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

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**30<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2025**  
**4<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT/MOTHERING SUNDAY**

**Prayer for the Week**

God of compassion,  
whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary,  
shared the life of a home in Nazareth,  
and on the cross drew the whole human family to himself:  
strengthen us in our daily living  
that in joy and in sorrow  
we may know the power of your presence  
to bind together and to heal;  
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 : Theo Bentley : Kathryn Haynes

**Rest in peace**

Maria Lliescu : David Lovatt : 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.***

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**10:30**

## **All Age Sung Eucharist**

***See order of service***

President: The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar

Assisted by: David Kibert and Vicky Roe

Churchwarden: Simon Edwards

Sidesperson: Vacant

Servers: Charles Samuel, Tony Chizema and William Woolley

Setting: Sumsion in F

**HYMN 445 (Tune 337)**

**God is here! As we his people**

READING Exodus 2.1-10 *read by Emily-Hafwen Davies*

Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. <sup>2</sup>The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him for three months. <sup>3</sup>When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. <sup>4</sup>His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him.

<sup>5</sup> The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. <sup>6</sup>When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him. 'This must be one of the Hebrews' children,' she said. <sup>7</sup>Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, 'Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?' <sup>8</sup>Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Yes.' So the girl went and called the child's mother. <sup>9</sup>Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages.' So the woman took the child and nursed it. <sup>10</sup>When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses, 'because', she said, 'I drew him out of the water.'

**Gradual Hymn 394**

**Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!**

## GOSPEL John 19.25b-27

Meanwhile, standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. <sup>26</sup>When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, 'Woman, here is your son.' <sup>27</sup>Then he said to the disciple, 'Here is your mother.' And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

SERMON

The Reverend Andrew Quigley

INTERCESSIONS

The Reverend Andrew Quigley

**OFFERTORY HYMN 138**

**Our Father God in heaven**

MOTET

For the beauty of the earth - Rutter

## **POST COMMUNION HYMN 799    The Lord's my Shepherd**

### **Post Communion Prayer**

Loving God,  
as a mother feeds her children at the breast  
you feed us in this sacrament with the food and drink of eternal life:  
help us who have tasted your goodness  
to grow in grace within the household of faith;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**HYMN 739 i**

**Now thank we all our God**

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

*Please be aware of those remaining to listen.*

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

*Everyone is invited for refreshments after the service.*

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**The Vicar Writes** A mother's love is not just the sentimental stuff of proverbs, but an icon of strength, faith, and enduring, protecting love – the love all of us are called to show to one another. Christ compared himself to a mother hen, and among his last words on the cross are those concerning his own mother. We need a mothering church, and perhaps a more mothering world.



**18.30**

## **Choral Evensong**

***See order of service***

Officiant: The Reverend Andrew Quigley

Preacher: Mike Rule, Associate Minister

Churchwardens: April Rule and Simon Edwards

Sidespeople: Vacant

Servers: Hazel Carlin and Michael Bull

**HYMN 696**

**PRECES**

**PSALM 32**

**Jesus, where'er thy people meet**

Leighton

**(See music sheet)**

FIRST LESSON Joshua 5.9-12 *read by Colin Stray*

The Lord said to Joshua, 'Today I have rolled away from you the disgrace of Egypt.' And so that place is called Gilgal to this day.

<sup>10</sup> While the Israelites were encamped in Gilgal they kept the passover in the evening on the fourteenth day of the month in the plains of Jericho. <sup>11</sup> On the day after the passover, on that very day, they ate the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain. <sup>12</sup> The manna ceased on the day they ate the produce of the land, and the Israelites no longer had manna; they ate the crops of the land of Canaan that year.

MAGNIFICAT

Walmisley in D minor

**Please remain seated but stand for the Gloria**

SECOND LESSON Luke 15.1-3, 15-32 *read by Angela Stray*

Now all the tax-collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. <sup>2</sup> And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, 'This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.'

<sup>3</sup> So he told them this parable: <sup>15</sup> So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. <sup>16</sup> He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. <sup>17</sup> But when he came to himself he said, "How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! <sup>18</sup> I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; <sup>19</sup> I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands.' " <sup>20</sup> So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. <sup>21</sup> Then the son said to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son." <sup>22</sup> But the father said to his slaves, "Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. <sup>23</sup> And get

the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; <sup>24</sup>for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!" And they began to celebrate. <sup>25</sup> 'Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. <sup>26</sup>He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. <sup>27</sup>He replied, "Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound." <sup>28</sup>Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. <sup>29</sup>But he answered his father, "Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. <sup>30</sup>But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!" <sup>31</sup>Then the father said to him, "Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. <sup>32</sup>But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found." '

NUNC DIMITTIS

Walmisley in D minor

**Please remain seated but stand for the Gloria**

RESPONSES

Leighton

ANTHEM

Teach me, O Lord - Byrd

PRAYERS

The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar

**HYMN 358 i**

**Be still, for the presence of the Lord**

SERMON

Mike Rule, Associate Minister

**HYMN 536**

**Creator God, the world around**

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

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**Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> April**

**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent / Passion Sunday**

**08:30 BCP Holy Communion** President: The Reverend Philip Norwood

**10:30 Sung Eucharist**

President: The Reverend Andrew Quigley

Readings: Isaiah 14.16-21 and John 12.1-8

**14.00-1700 Come and Sing 'The Sound of Music'**

**18:30 Taizé Service**

Officiant: Sheila Roberts, Associate Minister

## The Week Ahead

### Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup>

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

### Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup>

12:30 **Holy Communion** Common Worship, Order 1 (Traditional)  
President: The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar  
Assisted by: Sheila Roberts

13.00 **Lent Course** in the Vicarage

19.30 **Lent Course** via Zoom

19.30 St James Singers Rehearsal

### Friday 4<sup>th</sup>

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

### Saturday 5<sup>th</sup>

10.00 Saturday Coffee Morning and Worship

19.30 City of Leicester Singers Concert

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**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.

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**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.

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**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!

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**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.

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**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 17<sup>th</sup> April. We need twelve volunteers before the day.

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**COME AND SING THE SOUND OF MUSIC** This will take place **next week**, Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> 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/EKMOV](https://trybooking.com/uk/EKMOV)



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### **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 11<sup>th</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> May & Friday 9<sup>th</sup> May

Primary Age: 4.30pm-5.45pm

Age 11+ & adults: 7.00pm-8.45pm

Service: Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> 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](https://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 12.15 pm BBC 1

Choral Evensong Wednesday at 3 pm Radio 3

Compline Sunday at 10.00 pm Radio 3

Online at [www.churchofengland.org](http://www.churchofengland.org) and [www.leicestercathedral.org](http://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](http://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. Spring Reflections
4. One-minute sermons by J. John
5. Weekly Church of England Service
6. Sleep Well with Daily Hope
7. Daily Prayers
8. Interview with John Lennox by J. John

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