

This week at the Church of St lames the Greater

Leicester

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9th FEBRUARY 2025 **4TH SUNDAY BEFORE LENT**

Prayer for the Week

O God.

you know us to be set in the midst of so many and great dangers, that by reason of the frailty of our nature we cannot always stand upright: grant to us such strength and protection as may support us in all dangers and carry us through all temptations; 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. 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: Revd Jane Sharp: Michael Molloy: Chris Jones:

Revd David Clark

Rest in peace

Joan Thomas

The Commemorative Flowers this week have been kindly given Amarjit Kaur in memory of her niece Harshinder Kaur Virdee.

Welcome to St James the Greater

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

President: The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar Assisted by: Feby John Churchwarden: Paul Jenkins

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10:30 Sung Eucharist

President: The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar Assisted by: Lucy Hutchinson and Mike Rule, Associate Minister

Churchwarden: April Rule Sidesperson: Margaret Clarke

Servers: Tony Chizema, Phil Jones and Lucy Hutchinson

Setting: Sumsion in F

HYMN 766 GLORIA Praise, my soul, the King of heaven

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READING Isaiah 6.1-8 read by William Woolley

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. ²Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. ³And one called to another and said:

'Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts;

the whole earth is full of his glory.'

⁴The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. ⁵And I said: 'Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!'

⁶ Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. ⁷The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: 'Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.' ⁸Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?' And I said, 'Here am I; send me!'

GRADUAL HYMN 603 Br

Bright the vision that delighted

GOSPEL Luke 5.1-11

Once while Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, 2he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. ³He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, 'Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch.' 5Simon answered, 'Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets.' 6When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. So they signalled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. ⁸But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, 'Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!' For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; 10 and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, 'Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people.' "When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

SERMON Mike Rule, Associate Minister

INTERCESSIONS The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar

OFFERTORY HYMN 740 O changeless Christ, for ever new

MOTET Dear Lord and Father of mankind – Parry arr. Iliff

POST COMMUNION HYMN 467 The Son of God proclaim

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Go before us, Lord, in all we do with your most gracious favour, and guide us with your continual help, that in all our works begun, continued and ended in you, we may glorify your holy name, and finally by your mercy receive everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

RECESSIONAL HYMN 475 Forth in the peace of Christ we go

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: The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar Churchwardens: April Rule and Simon Edwards

Sidesperson: Julia Warner

Servers: Rod Eynon-Baldock and Sara King

HYMN 17 Hail, gladdening light

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PSALM 2 (See music sheet)

FIRST LESSON Wisdom 6.1-21 read by Alex Coles

Listen therefore, O kings, and understand; learn, O judges of the ends of the earth.

² Give ear, you that rule over multitudes,

and boast of many nations.

³ For your dominion was given you from the Lord, and your sovereignty from the Most High; he will search out your works and inquire into your plans.

⁴ Because as servants of his kingdom you did not rule rightly, or keep the law,

or walk according to the purpose of God,

⁵ he will come upon you terribly and swiftly, because severe judgement falls on those in high places.

⁶ For the lowliest may be pardoned in mercy, but the mighty will be mightily tested.

⁷ For the Lord of all will not stand in awe of anyone, or show deference to greatness; because he himself made both small and great, and he takes thought for all alike.

⁸ But a strict inquiry is in store for the mighty.

⁹ To you then, O monarchs, my words are directed, so that you may learn wisdom and not transgress.

¹⁰ For they will be made holy who observe holy things in holiness, and those who have been taught them will find a defence.

- ¹¹ Therefore set your desire on my words; long for them, and you will be instructed.
- ¹² Wisdom is radiant and unfading, and she is easily discerned by those who love her, and is found by those who seek her.
- 13 She hastens to make herself known to those who desire her.
- ¹⁴ One who rises early to seek her will have no difficulty, for she will be found sitting at the gate.
- ¹⁵ To fix one's thought on her is perfect understanding, and one who is vigilant on her account will soon be free from care,
- ¹⁶ because she goes about seeking those worthy of her, and she graciously appears to them in their paths, and meets them in every thought.
- ¹⁷ The beginning of wisdom is the most sincere desire for instruction, and concern for instruction is love of her,
- ¹⁸ and love of her is the keeping of her laws, and giving heed to her laws is assurance of immortality,
- 19 and immortality brings one near to God;
- ²⁰ so the desire for wisdom leads to a kingdom.
- ²¹ Therefore if you delight in thrones and sceptres, O monarchs over the peoples, honour wisdom, so that you may reign for ever.

MAGNIFICAT

Harwood in A flat

Please remain seated but stand for the Gloria

SECOND LESSON Colossians 3.1-22 read by Andrew Curry So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ²Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, ³for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

⁵ Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). ⁶On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. ⁷These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. ⁸But now you must get rid of all such things—anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. ⁹Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices ¹⁰and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. ¹¹In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all!

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. ¹³Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. ¹⁴Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. ¹⁵And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. ¹⁶Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. ¹⁷And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

¹⁸ Wives, be subject to your husbands, as is fitting in the Lord. ¹⁹Husbands, love your wives and never treat them harshly.

²⁰ Children, obey your parents in everything, for this is your acceptable duty in the Lord. ²¹Fathers, do not provoke your children, or they may lose heart. ²²Slaves, obey your earthly masters in everything, not only while being watched and in order to please them, but wholeheartedly, fearing the Lord.

NUNC DIMITTIS Harwood in A flat

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RESPONSES Rule

ANTHEM And I saw a new heaven - Bainton PRAYERS Mike Rule, Associate Minister

HYMN 727 i May the mind of Christ my Saviour SERMON The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar Love divine, all loves excelling

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

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Sunday 16th February 3rd Sunday before Lent

08:30 **Holy Communion** President: The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar 10:30 **Choral Mattins** President: Sheila Roberts, Associate Minister

Readings: Wisdom 11.21-12.11 and Galatians 4.8-20

18:30 **Sung Eucharist** Officiant: The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar

Readings: Jeremiah 17.5-10 and Luke 6.17-26

The Week Ahead

Wednesday 12th

21:00 **Compline** via Zoom. To join, please use the link

https://zoom.us/j/91012643324?pwd=Uy9ENU1PeVIvWERoelMzWi9BSnpRUT09

Meeting ID: 910 1264 3324 Passcode: Compline

Thursday 13th

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

President: The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar

Assisted by: Lin Mawer

Friday 14th

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

The Vicar Writes Having celebrated the joys and Christmas and witnessed the wonders of Epiphany, we now turn to our response. What we will do as a result of these things? Are we willing each day to do as Peter, James, and John do, to put all else behind us to follow Christ? And what would that look like for us?



ELECTORAL ROLL RENEWAL: 2025 marks the 6-yearly renewal of the Electoral Roll of our church. The Electoral Roll is a list of those who regularly worship at our church and/or those who consider St James their 'home church'. You must be on the Roll should you wish to vote at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting or stand for election to the PCC. Electoral Roll forms are available at the back of church - you must fill in a form even if you've been on the Roll previously as this is a complete revision. For further details talk to April Rule.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER is celebrated in over 146 countries. This year the service has been prepared by the Christian women of the Cook Islands on the theme, "I made you wonderful." Services will be held on Friday 7th March at 2 pm in St. Mary Magdalen Church, Brinsmead Road, LE2 3WD and at 7.30 pm in Stoneygate Baptist Church, 315 London Road, LE2 3ND. All are welcome to attend.

St. James the Greater Church need to provide people to read the part of Mii, a woman from the Cook Islands, at the afternoon and evening services. There will be a rehearsal for this at 2 pm on Thursday 6th March at St. Mary Magdalen Church and at 7 pm on Friday 7th March at Stoneygate Baptist Church. If you would be willing to do this at either service, please contact Vicky Roe in person or by E-mail on pastoral.assistant@stjamesthegreater.org.uk

EXAM SUCCESS We recently hosted RSCM Voice for Life exams at St James and entered four candidates from the Senior Choir. We are pleased to announce that Emily-Hafwen Davies, Jasmine Hutton and Regina Santos-Merx all passed their Gold medal exams and Harriet Hunt passed her Silver medal exam. Well done to all our candidates, we are so proud of them and look forward to seeing them receive their medals during a service soon! Special thanks to Guy for rehearsing and accompanying their performances in the exam and to Chiara for helping with the liturgy section. Preparation for the exams also takes place in weekly half hour 'Chorister Training' sessions with Emma, where the focus is on singing at sight and performing independently. Thank you to all who offered their encouragement and prayers for the candidates as they undertook these incredibly demanding exams.

THANK YOU FOR THE STAMPS Cherry Fulloway thanks all those who donated stamps after Christmas for Interserve. They filled a large carrier bag and were much appreciated. Please continue to bring stamps and place them in the box on the back table at church.

CHURCH HEATING COSTS As you can probably imagine, heating the church, even to modest temperatures, is a mammoth cost. In addition to the ongoing plea to consider your giving, we're making a special request for help with the heating bills. In the mean-time, please wrap up warm for church!

RECITALS AT ST JAMES

The next of our recitals will take place TODAY at 3pm and is given by Ian Orr and Nikki Booth. They are playing a programme of piano and organ duets and piano solos, featuring music by Leicester composers: Ben Burrows, Jack Griffin and Frederic Allt.

STEWARDS FOR SUNDAY CONCERTS Help is needed with providing Stewards for forthcoming Sunday recitals to ensure the safety and enjoyment of those attending. Refreshments are served afterwards. If you can help on 9th March, please sign up on the list at the back of church.

LEICESTER THEOLOGICAL SOCIETY The next meeting of the LTS is on Friday 14th February at 7.30 pm in the Frassati Centre at Holy Cross Priory. The subject this time is 'Amos – A Hebrew Poet for the Modern World' and will be presented by Dr Angela Jagger, President of the Society. For more information, please visit https://sites.google.com/view/leicester-theological-society/home?pli=1

COME AND SING EVENSONG

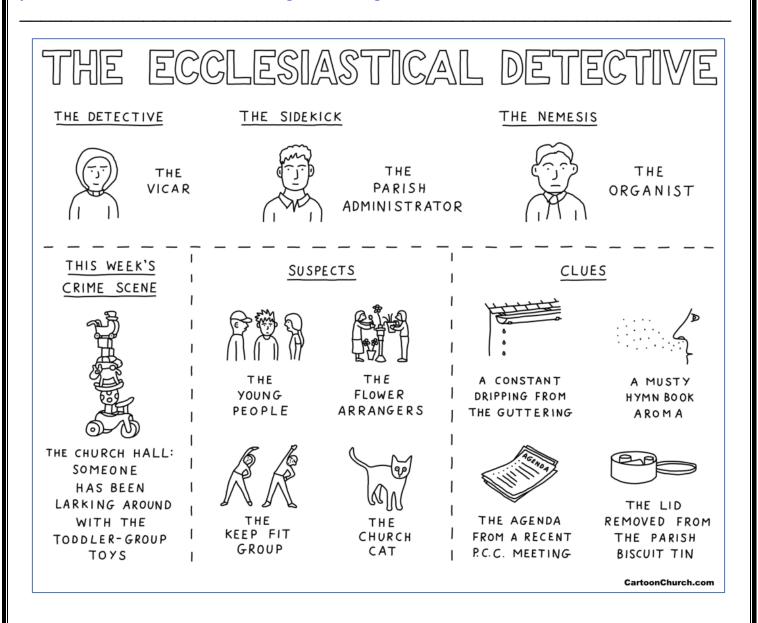
The next Come and Sing event will be Choral Evensong on Sunday 23rd February 2025, rehearsal 4.30pm, service 6.30pm. Sheet music is provided. Refreshments

will be served between the rehearsal and the service. Music to include: Ayleward Preces and Responses, Stanford Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis in Bb and For the beauty of the earth - Rutter. Please register via trybooking.com/uk/EIKY



QR code for the Come and Sing Evensong 23/2/25

PLANNED GIVING St. James relies on donations for funding. The Parish Giving Scheme enables donations directly from your bank account and adds Gift Aid for the church, if you are a taxpayer. Information packs are on the table at the back of church. Alternatively, boxes of envelopes for cash donations for each Sunday from 1st December 2024 to 30th November 2025 can be provided. If you would like to have a box, please see Vicky Roe, leave a message for her at the church office (0116 2542111) or send an E-mail to: pastoral.assistant@sthamesthegreater.org.uk



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 1.00 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 - Freephone 0800 804 8044

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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

CONTACTING THE TEAM

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CHURCH OFFICE This week the Office will be open on Monday 1.15pm – 4.14pm, Thursday 1.15pm – 4.15pm and Friday 1.15pm – 4.15pm.

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