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

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**16th MARCH 2025
2nd SUNDAY OF LENT**

Prayer for the Week

Almighty God,
you show to those who are in error the light of your truth,
that they may return to the way of righteousness:
grant to all those who are admitted
into the fellowship of Christ's religion,
that they may reject those things
that are contrary to their profession,
and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same;
through our Lord Jesus Christ,
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 : Maria Lliescu : Elizabeth Bentley

Rest in peace
Those who lost their lives to Covid

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: Sheila Roberts

Churchwarden: Paul Jenkins

A card reader donation machine is available.

10.30

Choral Mattins

See order of service

Officiant: Mike Rule, Associate Minister

Sidesperson: Vacant

Churchwarden: Simon Edwards

Servers: William Woolley and Michael Bull

HYMN 754

O worship the King, all glorious above

CONFESSION

see service card

PRECES

Forbes L'Estrange

VENITE

see music sheet

PSALM 27

see music sheet

FIRST LESSON Jeremiah 22.1-9, 13-17 *read by Canon Philip Norwood*

Thus says the Lord: Go down to the house of the king of Judah, and speak there this word, ²and say: Hear the word of the Lord, O King of Judah sitting on the throne of David—you, and your servants, and your people who enter these gates. ³Thus says the Lord: Act with justice and righteousness, and deliver from the hand of the oppressor anyone who has been robbed. And do no wrong or violence to the alien, the orphan, and the widow, nor shed innocent blood in this place. ⁴For if you will indeed obey this word, then through the gates of this house shall enter kings who sit on the throne of David, riding in chariots and on horses, they, and their servants, and their people. ⁵But if you will not heed these words, I swear by myself, says the Lord, that this house shall become a desolation. ⁶For thus says the Lord concerning the house of the king of Judah:

You are like Gilead to me,

like the summit of Lebanon;

but I swear that I will make you a desert,

an uninhabited city.

⁷ I will prepare destroyers against you,

all with their weapons;
they shall cut down your choicest cedars
and cast them into the fire.

⁸ And many nations will pass by this city, and all of them will say one to another, 'Why has the Lord dealt in this way with that great city?' ⁹And they will answer, 'Because they abandoned the covenant of the Lord their God, and worshipped other gods and served them.'

¹³ Woe to him who builds his house by unrighteousness,
and his upper rooms by injustice;
who makes his neighbours work for nothing,
and does not give them their wages;

¹⁴ who says, 'I will build myself a spacious house
with large upper rooms',
and who cuts out windows for it,
panelling it with cedar,
and painting it with vermilion.

¹⁵ Are you a king
because you compete in cedar?
Did not your father eat and drink
and do justice and righteousness?
Then it was well with him.

¹⁶ He judged the cause of the poor and needy;
then it was well.

Is not this to know me?
says the Lord.

¹⁷ But your eyes and heart
are only on your dishonest gain,
for shedding innocent blood,
and for practising oppression and violence.

TE DEUM

Sung by the Choir Stanford in B flat

SECOND LESSON Luke 14.27-33 *read by Ian Jones*

Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. ²⁸For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? ²⁹Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, ³⁰saying, "This fellow began to build and was not able to finish." ³¹Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? ³²If he cannot, then, while the other is still far

away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. ³³So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.

JUBILATE DEO

Sung by the Choir Stanford in B flat

THE CREED

see service card

RESPONSES

Forbes L'Estrange

ANTHEM

View me, Lord - Lloyd

PRAYERS

Mike Rule, Associate Minister

HYMN 814

Thy hand, O God, has guided

SERMON

Mike Rule, Associate Minister

HYMN 475

Forth in the peace of Christ we go

DISMISSAL

The Lord be with you. **And with thy spirit.**

Let us bless the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Please be aware of those remaining to listen.

Everyone is invited for refreshments after the service.

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

18:30

Sung Eucharist

President: The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar

Assisted by: Margaret Sharman and Angela Jagger, Reader

Churchwarden: April Rule

Sidesperson: David Sharman

Servers: Phil Jones, Duduzile Chizema and Hazel Carlin

Setting: Missa Aeterna Christe Munera - Palestrina

HYMN 641 i

Glorious things of thee are spoken

READING Genesis 15.1-12, 17-18 *read by Andy Judge*

After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, 'Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.' ²But Abram said, 'O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?' ³And Abram said, 'You have given me no offspring,

and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.' ⁴But the word of the Lord came to him, 'This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.' ⁵He brought him outside and said, 'Look towards heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.' Then he said to him, 'So shall your descendants be.' ⁶And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness.

⁷ Then he said to him, 'I am the Lord who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess.' ⁸But he said, 'O Lord God, how am I to know that I shall possess it?' ⁹He said to him, 'Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtle-dove, and a young pigeon.' ¹⁰He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. ¹¹And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

¹² As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him.

¹⁷ When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire-pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. ¹⁸On that day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying, 'To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates.'

GRADUAL HYMN 655 Have faith in God, my heart

GOSPEL Luke 13.31-35

At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, 'Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.' ³²He said to them, 'Go and tell that fox for me, "Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. ³³Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed away from Jerusalem." ³⁴Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! ³⁵See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, "Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord."

SERMON
INTERCESSIONS

The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar
Angela Jagger, Reader

OFFERTORY HYMN 635

For the healing of the nations

COMMUNION HYMN 258

O thou who camest from above

MOTET

Lord, let me know mine end - Greene

Post Communion Prayer

Almighty God,
you see that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves:
keep us both outwardly in our bodies,
and inwardly in our souls;
that we may be defended from all adversities
which may happen to the body,
and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

RECESSIONAL HYMN 629 iii **Father, hear the prayer we offer**

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Please be aware of those remaining to listen.

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.

The Vicar Writes Do the Pharisees really care about Jesus' welfare, or are they in cahoots with Herod? Is Jerusalem the prophet-murderer, or a helpless baby-bird that needs nurture? The confusion of sin and the paradox of loving enemies invites us to study motivations and consider our actions more closely.



Sunday 23rd March 3rd Sunday of Lent

08:30 Holy Communion	President: The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar
10:30 Sung Eucharist	President: The Reverend Andrew Quigley
	Readings: Isaiah 55.1-9 and Luke 13.1-9
18:30 Choral Evensong	Officiant: Angela Jagger, Reader
	Preacher: The Revd Canon Dr Johannes Arens
	Readings: Genesis 28.10-19a and John 1.35-51

The Week Ahead

Monday 17th

14.30

Zoom House Group Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/4049355092?pwd=ZU5aZ2JaTWlBK0V3aHZUTlp4bGVVGUT09&omn=78810184055> Meeting ID: 404 935 5092 Passcode: 6Hy6R

Wednesday 19th

19.00

Compline in Church

Officiant: The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar

Thursday 20th

- 12:30 **Holy Communion** Common Worship, Order 1 (Traditional)
President: The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar
Assisted by: Vicky Roe
- 13.00 **Lent Course** in the Vicarage
- 19.30 **Lent Course** via Zoom

Friday 21st

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

Saturday 22nd

- 19.00 Leicester Philharmonic Choir Concert

NEW ORGANIST We are pleased to have recruited a new organist to join our team! Phil Johnson is currently the organist at St. Mark's, Bilton, Rugby and deputises on occasion at St. Andrew's Church, Rugby and St. Mary's Finedon. He has also played for two choirs, Poscimur and Te Decet Hymnus, during Cathedral singing weekends where he has accompanied Choral Evensong and Eucharist services in eleven cathedrals over the last 3-years. He will be playing his first service at St James on Maundy Thursday, although you may see him around before then, singing bass in the choir and practising the organ, prior to his start date. We look forward to welcoming Phil and helping him settle in to his new role.

LENT AT ST JAMES In addition to our normal services there are special opportunities for us to deepen our Lenten observance: **COMPLINE** in church each Wednesday at 7pm. **THE LENT COURSE: THE SOUND OF MUSINGS** - each Thursday, in person at about 1pm in the Vicarage, or online via Zoom at 7.30 pm - <https://shorturl.at/ETvcp> Meeting ID: 881 8051 1464 Passcode: 445752 (please sign up if interested). **SERMON SERIES:** Sunday evenings on the theme "Favourite things", featuring guest preachers as well as our regulars!

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.

MAUNDY THURSDAY FOOT WASHING There is a list at the back of church to sign up if you are willing to have a foot washed by the Vicar during the Maundy Thursday evening service on 17th April. We need twelve volunteers before the day.

COME AND SING THE SOUND OF MUSIC This will take place on Sunday 6th April 2025 with a workshop and performance led by Emma Trounson, with refreshments in between.

All Age Workshop 2.00pm-4.00pm

Refreshments 4.00pm-4.30pm

Informal Concert 4.30pm-5.00pm

Please register via trybooking.com/uk/EKMV



COME AND SING BOB CHILCOTT'S: A LITTLE JAZZ MASS

You are invited to an extended Come and Sing with our Junior and Senior Choirs, led by our Director of Music, Emma Trounson. We will be singing the Jazz Mass as part of the morning service on Sunday 11th May, accompanied by the 'Mark Trounson Trio': piano, double bass and drums. The trio will then perform for the Recitals at St James' concert at 3.00pm.

Rehearsals: Friday 2nd May & Friday 9th May

Primary Age: 4.30pm-5.45pm

Age 11+ & adults: 7.00pm-8.45pm

Service: Sunday 11th May

Rehearsal (for all) 9.00am-10.15am, Service 10.30am-11.30am

No prior experience is necessary, and you will be loaned the music.

To register to sing as part of the choir, please visit: trybooking.com/uk/ENEX



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 Sunday and Wednesday at 3 pm Radio 3

Compline Sunday at 10 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.

The options available from a telephone keypad are:

1. 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

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