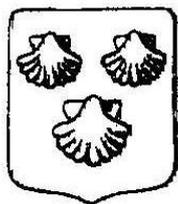


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This week at the Church of
St James the Greater
Leicester

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3 MAY 2020 – 4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Prayer for the Week

Almighty God,
whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life:
raise us, who trust in him,
from the death of sin to the life of righteousness,
that we may seek those things which are above,
where he 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

John Goadby : David Muddimer : Conceição Fernandes

Unwell

Ann Blanchard : Anthony & Barbara Green : Owen Shepherd

Hilary Simpson : Josephine Chizema (Tony's mother)

and those with Coronavirus symptoms from our community and beyond.

Rest in Peace

Maurice Bailey (Val's husband)

Lord Jesus Christ,
you taught us to love our neighbour,
and to care for those in need
as if we were caring for you.
In this time of anxiety, give us strength
to comfort the fearful, to tend the sick,
and to assure the isolated
of our love, and your love,
for your name's sake.

Amen.

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 2.42-end

⁴² They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

Life among the Believers

⁴³ Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. ⁴⁴ All who believed were together and had all things in common; ⁴⁵ they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds^[a] to all, as any had need. ⁴⁶ Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home^[b] and ate their food with glad and generous^[c] hearts, ⁴⁷ praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

John 10.1-10.

Jesus the Good Shepherd

10 “Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. ² The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. ³ The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴ When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. ⁵ They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.” ⁶ Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

⁷ So again Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. ⁸ All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. ⁹ I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. ¹⁰ The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.

The Vicar Writes ...

Both our readings this week give us a vision of community, something that is on the minds of many at this time - how do we maintain, or even build new community when we cannot physically meet? In Acts we hear of that halcyon period when the early Christian community was growing exponentially, when barriers of property and privilege were washed away in the waters of baptism, but when they could still worship together in the temple. We tend to focus on the shared, public aspects of this, the public worship and the common property. But we are told too that they broke bread in their homes, and presumably prayed there too as individuals or family groups. There have always been both public and private aspects of our faith. Beneath all this, the outward forms of worship and the inward aspects of spirituality is the community grounded in the voice of the shepherd, calling his sheep by the name only he knows, and they in turn knowing his voice. For some churches and church members this may be a time of discernment, of rediscovering our attentiveness to that voice, and perhaps the paring away of distractions that stop us responding to its call.

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

www.leicestercathedral.org

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

Hymn Singing

If you are missing singing hymns, then do check out Saturday morning hymn practice provided by William Saunders (of St. Edmundsbury Cathedral) at 10 am each week. A words sheet can be downloaded from his website (<http://william-saunders.info/2020/03/24/hymn-practice-congo-live-on-saturday-mornings/>) and the event is broadcast live from his home via his Facebook page (https://www.facebook.com/musicianwilliam?epa=SEARCH_BOX) or can be watched there later, if 10 am on a Saturday is too early for you. You can even make requests for a hymn to be included.

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.

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! Andrew can be contacted by email revdaquigley@gmail.com or 0116 254 4113. Annabel in the Church Office can be contacted by email office@stjamesthegreater.org.uk or 07749 227109 (weekdays only please unless an emergency) Further details are on our website 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.***

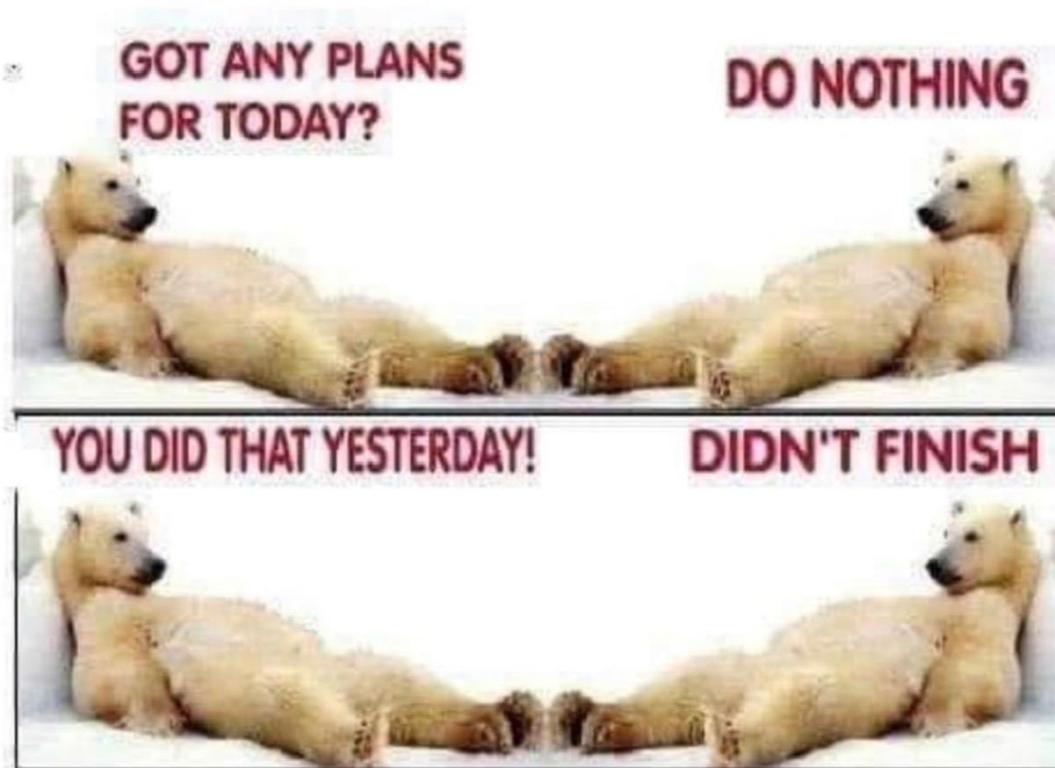
ARTICLES If you would like to share what you are doing during your isolation, perhaps a recipe to use those tins we have all stockpiled or a poem/joke to brighten our day, please email to office@stjamesthegreater.org.uk by Wednesday midday for inclusion.

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.***

THE SHELL The quarterly editions of The Shell will continue to be published, not in hard copy for the foreseeable future, but in glorious technicolour on the St James's website – www.stjamesthegreater.org.uk. The summer edition will be published at the end of May and the closing date for copy is **18 May**. ***Please use these lockdown hours to write those super articles which have been buzzing around in your head for so long and send your material to Graham at editor@stjamesthegreater.org.uk.*** Thank you.

TIME FOR A CHUCKLE



This sounds familiar! Thanks to Keith Vaughan for keeping us entertained.

Recipe Corner

We are still in the Easter season at the moment but I was sent this recipe by a friend last weekend and thought it would be a different (and delicious) way of marking Pentecost if we cannot attend Church and gives you time to source ingredients especially the elusive flour! If you have a go, please send photos, we can have a virtual cake competition. *Please note this was an American recipe so measurements have been converted to imperial.*

Pentecost Cake

- 5 fl. oz milk boiled and cooled
- 4oz sugar
- 5oz plain flour sifted
- 3 teaspoons baking powder
- 2 egg whites
- 1/2 teaspoon cream of tartar
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
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Frosting

- 15 large strawberries
- 5oz icing sugar
- 2 tablespoons soft butter or margarine
- Sugar to taste

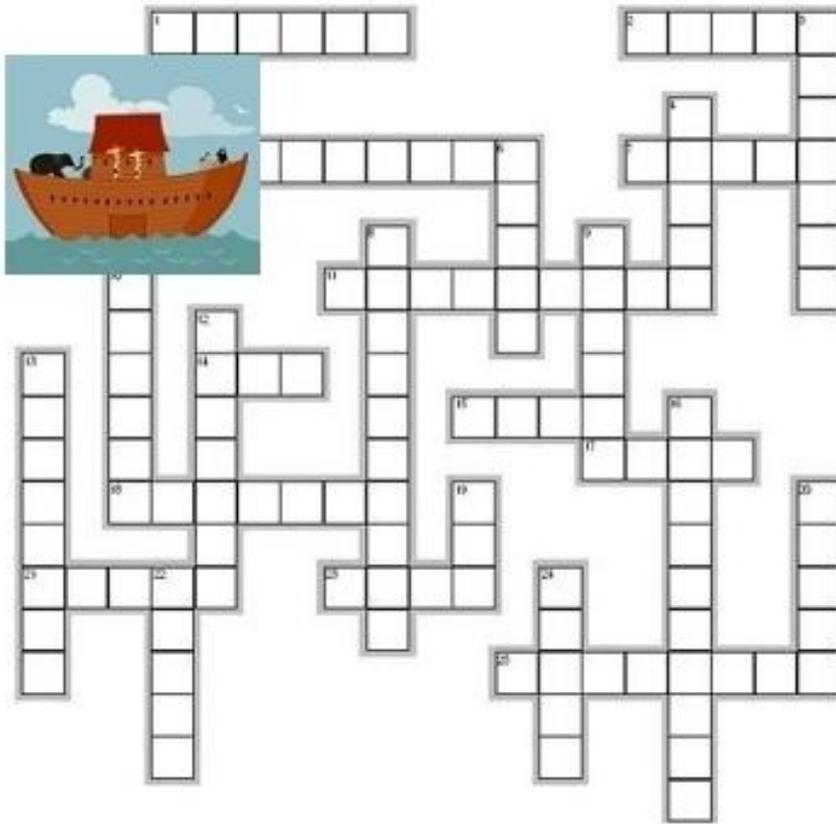
Sift sugar, flour and baking powder together three times. Add milk gradually, beating constantly. Add to egg whites, cream of tartar, salt, and vanilla, and beat 1 -1/2 to 2 minutes, or until the egg whites refuse to slip when the bowl is tipped.

Fold into floured mixture. Bake in an ungreased seven-inch tube pan in a moderate oven (180° gas mark 4) for forty-five minutes or until the cake is golden brown and firm to the touch. Invert the cake on a rack until cool.

Meanwhile, hull and clean 15 large strawberries. Crush 8 with a fork, and sweeten to suit. Make a frosting of 1-1/2 cups of icing sugar, 2 tablespoons of soft butter or margarine, and 1-1/2 tablespoons approximately of crushed strawberries in juice. Put the butter and sugar into a bowl, add crushed berries and juice, beating well with a fork. Add only enough to make a mixture of consistency to spread easily. Frost the cake and top with seven whole strawberries as a reminder of the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

Bible Crosswords

Noah's Ark



ACROSS

1. The animals were male and ____.
2. Noah built this after leaving the ark
5. What the dove brought back in her beak (2 wds.)
7. Number of each kind of clean animal taken on the ark
11. Noah was a ____ man, blameless in his time.
14. Noah did ____ that God had commanded him.
15. Second type of bird Noah sent out from the ark
17. Precipitation
18. He closed the door of the ark (2 wds.)
21. What Noah used to coat the ark
23. Number of times rain had fallen on the earth, previous to Noah
25. God established His ____ with Noah and his descendants.

DOWN

1. Noah was spared because he found ____ with God.
3. Sign of God's promise to never flood the earth again
4. The ark had lower, second and third ____.
6. Number of days and nights it rained
8. Noah's age when the floodwaters came (2 wds.)
9. Type of wood used for the ark
10. As water subsided, the ark rested on these mountains
12. Noah's sons were Shem, Ham, and ____.
13. God's post-flood: Be fruitful and ____.
16. Pre-flood: The Lord saw that the ____ of man was great on earth.
19. Number of every kind of unclean animal on the ark
20. Number of people on the ark
22. Unit of measurement used in building the ark
24. God's post-flood words: Do not eat flesh with its ____.

Weekly Quiz

Courtesy of the Radio Times

1. What is the largest landlocked country in the world by size?
2. Which US state was Donald Trump born in?
3. If you completed the Three Peaks challenge, which three UK mountains would you have climbed?
4. Which UK city is situated further west – Bristol or Edinburgh?
5. How many countries are there in the region of Europe? (Recognised by the United Nations)
6. What is the capital of Finland?
7. What is the currency of Vietnam?
8. What language is spoken in Brazil?
9. What do the French call the English Channel?
10. How many permanent members are there on the NATO security council?

If you are enjoying our quizzes and would like to compete in a live virtual pub quiz, on Thursday evenings, after Clap for Carers, there's a 50 question quiz broadcast on Facebook and YouTube – we got 40 yesterday, can you beat us??? Why not let me know your scores on Friday morning for a St James league! (The Virtual Pub Quiz – it has a red logo, by Jay Flynn.)