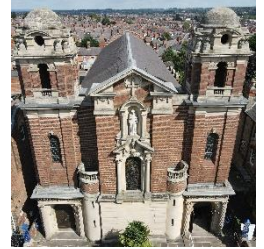


22/22



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

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**29th MAY 2022
EASTER 7
SUNDAY AFTER ASCENSION
Prayer for the Week**

O God the King of glory,
you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ
with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven:
we beseech you, leave us not comfortless,
but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us
and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is gone before,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Our Prayers are asked for:

All prevented from worshipping with us, remembering

Gwen Leather : Marilyn Dorum :
Margaret Norman : Mollie Drake
and all those currently unable to attend services.

Those who are unwell and who are recovering

Mark Sadler : Ann Blanchard :
Anthony Green : Josephine Chizema :
Kath Higginson : Gillian Boorne : Paul Makepeace

Rest in peace

Ron Hefford

*The Commemorative Flowers this week have been kindly given by
Janet Felstead in memory of David.*

08.30 **Welcome to St James the Greater Holy Communion**

Common Worship Order One (Traditional)
Celebrant: The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar
Churchwarden: Paul Jenkins

Please take this leaflet away with you at the end of the Service.

COVID-19 has become a feature of our lives for the foreseeable future. At St James we will still provide **hand sanitiser** and if you require seat **notices** asking members of the congregation **not to sit next to you**, these are available on the tables you can see as you come into Church, you may wish to place a notice on several chairs. Given the current state of infections you may want to return to mask-wearing.

10.30 **Sung Eucharist**

See order of service

Celebrant: The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar
Churchwardens: April Rule and Janet Burton
Servers: Michael Bull and Oscar Balaz
Setting: Burton in F. Gloria - Thorne

OPENING HYMN 228

Hail the day that sees him rise

GLORIA

Thorne

READING Acts 16. 16-34

read by Val Bailey

One day, as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a slave-girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. ¹⁷While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, 'These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you a way of salvation.' ¹⁸She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, 'I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her.' And it came out that very hour.

¹⁹ But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the market-place before the authorities. ²⁰When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, 'These men are disturbing our city; they are Jews ²¹and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or observe.' ²²The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. ²³After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them

securely. ²⁴Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.

25 About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. ²⁶Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened. ²⁷When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. ²⁸But Paul shouted in a loud voice, 'Do not harm yourself, for we are all here.' ²⁹The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. ³⁰Then he brought them outside and said, 'Sirs, what must I do to be saved?' ³¹They answered, 'Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household.' ³²They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. ³³At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. ³⁴He brought them up into the house and set food before them; and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

GRADUAL HYMN 769

Rejoice! The Lord is King

GOSPEL John 17. 20-26

'I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, ²¹that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. ²²The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, ²³I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. ²⁴Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.

25 'Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. ²⁶I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them.'

SERMON

The Reverend Andrew Quigley

INTERCESSIONS

The Reverend Andrew Quigley

OFFERTORY HYMN 453

Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendour

ANTHEM

Come down, O love divine *Tadman-Robins*

POST COMMUNION HYMN 358(i) Be still for the presence of the Lord

Post Communion Prayer

Eternal God, giver of love and power,
your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world
to preach the gospel of his kingdom:
confirm us in this mission,
and help us to live the good news we proclaim;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

RECESSIONAL HYMN 612

Christ triumphant, ever reigning

ORGAN VOLUNTARY – *Please be aware of those remaining to listen*
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Everyone is invited for refreshments at the back of church after the service.

The Vicar Writes

I suppose we all think Christian unity is a good thing, but how much do we really care? Jesus' heartfelt prayer for unity, and the astonishing witness of the undivided Christian community in the early years should give us a greater sense of its importance. Furthermore, with Christ's physical body ascended from this world, the only physical body he has here on earth is us, the worldwide Church, and we must be a united body.



18.30

Evensong

See yellow order of service

Officiant: Angela Jagger

Churchwardens: Simon Edwards and David Kibert

Servers: William Woolley and Tony Chizema

HYMN 362

Come, let us join our cheerful songs

CONFESSION

RESPONSES

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PSALM 68. 1-9

see music sheet

FIRST LESSON Isaiah 44. 1-8

read by Paul Jenkins

But now hear, O Jacob my servant,
Israel whom I have chosen!

² Thus says the LORD who made you,

who formed you in the womb and will help you:
Do not fear, O Jacob my servant,
Jeshurun whom I have chosen.
³ For I will pour water on the thirsty land,
and streams on the dry ground;
I will pour my spirit upon your descendants,
and my blessing on your offspring.
⁴ They shall spring up like a green tamarisk,
like willows by flowing streams.
⁵ This one will say, 'I am the LORD's',
another will be called by the name of Jacob,
yet another will write on the hand, 'The LORD's',
and adopt the name of Israel.
⁶ Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel
and his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts:
I am the first and I am the last;
besides me there is no god.
⁷ Who is like me? Let them proclaim it,
let them declare and set it forth before me.
Who has announced from of old the things to come?
Let them tell us what is yet to be.
⁸ Do not fear, or be afraid;
have I not told you from of old and declared it?
You are my witnesses!
Is there any god besides me?
There is no other rock; I know not one.

MAGNIFICAT

see music sheet

SECOND LESSON Ephesians 4. 7-16

read by Brenda Thompson

But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. ⁸Therefore it is said,

'When he ascended on high he made captivity itself a captive;
he gave gifts to his people.'

⁹(When it says, 'He ascended', what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? ¹⁰He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things.) ¹¹The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, ¹²to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, ¹³until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. ¹⁴We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful

scheming. ¹⁵But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, ¹⁶from whom the whole body, joined and knitted together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.

NUNC DIMITTIS - HYMN 397

THE CREED

RESPONSES

PRAYERS

HYMN 796

SERMON

HYMN 586

DISMISSAL

Lord, now let your servant

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Angela Jagger

The Lord is King! Lift up thy voice

Angela Jagger

All praise to Christ, our Lord and king divine

The Lord be with you. **And with thy spirit.**

Let us bless the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

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The Week Ahead

Monday

14.30 House Group online. E-mail A.F.Jagger@dunelm.org.uk for the link.

Wednesday

21.00 **Compline** via Zoom. To join, please use the link or codes below:

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/72469869364?pwd=akyk-fSRW3DUywx8R7CcG6Esh3SZX.1>

Meeting ID: 724 6986 9364 Passcode: A8G4NB

Thursday

10.30 **Holy Communion** Common Worship, Order 1 (traditional)

Celebrant: The Reverend Jane Sharp

11.00 Coffee Drop-In at the back of the Church

12.00 Platinum Jubilee Lunch at the Old Horse for those who have booked.

14.30 'At Home' with Hilary Simpson at 24 Holmfield Road

Friday

18.00 Choir Practice

Sunday Next – Pentecost

08.30 **Holy Communion (BCP)** Celebrant: The Reverend Andrew Quigley

10.30 **Sung Eucharist** Celebrant: The Reverend Andrew Quigley

Readings: Acts 2. 1-21 and John 14. 8-17

Please note that incense will be used during this service.

18.30 **Choral Evensong** Officiant: The Reverend Andrew Quigley

Preacher: Bishop Saju Muthalaly, Bishop of Loughborough

THE SHELL Summer edition is available at the back of church for a donation.

THE ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING is currently delayed whilst accounts are prepared. However, in the meantime nomination papers for Church Wardens and members of the PCC are on the back table. Becoming a trustee gives an opportunity to serve our congregation. It is a vibrant and vital role; you will be able to choose and specialise in a particular area of church life as well as contribute to discussion on all matters before our PCC. PCC meetings are by their very nature business meetings, however there is always an ever present deepening spiritual fellowship and you may be surprised to know that laughter is also part of each meeting!

PLATINUM JUBILEE

APPEAL FOR BELL RINGERS It has been suggested that church bells (plural) should be rung over the Jubilee Weekend. Any aspiring campanologists wanting to ring our octave of tubular bells, please speak to William Woolley after a service or send an E-mail to: servers@stjamesthegreater.org.uk

FESTAL EVENSONG

On Pentecost Sunday 5th June, the Queen's Diamond Jubilee will be celebrated with a Festal Evensong at 6.30 pm. The preacher on this special occasion will be Bishop Saju Muthalaly, the Bishop of Loughborough.

COMMUNION Following a change in the guidance from the central Church, we are now considering re-introducing the common cup for the distribution of wine. If you could give this matter some thought and prayer and let us have your views and ideas, we would be grateful. We'll also be taking "straw polls" at services to see who would want to see the chalice return in the near future.

EUCCHARISTIC ASSISTANTS Related to the previous notice, we could do with more people to assist with distributing communion. This is a rewarding way to be involved in the worship of the church. Full training will be given! Please contact the office 0116 2542111 or the Vicar 0116 2544113 if you are interested.

FORTHCOMING CONCERTS AND EVENTS

LEICESTER BACH CHOIR SUMMER CONCERT

This will take place in church on Saturday 18th June at 7.30 pm. The programme is Bernstein's *Chichester Psalms*, Vierne's *Messe Solonnelle* and Janáček's *Otče náš*. Tickets are £18 from <https://leicesterbachchoir.org.uk/forthcoming-concerts/> or on the door before the concert.

QUIET DAY AT GAULBY CHURCH will take place on Saturday 25th June from 10 am to 2 pm. An opportunity for reflections and spiritual refreshment in beautiful surroundings – save the date!

Please sign up on the sheets at the back of church or contact the church office, if you will be attending. Please sign the relevant sheet if you require a lift or can offer lifts to other people on the day.

CHARNWOOD ORCHESTRA SUMMER CONCERT will take place on Saturday 25th June at 7.30 pm, featuring songs and music from various operas. Tickets £14 and concessions £12 are available on the door or from their website <https://www.charnwoodorchestra.org.uk/concerts.php/>

KNIGHTON CHAMBER ORCHESTRA will be performing another Mozart concert at 3 pm on Sunday 10th July. The programme will include the Horn Concerto No. 2, Sinfonia Concertante and the Symphony No. 40. Tickets £10.

Resources for Home Worship

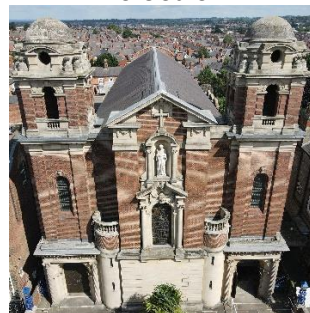
Broadcast Media

Daily Service	Monday – Friday at 9.45am	Radio 4 LW
Choral Evensong	Wednesday at 4 pm and Sunday at 3 pm	Radio 3
Sunday Worship	Sunday at 8.10am	Radio 4
Songs of Praise	Sunday at 1.15 pm	BBC 1

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

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