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

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**23rd MARCH 2025
3rd SUNDAY OF LENT**

Prayer for the Week

Almighty God,
whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain,
and entered not into glory before he was crucified:
mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross,
may find it none other than the way of life and peace;
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 : Maria Lliescu : Elizabeth Bentley : Kathryn Haynes

Rest in peace
Rosemary Herbert

Reverend Jane Sharp continues to undergo treatment, and is grateful for all our ongoing prayers. She is hopeful that in due course she may be able to return to ministry.

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: Lin Mawer

Churchwarden: Paul Jenkins

A card reader donation machine is available.

10:30 Sung Eucharist

President: The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar

Assisted by: David Kibert and Mike Rule, Associate Minister

Churchwarden: April Rule

Sidespeople: Sue Ingle and Rachel Pratt

Servers: David Kibert, Charles Samuel and Tony Chizema

Setting: Mass of the Quiet Hour - Oldroyd

HYMN 608

Christ is our corner-stone

READING Isaiah 55.1-9 *read by David Kibert*

Ho, everyone who thirsts,

come to the waters;

and you that have no money,

come, buy and eat!

Come, buy wine and milk

without money and without price.

² Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,

and your labour for that which does not satisfy?

Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,

and delight yourselves in rich food.

³ Incline your ear, and come to me;

listen, so that you may live.

I will make with you an everlasting covenant,

my steadfast, sure love for David.

⁴ See, I made him a witness to the peoples,

a leader and commander for the peoples.

⁵ See, you shall call nations that you do not know,

and nations that do not know you shall run to you,

because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel,

for he has glorified you.

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.

GRADUAL HYMN 825 Word of God, come down on earth

GOSPEL Luke 13.1-9

At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. ²He asked them, ‘Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? ³No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. ⁴Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? ⁵No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did.’

⁶ Then he told this parable: ‘A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. ⁷So he said to the gardener, “See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?” ⁸He replied, “Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig round it and put manure on it. ⁹If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.” ’

SERMON
INTERCESSIONS

The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar
Mike Rule, Associate Minister

OFFERTORY HYMN 806

There’s a wideness in God’s mercy

COMMUNION ANTHEM

Dear Lord and Father of mankind
(Offered in celebration of the 50th Wedding Anniversary of David and Sheila Roberts)

Post Communion Prayer

Merciful Lord,
grant your people grace to withstand the temptations
of the world, the flesh and the devil,
and with pure hearts and minds to follow you, the only God;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

RECESSIONAL HYMN 584 **All my hope on God is founded**

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Please be aware of those remaining to listen.

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

18.30

Choral Evensong

See order of service

Officiant: Angela Jagger, Reader

Churchwardens: April Rule and Simon Edwards

Sidespeople: Colin and Angela Stray

Servers: Sara King and Rod Eynon-Baldock

HYMN 627 (Tune 609) Father most holy, merciful and loving

PRECES

Smith

PSALMS 12, 13

(See music sheet)

FIRST LESSON Genesis 28.10-19a *read by Mark Trounson*

Jacob left Beer-sheba and went towards Haran. ¹¹He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. ¹²And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. ¹³And the Lord stood beside him and said, 'I am the Lord, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; ¹⁴and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. ¹⁵Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you.' ¹⁶Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, 'Surely the Lord is in this place—and I did not know it!' ¹⁷And he was afraid, and said, 'How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.'

¹⁸ So Jacob rose early in the morning, and he took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up for a pillar and poured oil on the top of it. ¹⁹He called that place Bethel.

MAGNIFICAT

Noble in B minor

Please remain seated but stand for the Gloria

SECOND LESSON John 1.35-51 *read by William Woolley*

The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, ³⁶and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, 'Look, here is the Lamb of God!' ³⁷The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. ³⁸When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, 'What are you looking for?' They said to him, 'Rabbi' (which translated means Teacher), 'where are you staying?' ³⁹He said to them, 'Come and see.' They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. ⁴⁰One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. ⁴¹He first found his brother Simon and said to him, 'We have found the Messiah' (which is translated Anointed). ⁴²He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, 'You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas' (which is translated Peter).

⁴³ The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, 'Follow me.' ⁴⁴Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. ⁴⁵Philip found Nathanael and said to him, 'We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth.' ⁴⁶Nathanael said to him, 'Can anything good come out of Nazareth?' Philip said to him, 'Come and see.' ⁴⁷When Jesus saw Nathanael coming towards him, he said of him, 'Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!' ⁴⁸Nathanael asked him, 'Where did you come to know me?' Jesus answered, 'I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you.' ⁴⁹Nathanael replied, 'Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!' ⁵⁰Jesus answered, 'Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these.' ⁵¹And he said to him, 'Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.'

NUNC DIMITTIS

Noble in B minor

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RESPONSES

Smith

ANTHEM

Hear my prayer - Purcell

PRAYERS

Angela Jagger, Reader

HYMN 324 ii

Jesus calls us: o'er the tumult

SERMON
HYMN 589

Revd Canon Dr Johannes Arens
Angel-voices ever singing

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

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

The Vicar Writes Bad things happen to good people. Good things happen to bad people. Circumstance is not diagnostic of morality. It shouldn't need saying, but now, as 2000 years ago, it does.



Sunday 30th March

4th Sunday of Lent / Mothering Sunday

08:30 **Holy Communion** President: The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar
10:30 **All Age Eucharist** President: The Reverend Andrew Quigley
Readings: Exodus 2.1-10 and John 19.25b-27
18:30 **Choral Evensong** Officiant: The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar
Preacher: Mike Rule, Associate Minister
Readings: Joshua 5.9-12 and Luke 15.1-3, 15-32

Please note that Sunday 30th March is the Sunday where a) the clocks go forward
b) It may be Eid, in which case with the gathering on Victoria Park morning traffic is likely to be extremely heavy and local parking may be difficult. c) It's Mothering Sunday!

The Week Ahead

Wednesday 26th

19.00 **Compline** in Church
Officiant: The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar

Thursday 27th

12:30 **Holy Communion** Common Worship, Order 1 (Traditional)
President: The Reverend Philip Norwood
Assisted by: Lin Mawer
13.00 **Lent Course** in the Vicarage
19.30 **Lent Course** via Zoom

Friday 28st

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

Saturday 29th

19.30 Leicester Bach Choir Concert

PCC MEMBERSHIP We are looking for new members. Perhaps you have served in the past or in another church, or perhaps it would be a brave new world! Either way, it is an important way of serving the church, and hopefully more rewarding than onerous - only 5 or 6 meetings a year – for 1, 2 or 3 years. Please consider and pray about this before new members are elected at the APCM. Nomination forms are available now at the back of church. Please talk to the Vicar, Churchwardens or other members of the PCC if you'd like more information. As a Charity sponsoring work with children and young people, PCC members are required to have a DBS check and undertake Safeguarding Training provided by the Church of England.

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/ETvcv> 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 12.10 pm BBC 1

Choral Evensong Sunday and Wednesday at 3 pm Radio 3

Compline Sunday at 9.30 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

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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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