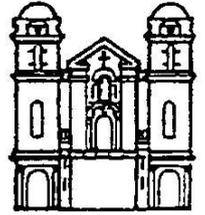


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This week at the Church of  
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**13<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2022**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY BEFORE LENT**

**Prayer for the Week**

Almighty God,  
who alone can bring order  
to the unruly wills and passions of sinful humanity:  
give your people grace  
so to love what you command  
and to desire what you promise,  
that, among the many changes of this world,  
our hearts may surely there be fixed  
where true joys are to be found;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**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 : Kath Higginson

**Rest in Peace**

Olive Quigley

*No sponsors for Commemorative Flowers this week.*

# 08.30      **Welcome to St James the Greater Holy Communion**

Book of Common Prayer  
Celebrant: The Reverend Philip Norwood  
Churchwarden: Paul Jenkins

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If you are joining us in church for the 10:30 or 18:30 services, you will find a hymn book in the back of the chairs. A Service booklet, the weekly leaflet, seat spacing notices and a Track and Trace form will be made available for you. **Completion of this form is voluntary, as is wearing masks.**

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## 10.30      **Sung Eucharist**

*See order of service*

Celebrant: The Reverend Stephen Foster  
Churchwardens: April Rule and Janet Burton  
Servers: Michael Bull and Tony Chizema  
Setting: Mass in the Dorian Mode - *Cabena*.  
Gloria – Mass of St. Thomas - *Thorne*.

### **OPENING HYMN 761**

**Praise the Lord! Ye heavens, adore him**

READING Jeremiah 17. 5-10

*read by Val Bailey*

<sup>5</sup> Thus says the LORD:

Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals  
and make mere flesh their strength,  
whose hearts turn away from the LORD.

<sup>6</sup> They shall be like a shrub in the desert,  
and shall not see when relief comes.

They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness,  
in an uninhabited salt land.

<sup>7</sup> Blessed are those who trust in the LORD,  
whose trust is the LORD.

<sup>8</sup> They shall be like a tree planted by water,  
sending out its roots by the stream.

It shall not fear when heat comes,  
and its leaves shall stay green;

in the year of drought it is not anxious,  
and it does not cease to bear fruit.

<sup>9</sup> The heart is devious above all else;  
it is perverse—  
who can understand it?

<sup>10</sup> I the LORD test the mind  
and search the heart,  
to give to all according to their ways,  
according to the fruit of their doings.

## **GRADUAL HYMN 119**

**'Forgive our sins as we forgive'**

**GOSPEL** Luke 6. 17-26

He came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. <sup>18</sup>They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. <sup>19</sup>And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them.

<sup>20</sup> Then he looked up at his disciples and said:  
'Blessed are you who are poor,  
for yours is the kingdom of God.

<sup>21</sup> 'Blessed are you who are hungry now,  
for you will be filled.

'Blessed are you who weep now,  
for you will laugh.

<sup>22</sup> 'Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. <sup>23</sup>Rejoice on that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.

<sup>24</sup> 'But woe to you who are rich,  
for you have received your consolation.

<sup>25</sup> 'Woe to you who are full now,  
for you will be hungry.

'Woe to you who are laughing now,  
for you will mourn and weep.

<sup>26</sup> 'Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.

SERMON

The Reverend Stephen Foster

INTERCESSIONS

The Reverend Stephen Foster

**OFFERTORY HYMN 828**

**Ye that know the Lord is gracious**

ANTHEM

Blessed are the pure in heart *Walford Davies*

**POST COMMUNION HYMN 602**

**Blessed are the pure in heart**

**Post Communion Prayer**

Merciful Father,

who gave Jesus Christ to be for us the bread of life,

that those who come to him should never hunger:

draw us to the Lord in faith and love,

that we may eat and drink with him

at his table in the kingdom,

where he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

**RECESSIONAL HYMN 456 (ii)**

**Now let us from this table rise**

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

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## The Vicar Writes ...

The Beatitudes are clearly important, but making sense of them is not always easy. How are the poor, hungry, and mourning blessed? Is this a promise, a prophecy of future recompense? Is it a sign of whose “side” God is on? Is it a reminder that God’s blessing does not consist of the material benefits of ordinary happiness we set such store by? Maybe all of these things, and certainly a sign that the Gospel is a more complex thing than is often suggested...



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**18.30**

**Choral Evensong**

*See yellow order of service*

Officiant: Angela Jagger

Churchwardens: Simon Edwards and April Rule

Servers: Val Bailey and William Woolley

**HYMN 16**

**CONFESSION**

**God, that madest earth and heaven**

*see yellow service card*

## RESPONSES

### PSALM 6

FIRST LESSON Wisdom 11.21 - 12.11

*sung by the choir*

*Bramma*

**see music sheet**

*read by Andrew Curry*

<sup>21</sup> For it is always in your power to show great strength,  
and who can withstand the might of your arm?

<sup>22</sup> Because the whole world before you is like a speck that tips the scales,  
and like a drop of morning dew that falls on the ground.

<sup>23</sup> But you are merciful to all, for you can do all things,  
and you overlook people's sins, so that they may repent.

<sup>24</sup> For you love all things that exist,  
and detest none of the things that you have made,  
for you would not have made anything if you had hated it.

<sup>25</sup> How would anything have endured if you had not willed it?

Or how would anything not called forth by you have been preserved?

<sup>26</sup> You spare all things, for they are yours, O Lord, you who love the living.

12 For your immortal spirit is in all things.

<sup>2</sup> Therefore you correct little by little those who trespass,  
and you remind and warn them of the things through which they sin,  
so that they may be freed from wickedness and put their trust in you, O Lord.

<sup>3</sup> Those who lived long ago in your holy land

<sup>4</sup> you hated for their detestable practices,  
their works of sorcery and unholy rites,

<sup>5</sup> their merciless slaughter of children,  
and their sacrificial feasting on human flesh and blood.

These initiates from the midst of a heathen cult,

<sup>6</sup> these parents who murder helpless lives,  
you willed to destroy by the hands of our ancestors,

<sup>7</sup> so that the land most precious of all to you  
might receive a worthy colony of the servants of God.

<sup>8</sup> But even these you spared, since they were but mortals,  
and sent wasps as forerunners of your army  
to destroy them little by little,

<sup>9</sup> though you were not unable to give the ungodly into the hands of the righteous  
in battle,

or to destroy them at one blow by dread wild animals or your stern word.

<sup>10</sup> But judging them little by little you gave them an opportunity to repent,  
though you were not unaware that their origin was evil  
and their wickedness inborn,  
and that their way of thinking would never change.

<sup>11</sup> For they were an accursed race from the beginning,  
and it was not through fear of anyone that you left them unpunished for their sins.

## **MAGNIFICAT**

**see music sheet**

SECOND LESSON Galatians 4. 8-20

*read by Brenda Thompson*

<sup>8</sup> Formerly, when you did not know God, you were enslaved to beings that by nature are not gods. <sup>9</sup> Now, however, that you have come to know God, or rather to be known by God, how can you turn back again to the weak and beggarly elemental spirits? How can you want to be enslaved to them again? <sup>10</sup> You are observing special days, and months, and seasons, and years. <sup>11</sup> I am afraid that my work for you may have been wasted.

<sup>12</sup> Friends, I beg you, become as I am, for I also have become as you are. You have done me no wrong. <sup>13</sup> You know that it was because of a physical infirmity that I first announced the gospel to you; <sup>14</sup> though my condition put you to the test, you did not scorn or despise me, but welcomed me as an angel of God, as Christ Jesus. <sup>15</sup> What has become of the goodwill you felt? For I testify that, had it been possible, you would have torn out your eyes and given them to me. <sup>16</sup> Have I now become your enemy by telling you the truth? <sup>17</sup> They make much of you, but for no good purpose; they want to exclude you, so that you may make much of them. <sup>18</sup> It is good to be made much of for a good purpose at all times, and not only when I am present with you. <sup>19</sup> My little children, for whom I am again in the pain of childbirth until Christ is formed in you, <sup>20</sup> I wish I were present with you now and could change my tone, for I am perplexed about you.

NUNC DIMITTIS

sung by the choir *Hylton Stewart in C*

***Please remain seated but stand for the Gloria.***

**THE CREED**

***see yellow service card, p 3***

RESPONSES

*Ferial*

ANTHEM

Blessed are they *S.S. Wesley*

PRAYERS

Angela Jagger

**HYMN 664**

**How sweet the name of Jesus sounds**

SERMON

Angela Jagger

**HYMN 604**

**Brother, sister, let me serve you**

DISMISSAL *Plainsong*

The Lord be with you. **And with thy spirit.**

Let us bless the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

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## The Week Ahead

### Monday

14.30 House Group online. E-mail [A.F.Jagger@dunelm.org.uk](mailto:A.F.Jagger@dunelm.org.uk) for the link.

### Wednesday

21.00 **Compline** via Zoom. To join, please use the link or codes below:

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/79313942222?pwd=OoECJYA2NM5WTcw9VkiXIFzq9ugaLx.1>

Meeting ID: 793 1394 2222

Passcode: QzX9v2

### Thursday

10.30 **Holy Communion** Common Worship, Order I (traditional)

Celebrant: The Reverend Jane Sharp

11.00 Coffee Drop-In at the back of the Church

## Sunday Next – 2<sup>nd</sup> before Lent

08.30 **Holy Communion**

Celebrant: The Reverend Andrew Quigley

10.30 **Sung Eucharist**

Celebrant: The Reverend Andrew Quigley

Readings: Jeremiah 17. 5-10 and Luke 6. 17-26

18.30 **Choral Evensong**

Officiant: Sheila Roberts

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### FORTHCOMING CONCERT

**The University of Leicester Chamber Ensemble Plays the Trout**

**Quintet by Schubert.** Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> February at 3-45pm. Come and enjoy Tea

and Cakes and Schubert's sublime music. **Volunteers to serve tea and**

**provide cakes would be much appreciated.** Please contact Church office.

Tickets £5 on the door with all proceeds to St. James the Greater Church funds.

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**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER** is celebrated in over 120 countries. This year the service has been prepared by the women of England, Wales and Northern Ireland on the theme, "I know the plans I have for you." Services will be held on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March at 2 pm in St. John the Baptist Church, Clarendon Park Road, and at 7.30 pm in the Friends Meeting House on Queens Road. All are welcome to attend. If you want to take a reading part, please tell Vicky Roe via the church office on 0116 2542111 or E-mail: [office@stjamesthegreater.org.uk](mailto:office@stjamesthegreater.org.uk)

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**THANK YOU FOR THE STAMPS** Cherry Followay thanks all those who donated stamps for Inter Care to help raise funds for the most vulnerable patients in sub-Saharan Africa. In addition to stamps, the charity can also take jewellery, small electrical devices, branded printer inkjets, old bank notes and coins to be sold or recycled. Please leave any donations on the back tables at church in an envelope or bag marked for the attention of Cherry Followay.

**AWAY DAY** On Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> February, we have a chance to catch-up with others, think about the future and make ready for Lent. The day will run from 10 am - 3 pm, starting with Holy Communion, then sessions either side of lunch. We'll make hot drinks and biscuits available, but ask you to bring your own packed lunch. There is a sign-up sheet at the back of church or you can let the office know your intention to come by leaving a message on 0116 2542111 or by E-mailing: [office@stjamesthegreater.org.uk](mailto:office@stjamesthegreater.org.uk)

You may want to read the book recommended by the Vicar, '**A Future That's Bigger Than the Past**' by **Samuel Wells**, the Vicar of St Martin in the Fields. It can be ordered from the Christian Resources Bookshop in St. Martins House, 7 Peacock Lane, Leicester, LE1 5 PZ, telephone 0116 2615222. They will post it to you, if you are unable to collect it in person from the shop.

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## Resources for Home Worship

### Broadcast Media

Daily Service	Monday – Friday at 9.45am	Radio 4 LW
Choral Evensong	Wednesday at 4 pm and Sunday at 3 pm	Radio 3
Sunday Worship	Sunday at 8.10am	Radio 4
Songs of Praise	Sunday at 11.25 am	BBC 1

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

Online at [www.churchofengland.org](http://www.churchofengland.org) and [www.leicestercathedral.org](http://www.leicestercathedral.org)

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