

## This week at the Church of St James the Greater

#### Leicester

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## 20th JULY 2025 5<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

## Prayer for the Week

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified: hear our prayer which we offer for all your faithful people, that in their vocation and ministry they may serve you in holiness and truth to the glory of your name; through our Lord and Saviour 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: 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

Rex Woolhouse: Penny Judge: Mark Sadler: Nicola Shilton: Mandy Stephensen:

Mollie Drake: Michael Molloy: Chris Jones:

Revd David Clark: Kathryn Haynes: Jean Warren: Stephanie Crapper: Peter Lawton: Caroline Hough

#### **Rest in Peace**

Revd Jane Sharp

Peter Gerald Smith (father of Annette Jones)

Jenny Bachelor

Helen Parsons (former member of St James Singers, funeral on Monday 11th August, 11.30am, Great Glen Crematorium)

This week's Chancel Steps flowers are sponsored by Margaret Damant & Family in memory of George Isaac Damant, wonderful Husband and Father.

## Welcome to St James the Greater

08:30 Holy Communion in the Lady Chapel Common Worship Order I (Traditional)

President: The Reverend Canon Philip Norwood Assisted by: Vicky Roe, Pastoral Assistant Churchwarden: Paul Jenkins

A card reader donation machine is available.

## 10.30

#### **Choral Mattins**

See order of service

Officiant: Sheila Roberts, Associate Minister Assisted by: Mike Rule, Associate Minister Sidesperson: Vacant

Churchwardens: April Rule and Serge Mozota Servers: Tony Chizema and Billy Murray

**HYMN 766** 

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven

**CONFESSION** 

see service card

PRECES

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**VENITE** 

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PSALM 81

see music sheet

FIRST LESSON Genesis 41.1-16, 25-37 read by Mike Rule

After two whole years, Pharaoh dreamed that he was standing by the Nile, <sup>2</sup> and there came up out of the Nile seven sleek and fat cows, and they grazed in the reed grass. <sup>3</sup> Then seven other cows, ugly and thin, came up out of the Nile after them, and stood by the other cows on the bank of the Nile. <sup>4</sup> The ugly and thin cows ate up the seven sleek and fat cows. And Pharaoh awoke. <sup>5</sup> Then he fell asleep and dreamed a second time; seven ears of grain, plump and good, were growing on one stalk. <sup>6</sup> Then seven ears, thin and blighted by the east wind, sprouted after them. <sup>7</sup> The thin ears swallowed up the seven plump and full ears. Pharaoh awoke, and it was a dream. <sup>8</sup> In the morning his spirit was troubled; so he sent and called for all the magicians of Egypt and all its wise men. Pharaoh told them his dreams, but there was no one who could interpret them to Pharaoh. <sup>9</sup> Then the chief cupbearer said to Pharaoh, 'I remember my faults today. <sup>10</sup> Once Pharaoh was angry with his servants, and put me and the chief baker in custody in the house of the captain of the guard. <sup>11</sup> We dreamed on the same night, he and I, each having a dream with its own meaning. <sup>12</sup> A young Hebrew was there with us,

a servant of the captain of the guard. When we told him, he interpreted our

dreams to us, giving an interpretation to each according to his dream. <sup>13</sup> As he interpreted to us, so it turned out; I was restored to my office, and the baker was hanged.'

<sup>14</sup> Then Pharaoh sent for Joseph, and he was hurriedly brought out of the dungeon. When he had shaved himself and changed his clothes, he came in before Pharaoh. <sup>15</sup> And Pharaoh said to Joseph, 'I have had a dream, and there is no one who can interpret it. I have heard it said of you that when you hear a dream you can interpret it.' <sup>16</sup> Joseph answered Pharaoh, 'It is not I; God will give Pharaoh a favourable answer.'

<sup>25</sup> Then Joseph said to Pharaoh, 'Pharaoh's dreams are one and the same; God has revealed to Pharaoh what he is about to do. <sup>26</sup> The seven good cows are seven years, and the seven good ears are seven years; the dreams are one. <sup>27</sup> The seven lean and ugly cows that came up after them are seven years, as are the seven empty ears blighted by the east wind. They are seven years of famine. 28 It is as I told Pharaoh; God has shown to Pharaoh what he is about to do. 29 There will come seven years of great plenty throughout all the land of Egypt. 30 After them there will arise seven years of famine, and all the plenty will be forgotten in the land of Egypt; the famine will consume the land. 31 The plenty will no longer be known in the land because of the famine that will follow, for it will be very grievous. 32 And the doubling of Pharaoh's dream means that the thing is fixed by God, and God will shortly bring it about. 33 Now therefore let Pharaoh select a man who is discerning and wise, and set him over the land of Egypt. 34 Let Pharaoh proceed to appoint overseers over the land, and take one-fifth of the produce of the land of Egypt during the seven plenteous years. 35 Let them gather all the food of these good years that are coming, and lay up grain under the authority of Pharaoh for food in the cities, and let them keep it. <sup>36</sup> That food shall be a reserve for the land against the seven years of famine that are to befall the land of Egypt, so that the land may not perish through the famine.'

<sup>37</sup> The proposal pleased Pharaoh and all his servants.

TE DEUM

Sung by the Choir Stanford in B flat

SECOND LESSON I Corinthians 4.8-13 read by Ekene Obianom Already you have all you want! Already you have become rich! Quite apart from us you have become kings! Indeed, I wish that you had become kings, so that we might be kings with you! 9 For I think that God has exhibited us apostles as last of all, as though sentenced to death, because we have become a spectacle to the world, to angels and to mortals. <sup>10</sup> We are fools for the sake of Christ, but you are wise in Christ. We are weak, but you are strong. You are held in honour, but we in disrepute. <sup>11</sup> To the present hour we are hungry and thirsty, we are poorly clothed and beaten and homeless, <sup>12</sup> and we grow weary from the work of our own hands. When reviled, we bless; when persecuted, we endure; <sup>13</sup> when

slandered, we speak kindly. We have become like the rubbish of the world, the dregs of all things, to this very day.

JUBILATE DEO Sung by the Choir Stanford in B flat

THE CREED see service card

RESPONSES Ayleward

ANTHEM Jesu, joy of man's desiring – J S Bach

PRAYERS Mike Rule, Associate Minister

HYMN 743 O God beyond all praising

SERMON Sheila Roberts, Associate Minister

HYMN 580 Judge eternal, throned in splendour

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

Let us bless the Lord. Thanks be to God!

ORGAN VOLUNTARY (Please be aware of those remaining to listen).

Everyone is invited for refreshments after the service. A card reader donation machine is available at the back of church.

## 18:30 Sung Eucharist

President: Revd Canon Dr Johannes Arens Assisted by: Margaret Sharman and Angela Jagger, Reader Churchwardens: April Rule and Serge Mozota

Sidesperson: David Sharman

Servers: Rod Eynon-Baldock, Sara King and William Woolley

Setting: Ireland in C

HYMN 782 Songs of praise the angels sang

**GLORIA** Jones

**READING** Colossians 1.15-28 read by Andrew Curry

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; <sup>16</sup> for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. <sup>17</sup> He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. <sup>18</sup> He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the

firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. <sup>19</sup> For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, <sup>20</sup> and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

<sup>21</sup> And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, <sup>22</sup> he has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him— <sup>23</sup> provided that you continue securely established and steadfast in the faith, without shifting from the hope promised by the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven. I, Paul, became a servant of this gospel.

<sup>24</sup> I am now rejoicing in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am completing what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church. <sup>25</sup> I became its servant according to God's commission that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, <sup>26</sup> the mystery that has been hidden throughout the ages and generations but has now been revealed to his saints. <sup>27</sup> To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. <sup>28</sup> It is he whom we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone in all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

## GRADUAL HYMN 421 All for Jesus, all for Jesus

**GOSPEL** Luke 10.38-42

Now as they went on their way, he entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. <sup>39</sup> She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. <sup>40</sup> But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, 'Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me.' <sup>41</sup> But the Lord answered her, 'Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; <sup>42</sup> there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her.'

SERMON The Reverend Johannes Arens

INTERCESSIONS Angela Jagger, Reader

OFFERTORY HYMN 607 (Tune 621) Christ be the Lord of all our days

Sanctus & Benedictus Ireland in C

MOTET The secret of Christ - Shephard

#### **Post Communion Prayer**

Grant, O Lord, we beseech you, that the course of this world may be so peaceably ordered by your governance, that your Church may joyfully serve you in all godly quietness; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## RECESSIONAL HYMN 476 Forth in thy name O Lord I go

ORGAN VOLUNTARY (Please be aware of those remaining to listen).

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## Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> July James the Apostle / Patronal Festival

08:30 Holy Communion 10:30 Sung Eucharist

President: The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar President: The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar Readings: Acts 11.27-12.2 and Matthew 20.20-28

18:30 Festal Evensong

Officiant: The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar Readings: Jeremiah 26.1-15 and Mark 1.14-20

Please note that incense will be used at this service.

#### The Week Ahead

## Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup>

21:00 **Compline** via Zoom. To join, please use the link https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81259880030?pwd=TG9JbmJzUW56VmFrMmJxdDJBTHFNQT09 Meeting ID: 812 5988 0030 Passcode: u7iqca

### Thursday 24<sup>th</sup>

12:30 Holy Communion Common Worship, Order I (Traditional)

President: The Reverend Canon Philip Norwood

Assisted by: Vicky Roe

Friday 25th

16.30 Junior Choir. 18.30 Chorister Training. 19.00 Full Choir Rehearsal

**ROAD CLOSURE:** London Road is to be closed for resurfacing works from Saturday July 26th for 6 days between Granville Road and the Mayfield Road roundabout. Unfortunately this will affect us on our Patronal weekend. Don't let this put you off, but please allow more time for your journey to church!

**CONCERT STEWARDS** There is a sign-up sheet at the back of Church for those who can help steward our Sunday afternoon recitals. Please help if you're able. Many thanks.

**THE SHELL** deadline is Sunday 3rd August for contributions to the next edition. Please send content such as articles, book reviews or recommendations, recipes, notices, etc., to the church office by post or to Paul Jenkins at editor@stjamesthegreater.org.uk

**CONGRATULATIONS** We have two marriages to celebrate within our church family! Pippa Judge and Peter Chennells were married yesterday at The Church of St Peter and St Paul, Olney. Also, our administrator James Gutteridge and his partner Neill were married at Normanton Church, Rutland Water. We join together to pray for both couples' future happiness together.

**LUNCHTIME ORGAN RECITAL** As part of a national UK tour, Fr David Price (Thailand) will be giving us a special lunchtime organ recital on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> August at 12.30pm. This should last for around 45 minutes and will include music by Bach, Mendelssohn, Harris and Dupré. Free entry. Retiring collection. It would be lovely to see you there to support Fr David.

**JOURNEY IN FAITH** is a 3-term course run by the Diocese that provides the time and space for people to:

- ♦ Grow in knowledge of the Christian faith,
- ♦ Deepen their relationship with God,
- ♦ Explore how to live out faith in the whole of life.

An introductory session is planned for Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> September 9.30am-12.30pm at St. Martin's House. For further information please contact Liz Rawlings: LizRawlings@LeicesterCofE.org

# 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 1.15 pm BBC I
Choral Evensong Sunday and Wednesday at 3 pm Radio 3

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

## DAILY HOPE TELEPHONE SERVICE – 0345 646 2206 charged at landline rate

Funded by the charity 'Faith in Later Life', which welcomes donations for the service at: www.faithinlaterlife.org.uk/donate

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

The options available from a telephone keypad are:

- I. Hymns we love
- 2. How to support Daily Hope
- 3. Chair exercises
- 4. One minute sermons by J. John
- 5. Weekly Church of England Service
- 6. Sleep Well with Daily Hope
- 7. Daily Prayers

Please note that the Church Office is now closed for annual leave and will re-open on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> July. The Church Office email account will still be monitored so please email any queries to office@stjamesthegreater.org.uk. Thank you for your patience.