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

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**16<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2024**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**

**Prayer for the Week**

Almighty God,  
you have broken the tyranny of sin  
and have sent the Spirit of your Son into our hearts  
whereby we call you Father:  
give us grace to dedicate our freedom to your service,  
that we and all creation may be brought  
to the glorious liberty of the children of God;  
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 :  
Alan Moreton : Sara King

The Commemorative Flowers this week have been kindly given  
by April Rule in memory of Robert Burton her Father.

# 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: William Woolley

Churchwarden: Paul Jenkins

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## 10:30 Sung Eucharist

President: The Reverend Andrew Quigley

Assisted by: Margaret Sharman and Sheila Roberts

Churchwarden: Janet Burton

Sidesperson: David Sharman

Servers: Tony Chizema, Charles Samuel and William Simpey

Setting: Bruckner in F

### OPENING HYMN 766

### Praise, my soul, the King of heaven

GLORIA

Jones

### READING Ezekiel 17.22-24

*read by Regina Santos-Merx*

Thus says the Lord GOD:

I myself will take a sprig  
from the lofty top of a cedar;  
I will set it out.

I will break off a tender one  
from the topmost of its young twigs;

I myself will plant it  
on a high and lofty mountain.

<sup>23</sup> On the mountain height of Israel  
I will plant it,

in order that it may produce boughs and bear fruit,  
and become a noble cedar.

Under it every kind of bird will live;  
in the shade of its branches will nest  
winged creatures of every kind.

<sup>24</sup> All the trees of the field shall know  
that I am the LORD.

I bring low the high tree,

I make high the low tree;  
I dry up the green tree  
and make the dry tree flourish.  
I the LORD have spoken;  
I will accomplish it.

**GRADUAL HYMN 743**

**O God beyond all praising**

**GOSPEL** Mark 4.26-34

He also said, 'The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, <sup>27</sup>and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. <sup>28</sup>The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. <sup>29</sup>But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come.'

<sup>30</sup> He also said, 'With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? <sup>31</sup>It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; <sup>32</sup>yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.'

<sup>33</sup> With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; <sup>34</sup>he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

SERMON

Sheila Roberts

INTERCESSIONS

The Reverend Andrew Quigley

**OFFERTORY HYMN 538**

**Gracious God, in adoration**

**POST COMMUNION HYMN 455**

**My God, and is thy table spread**

ANTHEM

Thou visitest the earth - Greene

**Post Communion Prayer**

O God, whose beauty is beyond our imagining  
and whose power we cannot comprehend:  
show us your glory as far as we can grasp it,  
and shield us from knowing more than we can bear  
until we may look upon you without fear;  
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

**FINAL HYMN 586 All praise to Christ, our Lord and king divine**

**ORGAN VOLUNTARY**

***Please be aware of those remaining to listen.***

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

**The Vicar Writes** Whenever I see another plan for mission I get slightly peeved. God's growth is wild and unruly, unplanned and inconvenient – it is the weed in the cracks of our paved plans – but it is beautiful, abundant and hospitable. We must find it and join in.



**18:30**

**Evensong**

***See order of service***

Officiant: Mike Rule

Churchwardens: Simon Edwards and April Rule

Servers: Phil Jones and Hazel Carlin

Sidesperson: Vacant

**HYMN 16**

**God, that madest earth and heaven**

**CONFESSION**

**Ferial**

**PRECES**

***(see music sheet)***

**PSALM 39**

**FIRST LESSON** Jeremiah 7.1-16

*read by Michael Bull*

The word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD: <sup>2</sup>Stand in the gate of the LORD's house, and proclaim there this word, and say, Hear the word of the LORD, all you people of Judah, you that enter these gates to worship the LORD. <sup>3</sup>Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: Amend your ways and your doings, and let me dwell with you in this place. <sup>4</sup>Do not trust in these deceptive words: 'This is the temple of the LORD, the temple of the LORD, the temple of the LORD.'

<sup>5</sup> For if you truly amend your ways and your doings, if you truly act justly one with another, <sup>6</sup>if you do not oppress the alien, the orphan, and the widow, or shed innocent blood in this place, and if you do not go after other gods to your own hurt, <sup>7</sup>then I will dwell with you in this place, in the land that I gave of old to your ancestors for ever and ever.

<sup>8</sup> Here you are, trusting in deceptive words to no avail. <sup>9</sup>Will you steal, murder, commit adultery, swear falsely, make offerings to Baal, and go after other gods that you have not known, <sup>10</sup>and then come and stand before me in this house, which is called by my name, and say, ‘We are safe!’—only to go on doing all these abominations? <sup>11</sup>Has this house, which is called by my name, become a den of robbers in your sight? You know, I too am watching, says the LORD. <sup>12</sup>Go now to my place that was in Shiloh, where I made my name dwell at first, and see what I did to it for the wickedness of my people Israel. <sup>13</sup>And now, because you have done all these things, says the LORD, and when I spoke to you persistently, you did not listen, and when I called you, you did not answer, <sup>14</sup>therefore I will do to the house that is called by my name, in which you trust, and to the place that I gave to you and to your ancestors, just what I did to Shiloh. <sup>15</sup>And I will cast you out of my sight, just as I cast out all your kinsfolk, all the offspring of Ephraim.

<sup>16</sup> As for you, do not pray for this people, do not raise a cry or prayer on their behalf, and do not intercede with me, for I will not hear you.

## **MAGNIFICAT                    394 Tell out, my soul**

SECOND LESSON   Romans 9.14-26                    *read by Jennifer Clegg*

What then are we to say? Is there injustice on God’s part? By no means! <sup>15</sup>For he says to Moses,

‘I will have mercy on whom I have mercy,  
and I will have compassion on whom I have compassion.’

<sup>16</sup>So it depends not on human will or exertion, but on God who shows mercy. <sup>17</sup>For the scripture says to Pharaoh, ‘I have raised you up for the very purpose of showing my power in you, so that my name may be proclaimed in all the earth.’ <sup>18</sup>So then he has mercy on whomsoever he chooses, and he hardens the heart of whomsoever he chooses.

<sup>19</sup> You will say to me then, ‘Why then does he still find fault? For who can resist his will?’ <sup>20</sup>But who indeed are you, a human being, to argue with God? Will what is moulded say to the one who moulds it, ‘Why have you made me like this?’ <sup>21</sup>Has the potter no right over the clay, to make out of the same lump one object for special use and another for ordinary use? <sup>22</sup>What if God, desiring to show his wrath and to make known his power, has endured with much patience the objects of wrath that are made for destruction; <sup>23</sup>and what if he has done so in order to make known the riches of his glory for the objects of mercy, which he has prepared beforehand for glory— <sup>24</sup>including us whom he has called, not from the Jews only but also from the Gentiles? <sup>25</sup>As indeed he says in Hosea, ‘Those who were not my people I will call “my people”,

and her who was not beloved I will call “beloved”. ’

<sup>26</sup> ‘And in the very place where it was said to them, “You are not my people”, there they shall be called children of the living God.’

**NUNC DIMITTIS**

**Chanted**

**THE CREED**

**RESPONSES**

**Ferial**

PRAYERS

Mike Rule

**HYMN 358**

**Be still, for the presence of the Lord**

SERMON

Mike Rule

**HYMN 627 (Tune 609)**

**Father most holy, merciful and loving**

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

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**Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> June**

**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity**

**08:30 Holy Communion**

President: The Reverend Andrew Quigley

**10:30 Sung Eucharist**

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Readings: Job 38.1-11 and Mark 4.35-41

**18:30 Choral Evensong**

Officiant: Angela Jagger

Eve of the birth of  
John the Baptist

Readings: Isaiah 40.1-11 and Luke 1.57-66, 80

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**The Week Ahead**

**Tuesday - Friday**

08:00 Morning Prayer in the Lady Chapel

**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup>**

19.00 **Youth Group** in the Undercroft

21:00 **Compline** via Zoom. To join, please use the link

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/75984858232?pwd=sXK193zlo5Vj4WApP0aKUmTjrXEX0O.l>

Meeting ID: 759 8485 8232      Passcode: L6WRmc

**Thursday 20<sup>th</sup>**

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

President: The Reverend Andrew Quigley Assisted by: Janet Burton

11:00 **Coffee Drop-In**

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup>**

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

**THE SHELL** The new edition of The Shell is at the back of church.

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**CONFIRMATIONS** We will be delighted to welcome Bishop Saju to St James for our Patronal Festival Eucharist on July 28th, when he will be confirming a number of candidates. This should make our celebration even more special than usual this year! If you would like to consider confirmation, please contact the Vicar.

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**ST. JAMES' YOUTH GROUP** Meet twice a month on Wednesdays from 7:00-8.30pm. 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. Next meeting is: Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> June.

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**COME AND SING JOSEPH TODAY** We are holding an All Age 'Come and Sing' this afternoon. Participants will rehearse from **1.30pm-3.30pm** alongside our Junior and Senior Choirs, before performing a cantata version of 'Joseph and His Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat' by Andrew Lloyd Webber at 4.00pm-4.30pm. The workshop and informal performance is free (with a retiring collection) and open to all so bring your friends and family! The lyric booklets will be provided for each workshop participant. If you would like to take part, please register via [trybooking.com/uk/DHJJ](https://trybooking.com/uk/DHJJ), scan the QR code or speak to Emma.



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## **CONCERT DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES**

### **Saturday 22nd June 2024 at 7.30 pm Leicester Bach Choir 'Summer Awakening' Concert**

Josef Rheinberger – Stabat Mater Guillaume Lekeu – Adagio J S Bach – Chorus and Chorale from Wacht Auf Frank Bridge – A Prayer John Ireland – A Downland Suite George Dyson – Three Songs of Praise

Advance tickets £20. On the door £23. For more information visit

<https://leicesterbachchoir.org.uk/>

### **Saturday 29th June 2024 at 7.30 pm Charnwood Orchestra**

Mozart Symphony No. 38 'Prague', Bruckner Symphony No. 7

Tickets £14. Concessions £12.. On the door - cash payments only Book online via: <https://www.charnwoodorchestra.org.uk/concerts.php/> or E-mail:

[tickets@charnwoodorchestra.org.uk](mailto:tickets@charnwoodorchestra.org.uk)

## **PRAY YOUR PART - GENERAL ELECTION, 14 JUNE - 4 JULY**

The Church of England is launching a campaign known as [#PrayYourPart](#) – to promote prayer and participation, both as voters and as citizens, in the run-up to the General Election.

They are inviting people on a 21-day journey of prayer and reflection (From Friday 14 June until the day of the election, on 4 July) where each day explores a different theme, with a short Bible reading, reflection and prayer for a different aspect of our common life. You can sign up for the daily reflections via email at [www.cofe.io/PrayYourPart](http://www.cofe.io/PrayYourPart)

### **Resources for Home Worship**

#### **Broadcast Media**

Daily Service Monday – Friday at 9.45am Radio 4 Extra on DAB

Freeview 708, Freesat 708, Sky 0126, Virgin Media 910 and online at

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b006wzfs>

Sunday Worship Sunday at 8.10 am Radio 4

Songs of Praise Sunday at 12.30 pm BBC 1

Choral Evensong Sunday and Wednesday at 3 pm Radio 3

Online at [www.churchofengland.org](http://www.churchofengland.org) and [www.leicestercathedral.org](http://www.leicestercathedral.org)

#### **DAILY HOPE TELEPHONE SERVICE - Freephone 0800 804 8044**

Funded by the charity 'Faith in Later Life', which welcomes donations for the service at:

[www.faithinlaterlife.org.uk/donate](http://www.faithinlaterlife.org.uk/donate)

The options available from a telephone keypad are:

1. Hymns we love – reflections on favourite hymns
2. How to support Daily Hope
3. Spring reflections by Pippa Cramer
4. Morning and Evening Prayers
5. Weekly Church of England Service
6. Sleep Well with Daily Hope
7. Chair exercises

It is helpful to have the telephone on speakerphone to avoid having to hold the handset.

**Vicky Roe.**

**Pastoral Assistant**

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### **CONTACTING THE TEAM**

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