

This week at the Church of St James the Greater Leicester

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15th OCTOBER 2023 Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity

Prayer for the Week

O God, forasmuch as without you we are not able to please you; mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; 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.

Amen.

Our Prayers are asked for:

All prevented from worshipping with us, remembering

Gwen Leather: Marilyn Dorum:

Margaret Norman: Mollie Drake: Anne Sylvester

Nina French : Anthony Green

and all those currently unable to attend services.

Those who are unwell and who are recovering

Mark Sadler: Ann Blanchard:

Josephine Chizema: Gillian Boorne:

Rod Eynon-Baldock: Sara King: Rachel Bentley:

Nicola Shilton: Mandy Stephensen: Margaret Clarke:

Jean Warren: Andrew King: Michael Bull

The Commemorative Flowers this week have been kindly given by John & Peter Buckingham & families in memory of our parents Gordon & Pat & brother Martin.

Welcome to St James the Greater

08:30 Holy Communion in the Lady Chapel

Common Worship Order I (Traditional)
President: The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar
Assisted by: Sheila Roberts
Churchwarden: Paul Jenkins

A card reader donation machine is available.

10:30

Sung Eucharist See order of service

President: The Reverend Andrew Quigley
Assisted by: Margaret Sharman and Sheila Roberts
Churchwardens: April Rule and Janet Burton
Servers: Phil Jones, Charles Samuel and William Woolley
Setting: Addington Service – Richard Shephard

HYMN 362 GLORIA Come, let us join our cheerful songs Addington Service

READING Philippians 4.1-9 read by Cherry Fulloway

Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

- ² I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. ³Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.
- ⁴ Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. ⁶Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.
- ⁸ Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. ⁹Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

GRADUAL HYMN 726

May the grace of Christ our Saviour

GOSPEL Matthew 22.1-14

Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: ²'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. ³He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. ⁴Again he sent other slaves, saying, "Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet." ⁵But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, ⁶while the rest seized his slaves, maltreated them, and killed them. ⁷The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. ⁸Then he said to his slaves, "The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. ⁹Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet." ¹⁰Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

"But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, ¹² and he said to him, "Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?" And he was speechless. ¹³Then the king said to the attendants, "Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth." ¹⁴For many are called, but few are chosen.'

SERMON
INTERCESSIONS
OFFERTORY HYMN 448 i
ANTHEM

The Reverend Andrew Quigley
Sheila Roberts
I come with joy, a child of God
Ave Verum - Mozart

Please remember that intinction (dipping the bread in the wine) is not permitted due to the infection risk. If you do not wish to drink from the chalice, please receive the bread only (which is still full and valid communion).

POST COMMUNION HYMN 455 My God, and is thy table spread Post Communion Prayer

Holy and blessed God, you have fed us with the body and blood of your Son and filled us with your Holy Spirit: may we honour you, not only with our lips but in lives dedicated to the service of Jesus Christ our Lord.

RECESSIONAL HYMN 456 ii

Now let us from this table rise

ORGAN VOLUNTARY Please be aware of those remaining to listen.

A card reader donation machine is available at the back of church. Everyone is invited for refreshments after the service.

18:30

Taizé Service

See special order of service

Officiant: Sheila Roberts

Reflection: The Reverend Andrew Quigley Churchwarden: Simon Edwards and April Rule

Server: Tony Chizema

FIRST LESSON Romans 12.14-21

read by Val Bailey

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. ¹⁵Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. ¹⁶Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. ¹⁷Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. ¹⁸If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. ¹⁹Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, 'Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.' ²⁰No, 'if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads.' ²¹Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

SECOND LESSON Matthew 5.38-48

read by Brenda Thompson

'You have heard that it was said, "An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth." ³⁹But I say to you, Do not resist an evildoer. But if anyone strikes you on the right cheek, turn the other also; ⁴⁰and if anyone wants to sue you and take your coat, give your cloak as well; ⁴¹and if anyone forces you to go one mile, go also the second mile. ⁴²Give to everyone who begs from you, and do not refuse anyone who wants to borrow from you.

⁴³ 'You have heard that it was said, "You shall love your neighbour and hate your enemy." ⁴⁴But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, ⁴⁵so that you may be children of your Father in heaven; for he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the righteous and on the unrighteous. ⁴⁶For if you love those who love you, what

reward do you have? Do not even the tax-collectors do the same? ⁴⁷And if you greet only your brothers and sisters, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same? ⁴⁸Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

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The Vicar Writes Another week, another troubling and difficult passage from the Gospel. After this week's headlines we may feel we do not need to find murder, retribution and the burning of cities in the Gospel as well. I don't have a simple way to explain this jarring violence, but I think the answer may lie in what should be the equally jarring extensiveness of Christ's invitation.



The Week Ahead

Wednesday 18th

21:00 **Compline** via Zoom. To join, please use the link

 $\underline{https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81259880030?pwd=TG9JbmJzUW56VmFrMmJxdDJBTHFNQT09}$

Meeting ID: 812 5988 0030 Passcode: u7iqca

Thursday 19th

10:30 Holy Communion Common Worship, Order I (traditional)

President: The Reverend Jane Sharp. Assisted by: Vicky Roe

11:00 Coffee Drop-In at the back of the Church

Sunday 22nd October Twentieth Sunday after Trinity

08:30 **Holy Communion** President: The Reverend Andrew Quigley 10:30 **Sung Eucharist** President: The Reverend Andrew Quigley

Readings: I Thessalonians 1.1-10 and Matthew 22.15-22

18:30 **Choral Evensong** Officiant: The Reverend Andrew Quigley

Readings: Proverbs 4.1-18 and 1 John 3.16-4.6

YOUTH-LED SERVICE Sunday 29th October 10:30. On Sunday 29th October the St James Youth Group are going to be leading the morning Eucharist, through the welcome, readings, sermon and prayers. Please do come and support them - it would be great to have a large turnout. Refreshments will be served after the service.

ALL SOULS REQUIEM Please give names of those to be remembered at this service, on 5th November at 6.30 pm, to the Vicar or the church office by Sunday 29th October.

STAMPS FOR CHARITY Please bring donations of stamps to help raise money for Inter Care and put them in the box provided.

THE SHELL The deadline for contributions to the next edition of 'The Shell' is Sunday 5th November. Please send items for inclusion to the church office by post or E-mail to Paul Jenkins at editor@stjamesthegreater.org.uk

JUNIOR CHOIR Our Junior Choir meets on Fridays 4.30 pm-5.30 pm and welcomes children of primary age. They will sing roughly once a month at Sunday services to begin with, for which they will even earn a bit of pocket money! The choir is free to join, there are no auditions and the boys and girls will sing in our supportive and inclusive church environment. If you know of a child of primary school age who might be interested, or are willing to help at the choir, please get in touch with Emma Trounson: DoM@stjamesthegreater.org.uk.

ST. JAMES' YOUTH GROUP Meeting alternate Wednesdays from 7:30-9pm. All young people in school years 8-13 are welcome to join us for games, food and a short discussion based on a Bible passage. See fliers on back tables at church. The next Youth Group will meet in the Undercroft on **Wednesday 25**th **October**.

CONTACTING THE TEAM

Andrew can be contacted by E-mail at: revdaquigley@gmail.com or 0116 2544113. The Church Office can be contacted by E-mail at: office@stjamesthegreater.org.uk or by telephoning 0116 2542111 and leaving a message. Simon Edwards can be contacted at fabric@stjamesthegreater.org.uk Please do not hesitate to get in touch. Further details are on our website: www.stjamesthegreater.org.uk



The Prince of Egypt (PG) is Dreamworks spectacular musical of the story of Moses staged in London's West End.

Based on the classic DreamWorks Animation film and featuring Stephen Schwartz's "miraculous music" - including his Academy Award-winning song 'When You Believe' - and Sean Cheesman's "astonishing choreography" this epic, critically acclaimed production with an original London cast and orchestra of more than 60 artists tells an inspiring tale of resilience and hope.

Journey through the wonders of Ancient Egypt as two young men, raised together as brothers in a kingdom of privilege, find themselves suddenly divided by a secret past. One must rule as Pharaoh, the other must rise up and free his true people; both face a destiny that will change history forever. Filmed live at the Dominion Theatre in London, this spectacular stage show comes to cinemas for the first time.

It is showing next week at Leicester Showcase on Thursday 19th October at 7.30pm and Sunday 22nd October at 4pm.

The excellent 75-second trailer is well worth looking at!

For details, the trailer and to book go to: www.showcasecinemas.co.uk/film-info/the-prince-of-egypt-the-musical

Resources for Home Worship - Broadcast Media

Daily Service Monday – Friday at 9.45am Radio 4 LW

Choral Evensong Sunday at 3 pm and Wednesday at 4 pm Radio 3

Sunday WorshipSunday at 8.10 am Radio 4

Songs of Praise Sunday at 1.15 pm BBC I

Online at www.churchofengland.org and www.leicestercathedral.org

DAILY HOPE TELEPHONE SERVICE Freephone 0800 804 8044

This 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 in mind. This is a Freephone number.

Some of the options have been changed and are detailed below:

- * A special message from the Archbishop of Canterbury Justin Welby.
- # 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. Holiday at home on the 'phone.
- 4. Chair Exercises.
- 5. Weekly C of E service.
- 6. Morning and Evening Prayer from Common Worship.
- 7. Prayer for the situation in Ukraine
- 8. Address for written communications and donations.
- 0. Returns you to the main menu.

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