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

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17th MARCH 2024
5th SUNDAY OF LENT / PASSIONTIDE

Prayer for the Week

Most merciful God,
who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ
delivered and saved the world:
grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross
we may triumph in the power of his victory;
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 :
Caroline Beardsmore

Rest in peace: Douglas Smith : Vincent Beeslee (58)

EASTER FLOWERS

Yellow envelopes marked specially for donations towards the cost of Easter arrangements are on the back tables. Please place the envelopes in the brown baskets provided.
If possible, please Gift Aid your donation. Thank you.

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: Sheila Roberts

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: Margaret Sharman and Mike Rule

Churchwardens: April Rule and Janet Burton

Sidesperson: David Sharman

Servers: Michael Bull, Hazel Carlin and Phil Jones

Setting: Byrd 4 part Mass

HYMN 156

We sing the praise of him who died

READING Jeremiah 31.31-34 *read by Cherry Fulloway*

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ³²It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. ³³But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, 'Know the LORD', for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

Psalm 126

(see music sheet)

GOSPEL John 12.20-33

Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. ²¹They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, 'Sir, we wish to see Jesus.' ²²Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. ²³Jesus answered them, 'The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. ²⁴Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much

fruit. ²⁵Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. ²⁶Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honour.

²⁷ 'Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—"Father, save me from this hour"? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. ²⁸Father, glorify your name.' Then a voice came from heaven, 'I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.' ²⁹The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, 'An angel has spoken to him.' ³⁰Jesus answered, 'This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. ³¹Now is the judgement of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. ³²And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.' ³³He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

SERMON

Mike Rule

INTERCESSIONS

The Reverend Andrew Quigley

OFFERTORY HYMN 147 (omit verses 4 & 6) My song is love unknown

MOTET

God so loved the world - Stainer

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 140 All ye who seek for sure relief

Post Communion Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ,
you have taught us
that what we do for the least of our brothers and sisters
we do also for you:
give us the will to be the servant of others
as you were the servant of all,
and gave up your life and died for us,
but are alive and reign, now and for ever.

HYMN 135

Take up thy cross, the Saviour said

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

Taizé Service

See special order of service

Officiant: Sheila Roberts

Churchwarden: Simon Edwards and April Rule

Server: Hilary Rees

FIRST LESSON Matthew 26.17-30

read by Brenda Thompson

On the first day of Unleavened Bread the disciples came to Jesus, saying, 'Where do you want us to make the preparations for you to eat the Passover?' ¹⁸He said, 'Go into the city to a certain man, and say to him, "The Teacher says, My time is near; I will keep the Passover at your house with my disciples." ' ¹⁹So the disciples did as Jesus had directed them, and they prepared the Passover meal.

²⁰ When it was evening, he took his place with the twelve; ²¹and while they were eating, he said, 'Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me.' ²²And they became greatly distressed and began to say to him one after another, 'Surely not I, Lord?' ²³He answered, 'The one who has dipped his hand into the bowl with me will betray me. ²⁴The Son of Man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that one by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that one not to have been born.' ²⁵Judas, who betrayed him, said, 'Surely not I, Rabbi?' He replied, 'You have said so.'

²⁶ While they were eating, Jesus took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to the disciples, and said, 'Take, eat; this is my body.' ²⁷Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, saying, 'Drink from it, all of you; ²⁸for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. ²⁹I tell you, I will never again drink of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom.'

³⁰ When they had sung the hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

SECOND LESSON Matthew 26.36-45

read by Val Bailey

Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane; and he said to his disciples, 'Sit here while I go over there and pray.' ³⁷He took with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and began to be grieved and agitated. ³⁸Then he said to them, 'I am deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and stay awake with me.' ³⁹And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed, 'My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me; yet not what I want but what you want.' ⁴⁰Then he came to the disciples and found them sleeping; and he said to Peter, 'So, could you not stay awake with me one hour? ⁴¹Stay awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is

weak.’ ⁴²Again he went away for the second time and prayed, ‘My Father, if this cannot pass unless I drink it, your will be done.’ ⁴³Again he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were heavy. ⁴⁴So leaving them again, he went away and prayed for the third time, saying the same words. ⁴⁵Then he came to the disciples and said to them, ‘Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? See, the hour is at hand, and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners.

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The Vicar Writes As we near the end of Lent, and as the end of John’s Gospel nears, we have an echo of the beginning, with Andrew and Philip bringing new followers to Jesus, just as they did back in chapter one. But Jesus’ message is not of continuity or repetition, but of radical upheaval and change – the threat of death and the promise of new life.



The Week Ahead

Tuesday - Friday

08:00 **Morning Prayer** in the Lady Chapel

Monday 18th House Group via Zoom. Meeting ID: 404 935 5092

Passcode: 6Hyy6R

Wednesday 20th

09.00 **Schools Choral Workshop Day** in Church

18.30 **Compline** in Church

Thursday 21st

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

President: The Reverend Jane Sharp Assisted by: Vicky Roe

11:00 **Coffee Drop-In**

Friday 22nd

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

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

Saturday 23rd

19.30 **Concert – St John Passion** performed by Luminatus

Sunday 24th March

Palm Sunday

08:30 **Holy Communion** President: The Reverend Philip Norwood
10:30 **Sung Eucharist** President: The Reverend Andrew Quigley
Reading: Mark 14.32 – 15.41 (Passion Narrative)
18:30 **Music and Readings for Passiontide** Officiant: The Reverend Andrew Quigley

TAIZÉ SERVICE Please join us this Sunday at 6.30pm 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.

AFTERNOON TEA PARTY CONCERT Today, Sunday 17th March at 3.30pm at St Anne's Church Community Hall, Letchworth Road. Join the Leicester University Chamber Choir for their annual Afternoon Tea Party! With tea, coffee, homemade bakes, a raffle and beautiful music, who could say no?! Rebecca, Annabel and Dylan from our choir is performing at this concert and would love to see some familiar faces in the audience.

MAUNDY THURSDAY FOOT WASHING There is a list at the back of church to sign up if you are willing to have a foot washed by the Vicar during the Maundy Thursday Eucharist. We need twelve volunteers before the day.

ST JAMES CHORAL PROJECT The workshop and performance day is Wednesday 20th March 2024. We will welcome 230 children and their staff to St James to work with our Director of Music Emma Trounson. The KS2 pupils from Uplands, Overdale and Hazel schools will polish the songs they have been working hard on this term in a morning workshop before taking part in a public performance at 2.00pm-2.40pm. 'Past and Present' by Rebecca Lawrence includes songs in a variety of musical styles and covers different moments in history concluding with songs about climate change and a song of self-belief. The concert will be accompanied on the piano by professional accompanist Josephine Markham. If you are able to help with stewarding/welcoming the families of the children on the door, please get in touch with Emma dom@stjamesthegreater.org.uk or come along to support the free performance (with retiring collection) at 2.00pm.

MINSTER COMMUNITIES: the Diocese is progressing its plans for the reorganisation of its parishes. There will be a meeting after the 10.30 service next Sunday the 24th to outline the process, and to seek two representatives from St. James to be part of this.

GOOD FRIDAY 'WALK OF WITNESS' We are delighted that a group of churches, charities and organisations in Leicester are bringing back an event to the city centre on Good Friday.

The 'Walk of Witness' from Victoria Park to Gallowtree Gate, starts at 9am, stopping at various points to pray, followed by a crucifixion drama by the Manna Theatre Company.

Organisers are appealing for people to volunteer on the day, particularly marshalls and first aiders. If you can help, please contact Revd Lorraine Burke on missions@ntcgthelighthouse.org.

GOOD FRIDAY LUNCH Before the service of the Stations of the Cross on Good Friday, a simple lunch will be served in the large hall at 1.15pm. Please sign the sheet at the back of the church if you would like to join us.

PARISH EASTER LEAFLETS have been placed on the tables at the back of the church in bundles by streets within the parish. We would be grateful to anyone willing to distribute one or two bundles by Palm Sunday.

LENT COURSE this week takes place on Friday at 7pm, by zoom when we continue to explore CS Lewis *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*.
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. 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.

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 27th March**.

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>

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 in Lent	Monday at 9.30 pm	Radio 3

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

* From April 2024 the Daily Service will only be available on Radio 4 Extra, which is a digital channel available on DAB radio, Freeview, Freesat, Sky, Virgin Media and online at <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b006wzfs>

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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