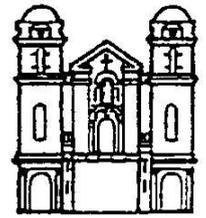


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8 NOVEMBER 2020
REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY



Prayer For The Week

Almighty Father,
whose will is to restore all things
in your beloved Son, the King of all:
govern the hearts and minds of those in authority,
and bring the families of the nations,
divided and torn apart by the ravages of sin,
to be subject to his just and gentle rule;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

PRIVATE PRAYER During the current restrictions, we regret that public worship has been suspended. However, we will be open every Sunday between 10.00am and 12.00pm for private prayer.

Our Prayers are asked for:

All prevented from worshipping with us, remembering this week

George Daley : Gwen Leather : Marilyn Dorum
and all those currently unable to attend services.

Unwell

Darienne Griffith (recovering from surgery) : Ann Blanchard : Anthony Green :
Margaret Norman : Owen Shepherd : Josephine Chizema (Tony's mother)

Rest in Peace

Grace Smith (Matt and Helen Haynes' Grandmother) :
Winifred Coldwell (Hannah and Maddie Cowley's Great Grandmother) :
Nicholas Lacey (Funeral Being Held at St James on 11th November)

The Vicar Writes ...

It goes without saying that Remembrance Sunday this year will be out of the ordinary. Our two minutes silence will be held mostly alone, and in the larger silence of lockdown, and that in turn amidst the silencing of so many voices lost to Covid-19.



A century ago, the carnage of the Great War was followed by a greater pandemic, as Spanish Flu took millions of lives, and again this year the world has been unwillingly united in suffering, an infection which crosses borders and continents. Perhaps as we stand in silence at the 11th hour, we will begin to grasp the futility of our national and racial squabbles, begin to work and care as one people on one planet, and in some small measure start to earn the sacrifice we remember.

We remember with thanksgiving and sorrow those whose lives, in world wars and conflicts past and present, have been given and taken away.

1914 – 1918

Ernest W Beckett : Edward J Bolton : Charles Ivan Carryer : Frank Cooper : William Frederick Ellis : Ernest William Fower : Ernest Leonard Grant : Samuel Collis Harding : Frank Haunton : James Percy Hodgkins : Horace Hopcraft : Fred Head Hopkin (Server) : Harry James : Horace William Mansfield : Leslie John Moir : Lionel Walter Nichols (Server) : Norman Webster Parker : Malcolm Duncan Robertson (Server) : Walter Taylor : Edward Thoyst.

1939 – 1945

Charles W. Bentley : Ernest L R Fortey : Noel C W Rowe.

They shall grow not old as we that are left grow old: age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn. At the going down of the sun and in the morning, we will remember them.

Lectionary Readings For The Week

The Third Sunday Before Advent

Amos 5. 18 – 24

Alas for you who desire the day of the LORD! Why do you want the day of the LORD? It is darkness, not light; as if someone fled from a lion, and was met by a bear; or went into the house and rested a hand against the wall, and was bitten by a snake. Is not the day of the LORD darkness, not light, and gloom with no brightness in it?

I hate, I despise your festivals, and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies. Even though you offer me your burnt-offerings and grain-offerings, I will not accept them; and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals I will not look upon. Take away from me the noise of your songs; I will not listen to the melody of your harps. But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

Matthew 25. 1 – 13

‘Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, “Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.” Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, “Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.” But the wise replied, “No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.” And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, “Lord, lord, open to us.” But he replied, “Truly I tell you, I do not know you.” Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

FAURÉ'S REQUIEM Our thanks go out to Matt, Mike and everyone in the choir for last Sunday evening's Requiem for All Souls. You can still watch a recording of the service on both our Facebook page and our You Tube channel.

BIBLE STUDY Our next online Bible discussion will take place at 11.00am on Friday 13th November, where we'll be studying Matthew 25. 14 – 30. If you'd like to join the Zoom session, please email the vicar at: revdaquigley@gmail.com or call him on: 0116 254 4113.

FAITH IN FANTASY RETURNS this time looking at the spiritual dimensions of the worlds of Rowling, Lewis and Tolkien. We'll be starting on Wednesday 18th November at 7.30pm by Zoom. For joining details or more information please email the vicar at: revdaquigley@gmail.com or call him on: 0116 254 4113. There will be spoilers!

THE SHELL It's that time again! Once again, the editor is beginning to put together the Winter edition of *The Shell* which he hopes to publish on or about Thursday, 26th November. There must be a lot to talk about in this issue. What have you been doing during the lockdown, for example? How have you been coping? It is at times like this when sharing what we have all been up to might be particularly helpful to one another.

There will, of course, be the usual fun items, but don't be dissuaded from writing something on the basis that there might not be space to print it. What gets submitted, gets printed (subject of course to the usual constraints of public decency!). Please let Graham have your contributions as soon as possible, and in any event by Monday, 16 November. Send via the Church office or directly to: editor@stjamesthegreater.org.uk.

YOUR GIVING TO ST JAMES Did you know that in a normal year over 35% of the church's income is made up of regular Direct Debits and Standing Orders from members of the congregation?

This income is especially important to us at the moment, since Sunday services have been suspended during the second lockdown and there has been a dramatic fall in our income from lettings.

If you already give by Direct Debit or Standing Order, thank you! Of course, if you are able to increase the amount you give, that would be very welcome. We do

not hold Gift Aid declarations for some people and if this applies to you, we will be in touch to ask if you can fill one in for us.

If you are not already a regular giver, please consider starting a Direct Debit through the Church of England's Parish Giving Scheme. They offer a very friendly service and will help you set everything up over the phone. They make sure that Gift Aid tax relief is claimed (this adds 25p to every £1 that you give), and they pass every penny of your donation straight through to St James the Greater.

You can contact the Parish Giving Scheme on 0333 002 1271 (local call rates apply).

CONTACTING THE TEAM Andrew can be contacted by email revdaquigley@gmail.com or 0116 254 4113. The Church Office can be contacted by email office@stjamesthegreater.org.uk or 0116 254 2111. Please don't hesitate to get in touch, further details are on our website www.stjamesthegreater.org.uk

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
Songs of Praise	Sun – check schedule for time	BBC1

Online

www.churchofengland.org

www.leicestercathedral.org

DAILY HOPE TELEPHONE SERVICE offers music, prayers and reflections as well as full worship services from the Church of England at the end of a telephone line. The line – which is available 24 hours a day on 0800 804 8044 – has been set up particularly with those unable to join online church services during the period of restrictions in mind. This is a Freephone number.

Options available include materials also available digitally by the Church of England's Communications team such as Prayer during the Day and Night Prayer updated daily, from Common Worship, and a recording of the Church of England weekly national online service. A section called Hymn Line offers callers a selection of hymns, updated daily. An option entitled 'Hymns We Love', provides an increasing range of hymns and reflections on them. More options have been added.

The options are detailed below:

1. Hymns we love – one each day with a spoken reflection based on it.
2. Hymn line – favourite hymns on a repeating loop.
3. Chair exercises – a different set of exercise for each day of the week.
4. Daily Reflection for these times – read by Pam Rhodes.
5. Access to more options (6 – 9).
6. Weekly service from C of E.
7. Morning and Evening Prayer from Common Worship.
8. Latest Government advice on Coronavirus.
9. Mother's Union Midday Service.

Pressing 0 returns you to the top menu (1 – 5) and * gives access to the full text of the Archbishop of Canterbury's introduction.

It is helpful to have the telephone on speakerphone to avoid having to hold the handset for a long time.

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