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

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**13<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2025  
PALM SUNDAY**

**Prayer for the Week**

Almighty and everlasting God,  
who in your tender love towards the human race  
sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ  
to take upon him our flesh  
and to suffer death upon the cross:  
grant that we may follow the example of his patience and humility,  
and also be made partakers of his resurrection;  
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**

**Common Worship Order I (Traditional)**

President: The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar

Assisted by: Feby John

Churchwarden: Paul Jenkins

*A card reader donation machine is available.*

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## **10:20 Sung Eucharist with Palm Sunday Procession**

*See order of service*

President: The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar

Assisted by: Lucy Hutchinson and Mike Rule, Associate Minister

Churchwarden: April Rule

Sidesperson: Margaret Clarke

Servers: Charles Samuel, Lucy Hutchinson and William Woolley

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THE PASSION NARRATIVE MARK 14.32 – 15.41

### **Post Communion Prayer**

Lord Jesus Christ,  
you humbled yourself in taking the form of a servant,  
and in obedience died on the cross for our salvation:  
give us the mind to follow you  
and to proclaim you as Lord and King,  
to the glory of God the Father.

### **ORGAN VOLUNTARY**

*Please be aware of those remaining to listen.*

*Everyone is invited for refreshments at the back of church after the service.*

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**The Vicar Writes** Holy Week is a journey, the most significant journey we can undertake in our lives. That journey is best shared - to help each other bear the burdens of suffering and grief - and at its end to share the miraculous joy that awaits.



**18:30**

## **Music and Readings for Palm Sunday**

*See special order of service*

Officiant: The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar

Churchwardens: April Rule and Simon Edwards

Servers: William Woolley, Duduzile Chizema and Hazel Carlin

### **Readings**

#### **Matthew 21.1-9**

When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, <sup>2</sup>saying to them, 'Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. <sup>3</sup>If anyone says anything to you, just say this, "The Lord needs them." And he will send them immediately.' <sup>4</sup>This took place to fulfil what had been spoken through the prophet, saying,

<sup>5</sup> 'Tell the daughter of Zion,

Look, your king is coming to you,

humble, and mounted on a donkey,

and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.'

<sup>6</sup>The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; <sup>7</sup>they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. <sup>8</sup>A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. <sup>9</sup>The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting,

'Hosanna to the Son of David!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

Hosanna in the highest heaven!'

### **The Agony – George Herbert**

Philosophers have measur'd the mountains,

Fathom'd the depths of the seas, of states, and kings,

Walk'd with a staffe to heav'n, and traced fountains:

But there are two vast, spacious things,

The which to measure it doth more behove:

Yet few there are that found them; Sinne and Love.

Who would know Sinne, let him repair

Unto mount Olivet; there shall he see

A man so wrung with pains, that all his hair,

His skinne, his garments bloudie be.

Sinne is that presse and vice, which forceth pain

To hunt his cruell food through ev'ry vein.

Who knows not Love, let him assay,  
And taste that juice, which on the crosse a pike  
Did set again abroach; then let him say  
If ever he did taste the like.  
Love in that liquor sweet and most divine,  
Which my God feels as blood; but I, as wine.

### **Mark 14.32-50**

They went to a place called Gethsemane; and he said to his disciples, 'Sit here while I pray.' He took with him Peter and James and John, and began to be distressed and agitated. And he said to them, 'I am deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and keep awake.' And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from him. He said, 'Abba, Father, for you all things are possible; remove this cup from me; yet, not what I want, but what you want.' He came and found them sleeping; and he said to Peter, 'Simon, are you asleep? Could you not keep awake one hour? Keep awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.' And again he went away and prayed, saying the same words. And once more he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were very heavy; and they did not know what to say to him. 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. Get up, let us be going. See, my betrayer is at hand.'

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. Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying, 'The one I will kiss is the man; arrest him and lead him away under guard.' So when he came, he went up to him at once and said, 'Rabbi!' and kissed him. Then they laid hands on him and arrested him. But one of those who stood near drew his sword and struck the slave of the high priest, cutting off his ear. Then Jesus said to them, 'Have you come out with swords and clubs to arrest me as though I were a bandit? Day after day I was with you in the temple teaching, and you did not arrest me. But let the scriptures be fulfilled.' All of them deserted him and fled.

### **Matthew 27.11-26**

Now Jesus stood before the governor; and the governor asked him, 'Are you the King of the Jews?' Jesus said, 'You say so.'<sup>12</sup> But when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he did not answer.<sup>13</sup> Then Pilate said to him, 'Do you not hear how many accusations they make against you?'<sup>14</sup> But he gave him no answer, not even to a single charge, so that the governor was greatly amazed.

<sup>15</sup> Now at the festival the governor was accustomed to release a prisoner for the crowd, anyone whom they wanted. <sup>16</sup> At that time they had a notorious prisoner, called Jesus Barabbas. <sup>17</sup> So after they had gathered, Pilate said to them, 'Whom do you want me to release for you, Jesus Barabbas or Jesus who is called the Messiah?' <sup>18</sup> For he realized that it was out of jealousy that they had handed him over. <sup>19</sup> While he was sitting on the judgement seat, his wife sent word to him, 'Have nothing to do with that innocent man, for today I have suffered a great deal because of a dream about him.' <sup>20</sup> Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowds to ask for Barabbas and to have Jesus killed. <sup>21</sup> The governor again said to them, 'Which of the two do you want me to release for you?' And they said, 'Barabbas.' <sup>22</sup> Pilate said to them, 'Then what should I do with Jesus who is called the Messiah?' All of them said, 'Let him be crucified!' <sup>23</sup> Then he asked, 'Why, what evil has he done?' But they shouted all the more, 'Let him be crucified!'

<sup>24</sup> So when Pilate saw that he could do nothing, but rather that a riot was beginning, he took some water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying, 'I am innocent of this man's blood; see to it yourselves.' <sup>25</sup> Then the people as a whole answered, 'His blood be on us and on our children!' <sup>26</sup> So he released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified.

### **John 19.16-30**

Then he handed him over to them to be crucified.

So they took Jesus; <sup>17</sup> and carrying the cross by himself, he went out to what is called The Place of the Skull, which in Hebrew is called Golgotha. <sup>18</sup> There they crucified him, and with him two others, one on either side, with Jesus between them. <sup>19</sup> Pilate also had an inscription written and put on the cross. It read, 'Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews.' <sup>20</sup> Many of the Jews read this inscription, because the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city; and it was written in Hebrew, in Latin, and in Greek. <sup>21</sup> Then the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate, 'Do not write, "The King of the Jews", but, "This man said, I am King of the Jews."' <sup>22</sup> Pilate answered, 'What I have written I have written.' <sup>23</sup> When the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they took his clothes and divided them into four parts, one for each soldier. They also took his tunic; now the tunic was seamless, woven in one piece from the top. <sup>24</sup> So they said to one another, 'Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it to see who will get it.' This was to fulfil what the scripture says, 'They divided my clothes among themselves, and for my clothing they cast lots.'

<sup>25</sup> And that is what the soldiers did.

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.

<sup>28</sup> After this, when Jesus knew that all was now finished, he said (in order to fulfil the scripture), ‘I am thirsty.’ <sup>29</sup>A jar full of sour wine was standing there. So they put a sponge full of the wine on a branch of hyssop and held it to his mouth. <sup>30</sup>When Jesus had received the wine, he said, ‘It is finished.’ Then he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

ORGAN VOLUNTARY - Fugue sur le nom d'Alain      M. Duruflé

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## **Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> April**

### **Easter Day**

<b>06.00 Dawn Service</b>	President: The Reverend Andrew Quigley Readings: Genesis 7.1-5, 11-18, 8.6-19, 9.8-13, Genesis 22.1-18 and Exodus 14.10-15.1
<b>10:30 All Age Eucharist</b>	President: The Reverend Andrew Quigley Readings: Acts 10.34-43 and John 20.1-18
<b>18:30 Festal Evensong</b>	Officiant: The Reverend Andrew Quigley Readings: Isaiah 43.1-21 and John 20.19-23

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## **The Week Ahead**

### **Monday 14<sup>th</sup>**

19.00      **Compline** in Church

### **Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup>**

19.00      **Compline** in Church

### **Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup>**

19.00      **Compline** in Church

### **Thursday 17<sup>th</sup>**

11.00      **Chrism Mass** at the Cathedral

19.30      **Liturgy of the Last Supper with Vigil**

### **Friday 18<sup>th</sup>**

13.00      **Shared lunch in the Hall**

14.00      **Stations of the Cross**

19.30      **Tenebrae**



**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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**GOOD FRIDAY LUNCH** Our Good Friday Lunch, a simple meal of homemade vegetable soup and bread, will be served as usual on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> April at 1pm in the Large Hall (Mike says "sorry for the short notice, I keep forgetting to put it in the weekly leaflet"). Please sign up at the back of church or email Mike to let him know you'd like to join us - [mikerule@hotmail.com](mailto:mikerule@hotmail.com)

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**GOOD FRIDAY 18<sup>th</sup> 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.

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**THE STEEDS** Guy and Chiara joined us when he became our organist a few years ago. Chiara joined the choir where she has exercised a valued ministry with the children and young people, initiating and running the youth group. Both have also sat on church committees. Sadly for us, Guy's ongoing medical training is taking him to Nepal for a few weeks, and he and Chiara are taking this moment to move on from St James'. We will miss their inestimable gifts and contributions, and I trust we will all pray for joy and blessings on their life going forward.

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**THE ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING** will be held on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> May after the morning service.

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**THE SHELL** deadline is Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:editor@stjamesthegreater.org.uk)

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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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**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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**KNIGHTON LIBRARY** The meeting re proposed the closure of Knighton Library has now been changed. It is to be held at Avenue School on Wednesday May 21st. from 6-7.30pm.

## **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 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](http://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 11.30 am	BBC 1
Choral Evensong	Sunday and Wednesday at 3 pm	Radio 3
Holy Week Music	Sunday at 4 pm	Radio 3
Good Friday Meditation	3 pm	Radio 4
Easter Reflections	7 pm	Radio 2
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. Everyday Faith 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

**Office opening hours w/b 14/04/2025**

Monday 1.15-4.15 Tuesday 1.15-4.15 Wednesday 1.15-4.15