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This week at the Church of
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25th FEBRUARY 2024
2nd SUNDAY OF LENT

Prayer for the Week

Almighty God,
you show to those who are in error the light of your truth,
that they may return to the way of righteousness:
grant to all those who are admitted
into the fellowship of Christ's religion,
that they may reject those things
that are contrary to their profession,
and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same;
through our Lord Jesus Christ,
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
Isobel Ross : 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 Philip Norwood

Assisted by: Vicky Roe

Churchwarden: Paul Jenkins

A card reader donation machine is available.

10:30

Sung Eucharist

See order of service

President: The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar

Assisted by: David Kibert and Angela Jagger

Churchwarden: Janet Burton

Sidesperson: Rachel Pratt

Servers: David Kibert, Charles Samuel and William Woolley

Setting: Viadana

HYMN 812

Through all the changing scenes of life

READING Genesis 17.1-7, 15, 16 *read by David Kibert*

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said to him, 'I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. ²And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous.' ³Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, ⁴'As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. ⁵No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. ⁶I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. ⁷I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you.

¹⁵ God said to Abraham, 'As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. ¹⁶I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her.'

Psalm 121

see music sheet

GOSPEL Mark 8.31-38

Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³²He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, 'Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.'

³⁴ He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ³⁵For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. ³⁶For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? ³⁷Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? ³⁸Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.'

SERMON

Angela Jagger

INTERCESSIONS

The Reverend Andrew Quigley

OFFERTORY HYMN 806

There's a wideness in God's mercy

MOTET

View me, Lord - Lloyd

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 258 O thou who camest from above

Post Communion Prayer

Almighty God,

you see that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves:

keep us both outwardly in our bodies,

and inwardly in our souls;

that we may be defended from all adversities

 which may happen to the body,

and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul;

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

HYMN 652

Guide me, O thou great Redeemer

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: Michael Bull and Val Bailey
Sidespeople: Colin and Angela Stray

HYMN 128 i
CONFESSION
PRECES
PSALM 135

Jesu, lover of my soul
see white service card
Smith
(see music sheet)

FIRST LESSON Genesis 12.1-9 *read by Colin Stray*

Now the LORD said to Abram, 'Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. ²I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. ³I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.'

⁴ So Abram went, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. ⁵ Abram took his wife Sarai and his brother's son Lot, and all the possessions that they had gathered, and the persons whom they had acquired in Haran; and they set forth to go to the land of Canaan. When they had come to the land of Canaan, ⁶ Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. ⁷ Then the LORD appeared to Abram, and said, 'To your offspring I will give this land.' So he built there an altar to the LORD, who had appeared to him. ⁸ From there he moved on to the hill country on the east of Bethel, and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east; and there he built an altar to the LORD and invoked the name of the LORD. ⁹ And Abram journeyed on by stages towards the Negeb.

HYMN 768 i

Put thou thy trust in God

MAGNIFICAT

Walmisley in D minor

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. ²Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. ³By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

⁸ By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. ⁹By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. ¹⁰For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. ¹¹By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and Sarah herself was barren—because he considered him faithful who had promised. ¹²Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, ‘as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.’

¹³ All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, ¹⁴for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. ¹⁵If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

NUNC DIMITTIS

Walmisley in D minor

THE CREED**see white service card, p. 3**

RESPONSES

Smith

ANTHEM

Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace – S.S. Wesley

PRAYERS

The Reverend Andrew Quigley

HYMN 620 ii**Dear Christ, uplifted from the earth**

SERMON

The Reverend Andrew Quigley

HYMN 813 (Tune 499)**Through the night of doubt and sorrow**

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 From becoming a father at the age of 99, to complete triumph through humiliating death, God's plan is often full of surprises. Whilst "tradition" has been weaponised as an argument decider in Church debates, perhaps we need to allow God more room to do the unlikely and the unprecedented.



The Week Ahead

Tuesday - Friday

08:00 Morning Prayer in the Lady Chapel

Wednesday 28th

18.30 **Compline** in Church

19.00 **Youth Group** in the Undercroft

Thursday 29th

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

President: The Reverend Andrew Quigley Assisted by: Vicky Roe

11:00 **Coffee Drop-In**

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

Friday 1st March

14.00 **World Day of Prayer Service**

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

Sunday 3rd March 3rd Sunday of Lent

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

10:30 **Sung Eucharist** President: The Reverend Andrew Quigley

Readings: Exodus 20.1-17 and John 2.13-22

18:30 **Choral Evensong** Officiant: Angela Jagger

Readings: Exodus 5.1-6.1 and Philippians 3.4b-14

Lent Course continues on Thursdays at 7pm, by zoom. Come and visit Narnia this Lent - we are 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=VXZkVGlrVVJdFlpMEozbnNKWVc0Zz09> Meeting ID: 872 7025 0697 Passcode: 680182

COMPLINE is being 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 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 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
Compline	Mondays in Lent at 9.30 pm	Radio 3

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

DAILY HOPE TELEPHONE SERVICE Freephone 0800 804 8044

This service has now closed, but calling the number will give details of how to access other provision for home devotions, including Premier Christian Radio, UCB Radio, Everyday with Jesus, Faith in Later Life, and recordings of 'Hymns we love' reflections.

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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