricted to 50 people at each concert.

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 Live	Sunday at 10.30am	BBC1
Songs of Praise	Sunday at 1.15pm	BBC2

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

Online at www.churchofengland.org and 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 are detailed below:

- # Sleep Well – four reflections before bedtime.
- 1. Hymns we love – one each day with a spoken reflection based on it.
- 2. Hymn line – favourite hymns on a repeating loop.
- 3. Daily Reflection for these times – read by Pam Rhodes.
- 4. Chair Exercises.
- 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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