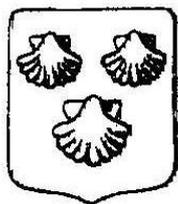


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This week at the Church of  
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**26 APRIL 2020 – 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**Prayer for the Week**

Almighty Father,  
who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples  
with the sight of the risen Lord:  
give us such knowledge of his presence with us,  
that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life  
and serve you continually in righteousness and truth;  
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.

**Our Prayers are asked for:**

All those working tirelessly to care for us, support us and ensure we have what we need. Those leading us and those working to find a cure.

**All prevented from worshipping with us, remembering this week**

George Daley : Gwen Leather : Marilyn Dorum

**Unwell**

Ann Blanchard : Anthony & Barbara Green : Owen Shepherd

Hilary Simpson (now home) : Josephine Chizema (Tony's mother)

and those with Coronavirus symptoms from our community and beyond.

**Rest in Peace**

Anne Craig

**ALL CHURCHES ARE CLOSED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE** We will reopen as soon as permitted by the Government – details will be posted on our website, Facebook page and on the porch noticeboard once this occurs.

# Readings for the week

## Acts 2.14, 36-41

### Peter Addresses the Crowd

<sup>14</sup> But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, “Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say.

<sup>36</sup> Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah,<sup>[a]</sup> this Jesus whom you crucified.”

### The First Converts

<sup>37</sup> Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, “Brothers,<sup>[b]</sup> what should we do?” <sup>38</sup> Peter said to them, “Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. <sup>39</sup> For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.” <sup>40</sup> And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, “Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.” <sup>41</sup> So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

## Luke 24. 13-35

### The Walk to Emmaus

<sup>13</sup> Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles<sup>[a]</sup> from Jerusalem, <sup>14</sup> and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. <sup>15</sup> While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, <sup>16</sup> but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. <sup>17</sup> And he said to them, “What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?” They stood still, looking sad.<sup>[b]</sup> <sup>18</sup> Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, “Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?” <sup>19</sup> He asked them, “What things?” They replied, “The things about Jesus of Nazareth,<sup>[c]</sup> who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, <sup>20</sup> and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. <sup>21</sup> But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel.<sup>[d]</sup> Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. <sup>22</sup> Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, <sup>23</sup> and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they

had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. <sup>24</sup> Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him.” <sup>25</sup> Then he said to them, “Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! <sup>26</sup> Was it not necessary that the Messiah<sup>[e]</sup> should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?” <sup>27</sup> Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

<sup>28</sup> As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. <sup>29</sup> But they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.” So he went in to stay with them. <sup>30</sup> When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. <sup>31</sup> Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. <sup>32</sup> They said to each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us<sup>[f]</sup> while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?” <sup>33</sup> That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. <sup>34</sup> They were saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!” <sup>35</sup> Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

## **The Vicar Writes ...**

In our Gospel today we hear the story of the journey to and supper at Emmaus, where the disciples recognize the risen Jesus "in the breaking of the bread". Of course, there is the sad reflection that at the moment with churches closed we are not breaking bread together. Even in the secular sense the lockdown means we are missing shared meals and gatherings with others. For some - the bereaved, the ill, overworked and worried health workers, those whose jobs are lost or threatened, it may seem very hard to recognize the hope of resurrection at the moment. But Christ was not only present when he blessed and broke the bread with the disciples - he had been with them all afternoon as they walked from Jerusalem to Emmaus, talking with them and sharing the journey. On this difficult, lonely journey, perhaps assailed by doubts and fears like those disciples fleeing to Emmaus, we can be certain that the Risen Lord is with us, even if we cannot recognize him. Let us pray for all of us undergoing a difficult time, and that, as our collect for the week puts it, God may "give us such knowledge of his presence with us that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life."

# Resources for Home Worship

## Broadcast Media

Daily Service	Mon-Fri at 9.45am	Radio 4 LW
Choral Evensong	Wed at 3.30pm & Sun at 3pm	Radio 3
Sunday Worship	Sun at 8.10am	Radio 4
Morning Worship	Sun – check schedule for time	BBC I
Songs of Praise	Sun – check schedule for time	BBC I

## Online

[www.churchofengland.org](http://www.churchofengland.org)

[www.leicestercathedral.org](http://www.leicestercathedral.org)

*Many churches and cathedrals have put services online – let us know your favourites so we can share next week.*

## Prayers for use at home

Keep us, good Lord,  
under the shadow of your mercy  
in this time of uncertainty and distress.  
Sustain and support the anxious and fearful,  
and lift up all who are brought low;  
that we may rejoice in your comfort  
knowing that nothing can separate us from your love  
in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

Gracious God,  
give skill, sympathy and resilience  
to all who are caring for the sick,  
and your wisdom to those searching for a cure.  
Strengthen them with your Spirit,  
that through their work many will be restored to health;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O God,  
help me to trust you,  
help me to know that you are with me,  
help me to believe that nothing can separate me  
from your love  
revealed in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## Contacting the Team

You may not be physically seeing us but we are still working!

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Further email details are on our website [www.stjamesthegreater.org.uk](http://www.stjamesthegreater.org.uk)

**KEEPING IN TOUCH** This bulletin will be emailed every week if possible - if you do not have access to the internet please ask a relative or friend to contact the Church Office to be included. ***We are unable to print until Government restrictions are eased, if you are able to share news with those who do not have internet, they will be most grateful.***

**HELP FOR PEOPLE SELF-ISOLATING** We have volunteers who have offered to help members with shopping or other essentials who have nobody else to help them and are not able to get online shopping. ***Please contact the Church Office for further details of this and other neighbourhood schemes being established.***

**ARTICLES** If you would like to share what you are doing during your isolation, perhaps a recipe to use those tins we have all stockpiled or a poem/joke to brighten our day, please email to [office@stjamesthegreater.org.uk](mailto:office@stjamesthegreater.org.uk) by Wednesday midday for inclusion.

**GIVING TO ST JAMES** We know that many of you will see your income reduced and other hardships so we are most grateful to all those who have already pledged to continue their giving through this difficult time. ***If you normally give through gift aid envelopes, stewardship envelopes or cash on the plate, please contact the Church Office if you are able to switch to a standing order, we also can accept cheques through the post.***

**BIBLE STUDY** In the near future the vicar would like to invite you to an online video discussion of Sunday's readings. We'd like to do this via "zoom", an online video conferencing programme. To join you'll need a computer, phone or tablet with a camera and microphone, a reasonably good internet connection, and to download the zoom software (which is free). Please then email the vicar and you'll receive an invitation to the virtual meeting. ***If you need help downloading to your phone or computer please call or email Annabel who will try to help.***

**AN EASTER PICTURE** from Elizabeth Bentley's granddaughter to brighten our day.



## Weekly Quiz

Music is the theme this week this week *courtesy of the Radio Times*

1. What does the 'O' stand for in the band name ELO?
2. Which mathematical symbol was the title of Ed Sheeran's first album in 2011?
3. Reginald Kenneth Dwight is better known by what name?
4. Who wrote the 1812 Overture?
5. Knights in White Satin was a 1967 hit for which band?
6. Who wrote the Pirates of Penzance?
7. What was David Bowie's real surname?
8. Who sang the 1965 James Bond theme, Thunderball?
9. What is the name of The Beatles' first album?
10. Which artist had a number one hit with Sledgehammer?

Here are the answers to last week's quiz.

1. Rich Tea
2. Chocolate chip cookie
3. Custard Cream
4. Bourbon
5. Gingernut
6. Chocolate covered digestive
7. Fig roll
8. Malted Milk
9. Jaffa cake
10. Pink wafer

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An invitation to

A On-line Meeting of the Leicester Branch of the Council of Christians  
and Jews

April 28th 2020 7.30 – 9.00 p.m.

Via 'Zoom'

Holocaust Remembrance:  
A Reflection by The Revd Derek McLean based on  
the CCJ Study Tour to Yad Vashem, the Holocaust  
Memorial in Jerusalem

Chaired by Martin Stern Co-Chair of Leicester CCJ and  
Holocaust Survivor

All Welcome

To receive a link to the meeting please email your details to [A.F.Jagger@dunelm.org.uk](mailto:A.F.Jagger@dunelm.org.uk) by  
April 27th