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

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6th APRIL 2025
5th SUNDAY OF LENT/PASSION SUNDAY

Prayer for the Week

Most merciful God,
who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ
delivered and saved the world:
grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross
we may triumph in the power of his victory;
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 : Elizabeth Bentley : Kathryn Haynes

Rest in peace
Maria Lliescu : David Lovatt : Rosemary Herbert

Welcome to St James the Greater

08:30 Holy Communion in the Lady Chapel

Book of Common Prayer

President: The Reverend Canon Philip Norwood

Assisted by: Phil Jones

Churchwarden: Paul Jenkins

A card reader donation machine is available.

10:30

Sung Eucharist

See order of service

President: The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar

Assisted by: Duduzile Chizema and Mike Rule, Associate Minister

Churchwarden: April Rule

Sidesperson: David Pugh

Servers: Duduzile Chizema, William Woolley and Michael Bull

Setting: Missa L'Hora Passa - Viadana

HYMN 156

We sing the praise of him who died

READING Isaiah 43.16-21 *read by Alex Coles*

¹⁶ Thus says the Lord,
who makes a way in the sea,
a path in the mighty waters,
¹⁷ who brings out chariot and horse,
army and warrior;
they lie down, they cannot rise,
they are extinguished, quenched like a wick:
¹⁸ Do not remember the former things,
or consider the things of old.
¹⁹ I am about to do a new thing;
now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?
I will make a way in the wilderness
and rivers in the desert.
²⁰ The wild animals will honour me,
the jackals and the ostriches;
for I give water in the wilderness,
rivers in the desert,
to give drink to my chosen people,

²¹ the people whom I formed for myself
so that they might declare my praise.

Gradual Hymn 744 i

O God of Bethel, by whose hand

GOSPEL John 12.1-8

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. ²There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. ³Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. ⁴But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, ⁵'Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?' ⁶(He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) ⁷Jesus said, 'Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. ⁸You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me.'

SERMON

Mike Rule, Associate Minister

INTERCESSIONS

The Reverend Andrew Quigley

OFFERTORY HYMN 147

My song is love unknown

MOTET

A Litany - Walton

POST COMMUNION HYMN 140 All ye who seek for sure relief

Post Communion Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ,
you have taught us
that what we do for the least of our brothers and sisters
we do also for you:
give us the will to be the servant of others
as you were the servant of all,
and gave up your life and died for us,
but are alive and reign, now and for ever.

HYMN 707 (omit verses 2-6)

Lift high the cross

ORGAN VOLUNTARY – Passacaglia in d, BuxWV 161

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.

18:30

Taizé Service

See special order of service

Officiant: Sheila Roberts,

Churchwardens: Simon Edwards and April Rule

Sidespeople: Vacant

Server: Hazel Carlin

FIRST LESSON Mark 14.41-46, 15.1-20

read by Val Bailey

He came a third time and said to them, 'Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? Enough! The hour has come; the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. ⁴²Get up, let us be going. See, my betrayer is at hand.'

⁴³ Immediately, while he was still speaking, Judas, one of the twelve, arrived; and with him there was a crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests, the scribes, and the elders. ⁴⁴Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying, 'The one I will kiss is the man; arrest him and lead him away under guard.' ⁴⁵So when he came, he went up to him at once and said, 'Rabbi!' and kissed him. ⁴⁶Then they laid hands on him and arrested him.

¹⁵ As soon as it was morning, the chief priests held a consultation with the elders and scribes and the whole council. They bound Jesus, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate. ²Pilate asked him, 'Are you the King of the Jews?' He answered him, 'You say so.' ³Then the chief priests accused him of many things. ⁴Pilate asked him again, 'Have you no answer? See how many charges they bring against you.' ⁵But Jesus made no further reply, so that Pilate was amazed.

⁶ Now at the festival he used to release a prisoner for them, anyone for whom they asked. ⁷Now a man called Barabbas was in prison with the rebels who had committed murder during the insurrection. ⁸So the crowd came and began to ask Pilate to do for them according to his custom. ⁹Then he answered them, 'Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?' ¹⁰For he realized that it was out of jealousy that the chief priests had handed him over. ¹¹But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have him release Barabbas for them instead. ¹²Pilate spoke to them again, 'Then what do you wish me to do with the man you call the King of the Jews?' ¹³They shouted back, 'Crucify him!' ¹⁴Pilate asked them, 'Why, what evil has he done?' But they shouted all the more, 'Crucify him!' ¹⁵So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified.

¹⁶ Then the soldiers led him into the courtyard of the palace (that is, the governor's headquarters); and they called together the whole cohort. ¹⁷And they clothed him in a purple cloak; and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they

put it on him. ¹⁸And they began saluting him, 'Hail, King of the Jews!' ¹⁹They struck his head with a reed, spat upon him, and knelt down in homage to him. ²⁰After mocking him, they stripped him of the purple cloak and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him out to crucify him.

SECOND LESSON Mark 15.21-39

read by Jennifer Clegg

The Crucifixion of Jesus

²¹ They compelled a passer-by, who was coming in from the country, to carry his cross; it was Simon of Cyrene, the father of Alexander and Rufus. ²²Then they brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha (which means the place of a skull). ²³And they offered him wine mixed with myrrh; but he did not take it. ²⁴And they crucified him, and divided his clothes among them, casting lots to decide what each should take.

²⁵ It was nine o'clock in the morning when they crucified him. ²⁶The inscription of the charge against him read, 'The King of the Jews.' ²⁷And with him they crucified two bandits, one on his right and one on his left. ²⁹Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying, 'Aha! You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, ³⁰save yourself, and come down from the cross!' ³¹In the same way the chief priests, along with the scribes, were also mocking him among themselves and saying, 'He saved others; he cannot save himself. ³²Let the Messiah, the King of Israel, come down from the cross now, so that we may see and believe.' Those who were crucified with him also taunted him.

³³ When it was noon, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. ³⁴At three o'clock Jesus cried out with a loud voice, 'Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?' which means, 'My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?' ³⁵When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, 'Listen, he is calling for Elijah.' ³⁶And someone ran, filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink, saying, 'Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down.' ³⁷Then Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last. ³⁸And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. ³⁹Now when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw that in this way he breathed his last, he said, 'Truly this man was God's Son!'

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

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Office opening hours w/b 7/4/25

Monday 1.15-4.15 Wednesday 1.15-4.15 Friday 1.15-4.15

The Vicar Writes As we get closer to Holy Week we are invited to consider what we most value – our possessions? Our wealth? Our lives? The events that unfold over the Triduum will rewrite the equation of ultimate worth.



Sunday 13th April Palm Sunday

08:30 Holy Communion President: The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar

10:20 Sung Eucharist starting with Palm Sunday Procession President: The Reverend Andrew Quigley
Reading: Mark 14.32-15.41

18:30 Music and Readings for Palm Sunday Officiant: The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar
Readings: Mark 14.41-46, 15.1-20 and Mark 15.21-39

The Week Ahead

Wednesday 9th

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

Thursday 10th

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

13.00 **Lent Course** in the Vicarage

19.30 **Lent Course** via Zoom

Friday 11th

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

PALM SUNDAY The service will begin in church at 10.20 when those who are able will process around the block led by the choir, re-entering church at about 10.30.

GOOD FRIDAY 18th APRIL WALK OF WITNESS This ecumenical gathering starts at 9 am by the Memorial Monument in Victoria Park, before moving down London Road, past University Road, through Granby Street, Town Hall Square, Gallowtree Gate, past the Clock Tower and ending on Humberstone Gate West with a time of worship, concluding around 1 pm. You can join this act of witness at any point during the morning.

THE SHELL deadline is Sunday 4th May for contributions to the next edition. Please send content such as articles, book reviews or recommendations, recipes, notices, etc., to the church office by post or to Paul Jenkins at editor@stjamesthegreater.org.uk

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.

LIBRARY CLOSURE Knighton Library is under threat of closure. Please go to the Council Website, then A-Z, then Consultations and Engagement to complete the online survey. There is also an Open Meeting at the Library on April 22nd 6-7.30. Please add your voice to inform the Council how important the Library is to the local community.

NEW ORGANIST We are pleased to have recruited a new organist to join our team! Phil Johnson will play his first service at St James today. 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).

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 **TODAY**, 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 10.00 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. 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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