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

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1ST SEPTEMBER 2024
14th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY
FIRST SUNDAY IN CREATIONTIDE

Prayer for the Week

Almighty God,
whose only Son has opened for us
a new and living way into your presence:
give us pure hearts and steadfast wills
to worship you in spirit and in 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 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 :
Revd David Clark : Mollie Drake :
Revd Jane Sharp : Michael Molloy

The Commemorative Flowers this week
have been kindly given by Vicky Roe.

Welcome to St James the Greater

08:30 Holy Communion in the Lady Chapel

Book of Common Prayer

President: The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar

Assisted by: Phil Jones

Churchwarden: Paul Jenkins

A card reader donation machine is available.

10:30 Sung Eucharist

President: The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar

Assisted by: Mike Rule, Associate Minister and David Kibert

Churchwardens: April Rule and Janet Burton

Sidesperson: David Pugh

Servers: Mike Bull, Hazel Carlin, Charles Samuel

Setting: Leighton in D

OPENING HYMN 541 (t. 345) Lord of beauty, thine the splendour

GLORIA Jones (see music card)

READING Isaiah 55:6–13 *read by Andy Judge*

⁶ Seek the Lord while he may be found,
call upon him while he is near;

⁷ let the wicked forsake their way,
and the unrighteous their thoughts;

let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on them,
and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

⁸ For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord.

⁹ For as the heavens are higher than the earth,
so are my ways higher than your ways
and my thoughts than your thoughts.

¹⁰ For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven,
and do not return there until they have watered the earth,

making it bring forth and sprout,
giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,

¹¹ so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;
it shall not return to me empty,

but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,
and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

¹² For you shall go out in joy,
and be led back in peace;

the mountains and the hills before you
shall burst into song,
and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

¹³ Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress;
instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle;
and it shall be to the Lord for a memorial,
for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

GRADUAL HYMN 379 (t. 337) God has spoken - by his prophets

GOSPEL Mark 4:1-9

Again he began to teach beside the lake. Such a very large crowd gathered around him that he got into a boat on the lake and sat there, while the whole crowd was beside the lake on the land. ² He began to teach them many things in parables, and in his teaching he said to them: ³ 'Listen! A sower went out to sow. ⁴ And as he sowed, some seed fell on the path, and the birds came and ate it up. ⁵ Other seed fell on rocky ground, where it did not have much soil, and it sprang up quickly, since it had no depth of soil. ⁶ And when the sun rose, it was scorched; and since it had no root, it withered away. ⁷ Other seed fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked it, and it yielded no grain. ⁸ Other seed fell into good soil and brought forth grain, growing up and increasing and yielding thirty and sixty and a hundredfold.' ⁹ And he said, 'Let anyone with ears to hear listen!'

SERMON

The Reverend Andrew Quigley

INTERCESSIONS

Mike Rule

OFFERTORY HYMN 635

For the healing of the nations

MOTET

Thou visitest the earth - Greene

COMMUNION HYMN 432

Bread of the world in mercy broken

Post Communion Prayer

Lord God, the source of truth and love,
keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching and fellowship,
united in prayer and the breaking of bread, and one in joy and simplicity of heart,
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Please be aware of those remaining to listen.

Please stay for refreshments at the end of the service.

A card reader donation machine is available at the back of church.

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

18:30

Choral Evensong

See order of service

Officiant: Sheila Roberts, Associate Minister

Churchwarden: Simon Edwards and April Rule

Sidespeople: (Vacant)

Servers: Mike Bull and Val Bailey

HYMN 737 New songs of celebration render

PRECES Rule

PSALM 119. 1-16 (See music sheet)

FIRST LESSON Exodus 12.21-27 *read by Andrew Curry*

²¹ Then Moses called all the elders of Israel and said to them, ‘Go, select lambs for your families, and slaughter the passover lamb. ²² Take a bunch of hyssop, dip it in the blood that is in the basin, and touch the lintel and the two doorposts with the blood in the basin. None of you shall go outside the door of your house until morning. ²³ For the Lord will pass through to strike down the Egyptians; when he sees the blood on the lintel and on the two doorposts, the Lord will pass over that door and will not allow the destroyer to enter your houses to strike you down. ²⁴ You shall observe this rite as a perpetual ordinance for you and your children. ²⁵ When you come to the land that the Lord will give you, as he has promised, you shall keep this observance. ²⁶ And when your children ask you, “What do you mean by this observance?” ²⁷ you shall say, “It is the passover sacrifice to the Lord, for he passed over the houses of the Israelites in Egypt, when he struck down the Egyptians but spared our houses.” And the people bowed down and worshipped.

Please remain seated but stand for the Gloria

SECOND LESSON Matthew 4.23 - 5.20

read by Caroline Beardsmore

²³ Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people. ²⁴ So his fame spread throughout all Syria, and they brought to him all the sick, those who were afflicted with various diseases and pains, demoniacs, epileptics, and paralytics, and he cured them. ²⁵ And great crowds followed him from Galilee, the Decapolis, Jerusalem, Judea, and from beyond the Jordan.

5 When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. ² Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

³ 'Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴ 'Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

⁵ 'Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

⁶ 'Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

⁷ 'Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

⁸ 'Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

⁹ 'Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

¹⁰ 'Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹ 'Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.

¹² Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you. ¹³ 'You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

¹⁴ 'You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵ No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶ In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

¹⁷ 'Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfil. ¹⁸ For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. ¹⁹ Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. ²⁰ For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

NUNC DIMITTIS (see music sheet)

RESPONSES Rule

ANTHEM A Gaelic Blessing - Rutter

PRAYERS Sheila Roberts

HYMN 770 **Restore in us, O God**

SERMON Sheila Roberts

HYMN 536 **Creator God, the world around**

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

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A card reader donation machine is available at the back of church.

The Vicar Writes "Creationtide begins this Sunday - a season of the Church's year that has only been observed for a little over 30 years, but which reflects timeless themes of our faith, as well as urgent issues of our times. We give thanks to God's role as Creator and gifts in Creation, and consider again how to care for those gifts, bestowed so generously on us all."



During the season of **CREATIONTIDE**, which starts today and ends on Sunday 6th October, we will be using a set of readings at our 10.30am services taken from the book "A Heart for Creation" by Chris Polhill, allowing us to reflect further on God's glorious creation during our morning worship.

The Week Ahead

Wednesday 4th

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 5th

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

President: The Reverend Canon Philip Norwood

Assisted by: Sheila Roberts

11:00 **Coffee Drop-In**

Friday 6th

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

Saturday 7th

10:30 – 12pm Monthly Coffee Morning and Worship at 11.45pm

Sunday 8th September

15th Sunday after Trinity / Second Sunday of Creationtide

08:30 Holy Communion	President: The Reverend Canon Philip Norwood
10:30 Sung Eucharist	President: The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar
18:30 Choral Evensong	Officiant: Angela Jagger, Reader

CONGRATULATIONS from us all to John and Brenda Thompson who celebrate 65 years of marriage this week!

THE SHELL Print copies of the Autumn edition are available at the back of church. Please place donations in the box on the wall.

RIDE AND STRIDE

This takes place on Saturday 14th September. If you would like to take part in this year's sponsored event, forms are on the back table. If you require further information, go to <https://www.lhct.org.uk/ride-and-stride/>

If you can volunteer on the day for an hour or two to help welcome people coming to St. James between 10 am and 6 pm, please **sign up on the sheet at the back of church. Please feel free to sign up to more than one slot.**

There is still time to sign up for the **JOURNEY IN FAITH** course beginning in September. This is a 3-term course 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.

Introductory session: Saturday 28th September 9.30am-12.30pm at St. Martin's House. Who can join? It is open to anyone - there is some reading to do between sessions, but you don't need to have done any studying before. Is there a cost? £40 per term to cover venue hire and materials, but speak to us if this is a barrier. Find more information on the Diocesan website. Mike Rule has completed the course, if you want to know more about it.

DONATIONS FOR THE LEICESTER SOUTH FOOD BANK can be brought to church at our **Harvest Thanksgiving on Sunday 22nd September.** The Foodbank will be grateful for tinned food (carrots, sweetcorn, tomatoes, potatoes), UHT milk, UHT juice, tinned fruit, curry sauce, custard, rice pudding, tinned sponge puddings, deodorants (spray and roll on), nappies (size 6 or above).

LEICESTER THEOLOGICAL SOCIETY meet on Friday October 11th at 7.30pm at The Frassati Centre (Holy Cross Priory) on Wellington Street to explore **Public Theology, Public Faith, Public Building: Exploring the public nature of Cathedral** led by The Very Revd Karen Rooms, Dean of Leicester, followed by discussion.

COFFEE AFTER MORNING SERVICES It is always a joy to catch up over coffee after our Thursday and Sunday morning services, but new volunteers are now required to make and serve coffee. Minimal commitment required and full training given! Please speak to Janet Burton for more details.

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 1

Choral Evensong Wednesday at 3 pm Radio 3

Online at www.churchofengland.org and 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

The options available from a telephone keypad are:

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

1. Hymns we love – reflections on favourite hymns
2. How to support Daily Hope
3. Holiday at home on the phone
4. Morning and Evening Prayers
5. Weekly Church of England Service
6. Sleep Well with Daily Hope

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