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This week at the **Church of
St James the Greater**
Leicester

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4th FEBRUARY 2024
2nd SUNDAY BEFORE LENT

Prayer for the Week

Almighty God,
you have created the heavens and the earth
and made us in your own image:
teach us to discern your hand in all your works
and your likeness in all your children;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns supreme over all things,
now and for ever.
Amen.

Our Prayers are asked for:

All prevented from worshipping with us, remembering
Marilyn Dorum : Mollie Drake : Anne Sylvester : Nina French
Anthony Green : Gillian Boorne : Josephine Chizema : Ann Blanchard
and all those currently unable to attend services.

Those who are unwell and who are recovering
Rex Woolhouse : Penny Judge : Mark Sadler : Nicola Shilton : Andrew King
Mandy Stephensen : Revd David Clark : Pauline Hannaford

*The Commemorative Flowers this week have been kindly given
by Amarjit Kaur in thanksgiving for a wonderful loving family.*

Welcome to St James the Greater

08:30 Holy Communion in the Lady Chapel

Book of Common Prayer

President: The Reverend Andrew Quigley

Assisted by: Mike Rule

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: Vicky Roe

Churchwarden: Janet Burton

Sidesperson: David Pugh

Servers: Michael Bull, Hazel Carlin and William Woolley

Setting: Bruckner in F

HYMN 7

This is the day the Lord hath made

GLORIA

Jones

READING Proverbs 8.1, 22-31 *read by Cherry Fulloway*

Does not wisdom call,

and does not understanding raise her voice?

²² The LORD created me at the beginning of his work,
the first of his acts of long ago.

²³ Ages ago I was set up,
at the first, before the beginning of the earth.

²⁴ When there were no depths I was brought forth,
when there were no springs abounding with water.

²⁵ Before the mountains had been shaped,
before the hills, I was brought forth—

²⁶ when he had not yet made earth and fields,
or the world's first bits of soil.

²⁷ When he established the heavens, I was there,
when he drew a circle on the face of the deep,

²⁸ when he made firm the skies above,
when he established the fountains of the deep,

²⁹ when he assigned to the sea its limit,
so that the waters might not transgress his command,

when he marked out the foundations of the earth,

³⁰ then I was beside him, like a master worker;

and I was daily his delight,

rejoicing before him always,

³¹ rejoicing in his inhabited world

and delighting in the human race.

GRADUAL HYMN 380 i

Come, Lord, to our souls come down

GOSPEL John 1.1-14

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was in the beginning with God. ³All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being ⁴in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. ⁵The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

⁶ There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. ⁸He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. ⁹The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

¹⁰ He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. ¹¹He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. ¹²But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, ¹³who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

¹⁴ And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

SERMON

The Reverend Andrew Quigley

INTERCESSIONS

Chiara Steed

OFFERTORY HYMN 379 (Tune 337) God has spoken - by his prophets

MOTET

For the beauty of the earth - Rutter

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 439

Dearest Jesu, we are here

Post Communion Prayer

God our creator,
by your gift
the tree of life was set at the heart of the earthly paradise,
and the bread of life at the heart of your Church:
may we who have been nourished at your table on earth
be transformed by the glory of the Saviour's cross
and enjoy the delights of eternity;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

RECESSIONAL HYMN 676 **Immortal, invisible, God only wise**

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

Choral Evensong

See order of service

Officiant: Sheila Roberts

Churchwarden: Simon Edwards and April Rule

Servers: Tony Chizema and Hilary Rees

Sidespeople: Vacant

HYMN 782

CONFESSION

PRECES

PSALM 65

Songs of praise the angels sang

see white service card

Ayleward

(see music sheet)

FIRST LESSON Genesis 2.4b-25 *read by Andrew Curry*

These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

In the day that the LORD God made the earth and the heavens, ⁵when no plant of the field was yet in the earth and no herb of the field had yet sprung up—for the LORD God had not caused it to rain upon the earth, and there was no one to till the ground; ⁶but a stream would rise from the earth, and water the whole face of the ground—⁷then the LORD God formed man from the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and the man became a living being. ⁸And the LORD God planted a garden in Eden, in the east; and there

he put the man whom he had formed. ⁹Out of the ground the LORD God made to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food, the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

¹⁰ A river flows out of Eden to water the garden, and from there it divides and becomes four branches. ¹¹The name of the first is Pishon; it is the one that flows around the whole land of Havilah, where there is gold; ¹²and the gold of that land is good; bdellium and onyx stone are there. ¹³The name of the second river is Gihon; it is the one that flows around the whole land of Cush. ¹⁴The name of the third river is Tigris, which flows east of Assyria. And the fourth river is the Euphrates.

¹⁵ The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. ¹⁶And the LORD God commanded the man, 'You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; ¹⁷but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die.'

¹⁸ Then the LORD God said, 'It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner.' ¹⁹So out of the ground the LORD God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called each living creature, that was its name. ²⁰The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner. ²¹So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. ²²And the rib that the LORD God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. ²³Then the man said, 'This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; this one shall be called Woman, for out of Man this one was taken.'

²⁴Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh. ²⁵And the man and his wife were both naked, and were not ashamed.

HYMN 535 (Tune 314)
MAGNIFICAT

Creating God, we bring our song of praise
Stanford in C

Remain sitting then stand for the Gloria

SECOND LESSON Luke 8.22-35 read by Michael Bull

One day he got into a boat with his disciples, and he said to them, 'Let us go across to the other side of the lake.' So they put out, ²³and while they were sailing

he fell asleep. A gale swept down on the lake, and the boat was filling with water, and they were in danger. ²⁴They went to him and woke him up, shouting, 'Master, Master, we are perishing!' And he woke up and rebuked the wind and the raging waves; they ceased, and there was a calm. ²⁵He said to them, 'Where is your faith?' They were afraid and amazed, and said to one another, 'Who then is this, that he commands even the winds and the water, and they obey him?'

²⁶ Then they arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. ²⁷As he stepped out on land, a man of the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs. ²⁸When he saw Jesus, he fell down before him and shouted at the top of his voice, 'What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me'— ²⁹for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.) ³⁰Jesus then asked him, 'What is your name?' He said, 'Legion'; for many demons had entered him. ³¹They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss.

³² Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding; and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. ³³Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned.

³⁴ When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. ³⁵Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid.

NUNC DIMITTIS

Dyson in Cm

THE CREED

see white service card, p. 3

RESPONSES

Ayleward

ANTHEM

The heavens are telling - Haydn

PRAYERS

Sheila Roberts

HYMN 675 (omit verse 6)

Immortal Love for ever full

SERMON

Sheila Roberts

HYMN 714 (Tune 713)

Lord of all power, I give you my will

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Please be aware of those remaining to listen.

A card reader donation machine is available at the back of church.

The Vicar Writes This week our readings seem to take us back to the very beginning, in fact before the beginning – to “the deep magic from before the dawn of time.” As we prepare to enter the wilderness of Lent, and whenever we face struggle, threat or fear in life, it is good to know that God has been there from before the beginning, and will never leave us.



The Week Ahead

Tuesday - Friday

08:00 Morning Prayer in the Lady Chapel

Wednesday 7th

19:00 **St James' Youth Group** in the Undercroft

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

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/75984858232?pwd=sXK193zlo5Vj4WApP0aKUmTjrXEX0O.l>

Meeting ID: 759 8485 8232 Passcode: L6WRmc

Thursday 8th

10:30 **Holy Communion** Common Worship, Order 1 (traditional)

President: The Reverend Jane Sharp Assisted by: Vicky Roe

11:00 **Coffee Drop-In**

Friday 9th

16.30 Junior Choir. 18.15 Chorister Training. 18.45 Full Choir Rehearsal.

Sunday 11th February Sunday next before Lent

08:30 **Holy Communion**

President: The Reverend Philip Norwood

10:30 **Sung Eucharist**

President: The Reverend Andrew Quigley

Readings: 2 Kings 2.1-12 and Mark 9.2-9

18:30 **Choral Evensong**

Officiant: The Reverend Andrew Quigley

Readings: 1 Kings 19.1-16 and 2 Peter 1.16-end

St Mary Magdalene Newark visit to St James for Evensong

Next Sunday, (11th February) we are welcoming the choir of Newark Parish Church to sing Evensong with our Senior Choir. After the rehearsal, we'll be having an extended break before the service for hot drinks and cake from approximately 5.45pm-6.20pm (clearing up can be done after the service, so you wouldn't miss the Evensong service itself). If anyone from the congregation is able to help with refreshments, either by making/bringing cake or biscuits or helping to serve teas and coffees, please can you put your name down on the sign-up sheet at the back of church or let Emma know - dom@stjamesthegreater.org.uk

Newark Parish Church were so welcoming and really pulled out all the stops for us when we visited in September, so I'm sure we can show them our fabulous St James' hospitality in return! Refreshments will take place in the main hall.

THE SHELL deadline is this Sunday for contributions to the next edition. Please send content to the church office by post or to Paul Jenkins at editor@stjamesthegreater.org.uk

ST. JAMES' YOUTH GROUP Meeting alternate Wednesdays from 7.00pm – 8.30pm. 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 on **Wednesday 7th February**.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER is celebrated in over 146 countries. This year the service has been prepared by the Christian women of Palestine on the theme, "I beg you, bear with one another in love." Services will be held on Friday 1st March at 2 pm in St. James the Greater Church, London Road, LE2 1NA and at 7.30 pm in Christchurch, Clarendon Park Road, LE2 3AH. All are welcome to attend. As hosts of the 2 pm service, we need to provide stewards and people to do refreshments afterwards. If you could help, please sign up on the sheet at the back of church, tell Vicky Roe on 0116 2552108 or E-mail: pastoral.assistant@stjamesthegreater.org.uk

Resources for Home Worship

Broadcast Media

Daily Service	Monday – Friday at 9.45am	Radio 4 LW
Sunday Worship	Sunday at 8.10 am	Radio 4
Songs of Praise	Sunday at 1.15 pm	BBC 1
Choral Evensong	Sunday at 3 pm and Wednesday at 4 pm	Radio 3

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

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