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

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**3<sup>rd</sup> MARCH 2024**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT**

**Prayer for the Week**

Almighty God,  
whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain,  
and entered not into glory before he was crucified:  
mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross,  
may find it none other than the way of life and peace;  
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**  
Isobel Ross : Rex Woolhouse : Penny Judge : Mark Sadler : Nicola Shilton :  
Andrew King : Mandy Stephensen : Revd David Clark : Sue Ingle

**Rest in peace:** Douglas Smith

Douglas Smith, who was church architect from 1972 to 2000 has passed away at the age of 94. His funeral will be at Great Glen crematorium on Tuesday 14th at 12.30.

# Welcome to St James the Greater

## 08:30 Holy Communion in the Lady Chapel

Book of Common Prayer

President: The Reverend Philip Norwood

Assisted by: Phil Jones

Churchwarden: Paul Jenkins

*A card reader donation machine is available.*

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10:30

## Sung Eucharist

*See order of service*

President: The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar

Assisted by: Michael Bull and Sheila Roberts

Churchwarden: Simon Edwards

Sidesperson: David Pugh

Servers: Michael Bull, William Woolley and Tony Chizema

Setting: Sumsion in F

**HYMN 608**

**Christ is our corner-stone**

READING Exodus 20.1-17 *read by Vicky Roe*

Then God spoke all these words:

<sup>2</sup> I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; <sup>3</sup> you shall have no other gods before me.

<sup>4</sup> You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. <sup>5</sup> You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, <sup>6</sup> but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments.

<sup>7</sup> You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

<sup>8</sup> Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. <sup>9</sup> For six days you shall labour and do all your work. <sup>10</sup> But the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. <sup>11</sup> For in six days

the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it.

<sup>12</sup> Honour your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

<sup>13</sup> You shall not murder.

<sup>14</sup> You shall not commit adultery.

<sup>15</sup> You shall not steal.

<sup>16</sup> You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour.

<sup>17</sup> You shall not covet your neighbour's house; you shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbour.

**Psalm 42 verses 1-7**

*see music sheet*

**GOSPEL** John 2.13-22

The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. <sup>14</sup>In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money-changers seated at their tables. <sup>15</sup>Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables. <sup>16</sup>He told those who were selling the doves, 'Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!' <sup>17</sup>His disciples remembered that it was written, 'Zeal for your house will consume me.' <sup>18</sup>The Jews then said to him, 'What sign can you show us for doing this?' <sup>19</sup>Jesus answered them, 'Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.' <sup>20</sup>The Jews then said, 'This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?' <sup>21</sup>But he was speaking of the temple of his body. <sup>22</sup>After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

**SERMON**

The Reverend Andrew Quigley

**INTERCESSIONS**

Sheila Roberts

**OFFERTORY HYMN 120 ii**

**Forgive us when our deeds ignore**

**MOTET**

A Gaelic Blessing - 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 127 (Tune 398) Lord Jesus, think on me**

**Post Communion Prayer**

Merciful Lord,  
grant your people grace to withstand the temptations  
of the world, the flesh and the devil,  
and with pure hearts and minds to follow you, the only God;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**HYMN 584 (omit verse 2) All my hope on God is founded**

**ORGAN VOLUNTARY**

*Please be aware of those remaining to listen.*

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Everyone is invited for refreshments after the service.*

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**18:30**

**Choral Evensong**

*See order of service*

Officiant: Angela Jagger

Churchwarden: Simon Edwards

Servers: Hilary Rees and William Woolley

Sidespeople: Vacant

**HYMN 627 (Tune 609)**

**CONFESSION**

PRECES

**PSALM 11, 12**

**Father most holy, merciful and loving**

*see white service card*

Leighton

*(see music sheet)*

FIRST LESSON Exodus 5.1-6.1 *read by Caroline Beardsmore*

Afterwards Moses and Aaron went to Pharaoh and said, 'Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, "Let my people go, so that they may celebrate a festival to me in the wilderness."' <sup>2</sup>But Pharaoh said, 'Who is the LORD, that I should heed him and let Israel go? I do not know the LORD, and I will not let Israel go.' <sup>3</sup>Then they said, 'The God of the Hebrews has revealed himself to us; let us go a three days' journey into the wilderness to sacrifice to the LORD our God, or he will fall upon us with pestilence or sword.' <sup>4</sup>But the king of Egypt said to them, 'Moses and Aaron, why are you taking the people away from their work? Get to your labours!' <sup>5</sup>Pharaoh continued, 'Now they are more numerous than the people of the land and yet you want them to stop working!' <sup>6</sup>That same day Pharaoh

commanded the taskmasters of the people, as well as their supervisors, <sup>7</sup>‘You shall no longer give the people straw to make bricks, as before; let them go and gather straw for themselves. <sup>8</sup>But you shall require of them the same quantity of bricks as they have made previously; do not diminish it, for they are lazy; that is why they cry, “Let us go and offer sacrifice to our God.” <sup>9</sup>Let heavier work be laid on them; then they will labour at it and pay no attention to deceptive words.’

<sup>10</sup> So the taskmasters and the supervisors of the people went out and said to the people, ‘Thus says Pharaoh, “I will not give you straw. <sup>11</sup>Go and get straw yourselves, wherever you can find it; but your work will not be lessened in the least.”’ <sup>12</sup>So the people scattered throughout the land of Egypt, to gather stubble for straw. <sup>13</sup>The taskmasters were urgent, saying, ‘Complete your work, the same daily assignment as when you were given straw.’ <sup>14</sup>And the supervisors of the Israelites, whom Pharaoh’s taskmasters had set over them, were beaten, and were asked, ‘Why did you not finish the required quantity of bricks yesterday and today, as you did before?’

<sup>15</sup> Then the Israelite supervisors came to Pharaoh and cried, ‘Why do you treat your servants like this? <sup>16</sup>No straw is given to your servants, yet they say to us, “Make bricks!” Look how your servants are beaten! You are unjust to your own people.’ <sup>17</sup>He said, ‘You are lazy, lazy; that is why you say, “Let us go and sacrifice to the LORD.” <sup>18</sup>Go now, and work; for no straw shall be given you, but you shall still deliver the same number of bricks.’ <sup>19</sup>The Israelite supervisors saw that they were in trouble when they were told, ‘You shall not lessen your daily number of bricks.’ <sup>20</sup>As they left Pharaoh, they came upon Moses and Aaron who were waiting to meet them. <sup>21</sup>They said to them, ‘The LORD look upon you and judge! You have brought us into bad odour with Pharaoh and his officials, and have put a sword in their hand to kill us.’

<sup>22</sup> Then Moses turned again to the LORD and said, ‘O LORD, why have you mistreated this people? Why did you ever send me? <sup>23</sup>Since I first came to Pharaoh to speak in your name, he has mistreated this people, and you have done nothing at all to deliver your people.’

<sup>6</sup>Then the LORD said to Moses, ‘Now you shall see what I will do to Pharaoh: Indeed, by a mighty hand he will let them go; by a mighty hand he will drive them out of his land.’

**MAGNIFICAT**                      **Chanted – see music sheet**

SECOND LESSON Matthew 10.16-22                      *read by Jennifer Smith*

‘See, I am sending you out like sheep into the midst of wolves; so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves. <sup>17</sup>Beware of them, for they will hand you over to councils and flog you in their synagogues; <sup>18</sup>and you will be dragged before

governors and kings because of me, as a testimony to them and the Gentiles. <sup>19</sup>When they hand you over, do not worry about how you are to speak or what you are to say; for what you are to say will be given to you at that time; <sup>20</sup>for it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you. <sup>21</sup>Brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death; <sup>22</sup>and you will be hated by all because of my name. But the one who endures to the end will be saved.

NUNC DIMITTIS

Murrill in E

**THE CREED**

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

RESPONSES

Leighton

ANTHEM

Beati quorum via - Stanford

PRAYERS

Mike Rule

**HYMN 119**

**'Forgive our sins as we forgive'**

SERMON

Angela Jagger

**HYMN 629 i**

**Father, hear the prayer we offer**

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

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**The Vicar Writes** We can easily fall into the trap of seeing sin as “breaking the rules” – a violation of regulations. But as Jesus rage in the temple makes clear, what is really happening in sin is a breakdown of relationship, a violation of trust, and a personal wound. The temple, meant to be a place of encounter, drawing close to the divine, has become a mere market place, and this is painful. Sin is not a technical, legal matter, sin is personal, and it hurts, both God and us.



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## The Week Ahead

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> House Group** via zoom. To join, use the following:

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/4049355092?pwd=ZU5aZ2ZjaTWlBK0V3aHZUTlp4bGVVGUT09&omn=72755691133>

Meeting ID: 404 935 5092

Passcode: 6Hyy6R

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup>**

18.30 **Compline** in Church

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup>**

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

President: The Reverend Andrew Quigley Assisted by: Sheila Roberts

11:00 **Coffee Drop-In**

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

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup>**

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

19.30 **Leicester Theological Society** – see details in Bulletin

## Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> March

### 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent / Mothering Sunday

08:30 Holy Communion	President: The Reverend Andrew Quigley
10:30 All Age Eucharist	President: The Reverend Andrew Quigley Readings: Exodus 2.1-10 and John 19.25b-27
18:30 Choral Evensong	Officiant: The Reverend Philip Norwood Readings: Numbers 21.4-9 and Ephesians 2.1-10

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**Leicester Theological Society** The next lecture is entitled 'Images of God' - This will be given by Revd Canon Prof Vernon White on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm in The Frassati Centre at Holy Cross Priory in Wellington Street and will be followed by discussion. Visit <https://sites.google.com/view/leicester-theological-society/home> for more information.

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**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*. details: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87270250697?pwd=VXZkVGlrVVJdFlpMEozbnNKVVVcOZz09> Meeting ID: 872 7025 0697 Passcode: 680182

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**COMPLINE** is being sung by the choir in church every Wednesday during Lent at 6.30pm. 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.

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**TAIZÉ SERVICE** Please join us on Passion Sunday **17th March** for a Taizé-style Evening Service. This reflective service has a mixture of repeated chants, readings and prayers based upon the worship of the Ecumenical Community founded by Brother Roger in Burgundy, France.

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**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 13<sup>th</sup> March**.

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### 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 16<sup>th</sup> 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 23<sup>rd</sup> 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](http://www.luminatus.co.uk) or

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

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

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## **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](http://www.churchofengland.org) and [www.leicestercathedral.org](http://www.leicestercathedral.org)**

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