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This week at the Church of
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Leicester

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18th FEBRUARY 2024
1st SUNDAY OF LENT

Prayer for the Week

Almighty God,
whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness,
and was tempted as we are, yet without sin:
give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit;
and, as you know our weakness,
so may we know your power to save;
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
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 : Sue Ingle

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: Feby John

Churchwarden: Julia Walker

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 Angela Jagger

Churchwardens: April Rule and Janet Burton

Sidesperson: David Sharman

Servers: William Woolley, Lydia Doughty and Hazel Carlin

Setting: A People's Eucharist - Greening

HYMN 702

Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us

READING Genesis 9.8-17 *read by Caroline Beardsmore*

Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, ⁹'As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, ¹⁰and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. ¹¹I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.' ¹²God said, 'This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: ¹³I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. ¹⁴When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, ¹⁵I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. ¹⁶When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.' ¹⁷God said to Noah, 'This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.'

Psalm 15

see music sheet

GOSPEL Mark 1.9-15

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. ¹¹And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'

¹² And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. ¹³He was in the wilderness for forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

¹⁴ Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, ¹⁵and saying, 'The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.'

SERMON

The Reverend Andrew Quigley

INTERCESSIONS

Angela Jagger

OFFERTORY HYMN 121

Forty days and forty nights

MOTET

Come down O love divine – Tadman-Robins

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 689 (Tune Maryton) Jesu, thou joy of loving hearts

Post Communion Prayer

Lord God,

you have renewed us with the living bread from heaven;

by it you nourish our faith,

increase our hope,

and strengthen our love:

teach us always to hunger for him who is the true and living bread,

and enable us to live by every word

that proceeds from out of your mouth;

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

HYMN 116

Be thou my guardian and my guide

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: Angela Jagger

Churchwardens: Simon Edwards and April Rule

Servers: Tony Chizema and Hilary Rees

Sidesperson: Vacant

HYMN 132

CONFESSION

PRECES

PSALM 119.17-24

O for a heart to praise my God

see white service card

Bramma

(see music sheet)

FIRST LESSON Genesis 2.15-17; 3.1-7 *read by Phil Jones*

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.'

³Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, 'Did God say, "You shall not eat from any tree in the garden"?' ²The woman said to the serpent, 'We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; ³but God said, "You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die." ' ⁴But the serpent said to the woman, 'You will not die; ⁵for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.' ⁶So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. ⁷Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

HYMN 389

Spirit of God, unseen as the wind

MAGNIFICAT

Chanted

SECOND LESSON Romans 5.12-19 *read by Julia Warner*

Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned—¹³ sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. ¹⁴ Yet death exercised dominion from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sins were not like the transgression of Adam, who is a type of the one who was to come.

¹⁵ But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the free gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. ¹⁶ And the free gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgement following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brings justification. ¹⁷ If, because of the one man's trespass, death exercised dominion through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness exercise dominion in life through the one man, Jesus Christ.

¹⁸ Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. ¹⁹ For just as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

NUNC DIMITTIS

Chanted

THE CREED

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RESPONSES

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ANTHEM

O God of Mercy - Lole

PRAYERS

Brenda Thompson

HYMN 744 i

O God of Bethel, by whose hand

SERMON

Angela Jagger

HYMN 748 (omit verses 2&4)

O Jesus, I have promised

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

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The Vicar Writes Sometimes we may long for a fresh start, a blank slate, with everything wiped clean to start again. Humanity received this following Noah, although it is probably more drastic than we have in mind! Christ's baptism calls back to an even "fresher" start – the creation of the universe, when the Spirit moved over the unformed waters. This Lent we are offered a lesser, but still significant chance to be re-made, a fresh start in holiness.



The Week Ahead

Monday 19th

14.30 **House Group** via Zoom. Meeting ID: 404 935 5092 Passcode: 6Hyy6R

Wednesday 21st

18.30 **Compline**

Thursday 22nd

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

President: The Reverend Jane Sharp Assisted by: Vicky Roe

11:00 **Coffee Drop-In**

19.00 **Lent Course** via zoom. Meeting ID: 872 7025 0697 Passcode: 680182

Friday 23rd

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

Sunday 25th February

2nd Sunday of Lent

08:30 **Holy Communion** President: The Reverend Philip Norwood

10:30 **Sung Eucharist** President: The Reverend Andrew Quigley
Readings: Genesis 17.1-7, 15, 16 and Mark 8.31-38

18:30 **Choral Evensong** Officiant: The Reverend Andrew Quigley
Readings: Genesis 12.1-9 and Hebrews 11.1-3, 8-16

Lent Course begins on Thursday at 7pm, by zoom. Come and visit Narnia this Lent - we will be exploring CS Lewis *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe* based on "Not a Tame Lion" by Hilary Brand. Join using these details: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87270250697?pwd=VXZkVGlrVVJdFlpMEozbnNKVVc0Zz09> Meeting ID: 872 7025 0697 Passcode: 680182

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.

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

CONCERT DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

'Lean on me' Choir Concert at St Mary de Castro on **Saturday 9th March** at 7.30pm. The concert will mainly feature performances by the Cantamici Choir, but will also feature the SoundCafe Choir for homeless and vulnerably housed people. This will be directed by Emma Trounson. Proceeds will go to the SoundCafe Leicester Charity. Cathy (Emma's Mum) is a volunteer with the charity and will have tickets to purchase (£12), otherwise there will be tickets available on the door.

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.

Scam emails seem to be particularly common at the moment. Watch out for clues that they are not what they seem - unusual or impersonal greetings ("Hello dear"), poor grammar and punctuation, and vague but urgent requests ("Can you help me urgently, I'm unable to talk"). If you move the cursor over the sender name at the header of the email it will often reveal that it does not come from the usual email address associated with that person. Don't click on any links, don't reply, be alert!

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

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



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