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This week at the Church of
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Leicester

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11th FEBRUARY 2024
SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE LENT

Prayer for the Week

Almighty Father,
whose Son was revealed in majesty
before he suffered death upon the cross:
give us grace to perceive his glory,
that we may be strengthened to suffer with him
and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory;
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

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 : Sue Ingle

*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

Common Worship Order I (Traditional)

President: The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar

Assisted by: William Woolley

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: Lucy Hutchinson and Angela Jagger

Churchwarden: Janet Burton

Sidesperson: Vacant

Servers: Lucy Hutchinson, Charles Samuel and Michael Bull

Setting: Rawsthorne Festive Eucharist

HYMN 2

GLORIA

Christ, whose glory fills the skies

Rawsthorne Festive Eucharist

READING 2 Kings 2.1-12 *read by Canon Philip Norwood*

Now when the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. ²Elijah said to Elisha, 'Stay here; for the LORD has sent me as far as Bethel.' But Elisha said, 'As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.' So they went down to Bethel. ³The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, 'Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?' And he said, 'Yes, I know; keep silent.'

⁴ Elijah said to him, 'Elisha, stay here; for the LORD has sent me to Jericho.' But he said, 'As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.' So they came to Jericho. ⁵The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, 'Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?' And he answered, 'Yes, I know; be silent.'

⁶ Then Elijah said to him, 'Stay here; for the LORD has sent me to the Jordan.' But he said, 'As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.' So the two of them went on. ⁷Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood

at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. ⁸Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground.

⁹ When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, 'Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you.' Elisha said, 'Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit.' ¹⁰He responded, 'You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not.' ¹¹As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. ¹²Elisha kept watching and crying out, 'Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!' But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

GRADUAL HYMN 387

Rise and hear! The Lord is speaking

GOSPEL Mark 9.2-9

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, ³and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. ⁴And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. ⁵Then Peter said to Jesus, 'Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.' ⁶He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. ⁷Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!' ⁸Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

⁹ As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

SERMON
INTERCESSIONS

The Reverend Andrew Quigley
Angela Jagger

OFFERTORY HYMN 42
MOTET

Longing for light, we wait in darkness
O thou the central orb - Wood

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 430 i Bread of heaven, on thee we feed

Post Communion Prayer

Holy God,

we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ:

may we who are partakers at his table

reflect his life in word and deed,

that all the world may know his power to change and save.

This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord.

RECESSIONAL HYMN 281 **'Tis good, Lord, to be here**

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: The Reverend Andrew Quigley

Churchwardens: Simon Edwards and April Rule

Servers: William Woolley and Lydia Doughty

Sidesperson: Julia Warner

HYMN 589

CONFESSION

PRECES

PSALM 2

Angel-voices ever singing

see white service card

Forbes L'Estrange

(see music sheet)

FIRST LESSON | Kings 19.1-16 *read by Brenda Thompson*

Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, and how he had killed all the prophets with the sword. ²Then Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah, saying, 'So may the gods do to me, and more also, if I do not make your life like the life of one of them by this time tomorrow.' ³Then he was afraid; he got up and fled for his life, and came to Beer-sheba, which belongs to Judah; he left his servant there.

⁴ But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a solitary broom tree. He asked that he might die: 'It is enough; now, O LORD, take away my life, for I am no better than my ancestors.' ⁵Then he lay down under the broom tree and fell asleep. Suddenly an angel touched him and said to him, 'Get up and eat.' ⁶He looked, and there at his head was a cake baked

on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank, and lay down again. ⁷The angel of the LORD came a second time, touched him, and said, 'Get up and eat, otherwise the journey will be too much for you.' ⁸He got up, and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food for forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God. ⁹At that place he came to a cave, and spent the night there.

Then the word of the LORD came to him, saying, 'What are you doing here, Elijah?' ¹⁰He answered, 'I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.'

¹¹ He said, 'Go out and stand on the mountain before the LORD, for the LORD is about to pass by.' Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake; ¹²and after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. ¹³When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, 'What are you doing here, Elijah?' ¹⁴He answered, 'I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.' ¹⁵Then the LORD said to him, 'Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. ¹⁶Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place.

HYMN 649

God of mercy, God of grace

MAGNIFICAT

Howells St Pauls

Remain sitting then stand for the Gloria

SECOND LESSON 2 Peter 1.16-21 *read by Jennifer Smith*

For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. ¹⁷For he received honour and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, 'This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.' ¹⁸We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain.

¹⁹ So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. ²⁰First of all you must understand this, that no

prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, ²¹ because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

NUNC DIMITTIS

Howells St Pauls

Remain sitting then stand for the Gloria

THE CREED

see white service card, p. 3

RESPONSES

Forbes L'Estrange

ANTHEM

Hail gladdening light - Wood

PRAYERS

Mike Rule

HYMN 621

Dear Lord and Father of mankind

SERMON

The Reverend Andrew Quigley

HYMN 663

How shall I sing that majesty

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 When you undertake an arduous task it is good to know what you're doing it for – the reward or goal at the end of it. As we enter our Lenten discipline on Wednesday, today we are given a glimpse of the glory of God in Jesus' Transfiguration, the goal awaiting us.



The Week Ahead

Tuesday - Friday

08:00 Morning Prayer in the Lady Chapel

Wednesday 14th

19.30 **Sung Eucharist and Imposition of Ashes**

President: The Reverend Andrew Quigley Assisted by: Phil Jones

Thursday 15th

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

President: The Reverend Andrew Quigley Assisted by: Vicky Roe

11:00 **Coffee Drop-In**

Friday 16th

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

Sunday 18th February

Ist Sunday of Lent

08:30 Holy Communion	President: The Reverend Andrew Quigley
10:30 Sung Eucharist	President: The Reverend Andrew Quigley Readings: Genesis 9.8-17 and Mark 1.9-15
18:30 Choral Evensong	Officiant: Angela Jagger Readings: Genesis 2.15-17; 3.1-7 and Romans 5.12-19

St Mary Magdalene Newark visit to St James for Evensong

Today, we welcome 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

Lent Course: this year the Lent course will run on Thursdays starting on the 2nd of February at 7pm, using Zoom. Further details and zoom-link will follow next Sunday.

COMPLINE will be sung by the choir in church every Wednesday during Lent at 6.30pm starting on Wednesday 21st February. The ancient office of Compline derives its name from a Latin word meaning 'completion' and is above all a service of quietness and reflection before rest at the end of the day. Please do join us for this service throughout Lent.

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

ST. JAMES' YOUTH GROUP See fliers on back tables at church. The next Youth Group will meet on **Wednesday 28th February**.

CONCERT DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

Saturday 16th March 2024 at 7.30pm.

Leicester Bach Choir

This concert on Saturday, 16 March 2024 - 7:30pm to 9:30pm is gorgeously varied. Local star, now international soprano Joanne Lunn, opens with Mozart's fizzing Exsultate Jubilate. The choir perform Scarlatti's plangently beautiful Stabat Mater in 10 parts, each singing the tune at a different time in marvellous polyphony. Choir and soloist perform Patrick Hawes' Song of Songs, exploring connections between love and spirituality.

The Bach Camerata String Ensemble accompany the singing. Tickets from Eventbrite £20.

Saturday 23rd March 2024 at 7.30 pm

St. John Passion – J. S. Bach

Performed by Luminatus

Luminatus professional vocal ensemble and the 18th century Sinfonia will be performing Bach's St John Passion with period instruments. This version will feature the small scale forces available to Bach in Leipzig, with solos taken by members of the ensemble. Luminatus draws together singers from the local area, aiming to perform a wide range of early and contemporary repertoire.

Tickets are available through www.luminatus.co.uk or

<https://www.tickettailor.com/events/luminatus/1052364>

There is currently an 'early bird' ticket price on their website.

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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