

18/25



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

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4th MAY 2025
3rd SUNDAY OF EASTER

Prayer for the Week

Almighty Father,
who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples
with the sight of the risen Lord:
give us such knowledge of his presence with us,
that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life
and serve you continually in righteousness and truth;
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 : Jean Warren

Rest in peace
Pope Francis : William Simpey

This week's Chancel Steps flowers are sponsored by The Brunning Family in
memory of David.

Welcome to St James the Greater

08:30 Holy Communion in the Lady Chapel

Book of Common Prayer

President: The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar

Assisted by: Mike Rule

Churchwarden: Paul Jenkins

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10:30 Sung Eucharist

President: The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar

Assisted by: Charles Samuel and Vicky Roe, Pastoral Assistant

Churchwarden: Simon Edwards

Sidesperson: David Pugh

Servers: Charles Samuel, Hazel Carlin and Billy Murray

Setting: Bruckner in F

HYMN 201 i GLORIA

Come, ye faithful, raise the strain Lécot

READING Acts 9.1-20 *read by Ian Jones*

Meanwhile Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest ² and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. ³ Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. ⁴ He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, 'Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?' ⁵ He asked, 'Who are you, Lord?' The reply came, 'I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. ⁶ But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do.' ⁷ The men who were travelling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one. ⁸ Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. ⁹ For three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank. ¹⁰ Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, 'Ananias.' He answered, 'Here I am, Lord.' ¹¹ The Lord said to him, 'Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. At this moment he is praying, ¹² and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight.' ¹³ But Ananias answered, 'Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem; ¹⁴ and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name.' ¹⁵ But the Lord

said to him, 'Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before Gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel; ¹⁶ I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name.' ¹⁷ So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul and said, 'Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit.' ¹⁸ And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized, ¹⁹ and after taking some food, he regained his strength. For several days he was with the disciples in Damascus, ²⁰ and immediately he began to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, saying, 'He is the Son of God.'

GRADUAL HYMN 665 (omit verses 3-5) I am the Light whose brightness shines

GOSPEL John 21.1-19

After these things Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. ² Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. ³ Simon Peter said to them, 'I am going fishing.' They said to him, 'We will go with you.' They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

⁴ Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. ⁵ Jesus said to them, 'Children, you have no fish, have you?' They answered him, 'No.' ⁶ He said to them, 'Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some.' So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. ⁷ That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, 'It is the Lord!' When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the lake. ⁸ But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off.

⁹ When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. ¹⁰ Jesus said to them, 'Bring some of the fish that you have just caught.' ¹¹ So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred and fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. ¹² Jesus said to them, 'Come and have breakfast.' Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, 'Who are you?' because they knew it was the Lord. ¹³ Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. ¹⁴ This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

¹⁵ When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, 'Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?' He said to him, 'Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my lambs.' ¹⁶ A second time he said to him, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' He said to him, 'Yes, Lord; you know that I love

you.' Jesus said to him, 'Tend my sheep.' ¹⁷ He said to him the third time, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, 'Do you love me?' And he said to him, 'Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my sheep.' ¹⁸ Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go.' ¹⁹ (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, 'Follow me.'

SERMON

The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar

INTERCESSIONS

The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar

OFFERTORY HYMN 198

At the Lamb's high feast we sing

MOTET

Love is come again – arr. Saunders

POST COMMUNION HYMN 432

Bread of the world in mercy broken

Post Communion Prayer

Living God,
your Son made himself known to his disciples
in the breaking of bread:
open the eyes of our faith,
that we may see him in all his redeeming work;
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

RECESSIONAL HYMN 211

Now is eternal life

ORGAN VOLUNTARY – Prelude from Suite pour Orgue Denis Bédard

***Please be aware of those remaining to listen.
Do join us for refreshments at the back of church.
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The Vicar Writes Easter is not just about life after death, or merely continued existence, it is about *new* life, a new chance, a fresh start, and renewed relationship. Peter discovers this as his denial of Jesus is erased in resurrection love.



18.30

Choral Evensong

See order of service

Officiant: Sheila Roberts, Associate Minister
Churchwardens: April Rule and Simon Edwards
Sidespeople: Vacant
Server: Phil Jones

HYMN 640 i

Give to our God immortal praise

PRECES

Rose

PSALM 86

(See music sheet)

FIRST LESSON Isaiah 63.7-14 *read by Andrew Curry*

I will recount the gracious deeds of the Lord,
the praiseworthy acts of the Lord,
because of all that the Lord has done for us,
and the great favour to the house of Israel
that he has shown them according to his mercy,
according to the abundance of his steadfast love.

⁸ For he said, 'Surely they are my people,
children who will not deal falsely';

and he became their saviour

⁹ in all their distress.

It was no messenger or angel

but his presence that saved them;
in his love and in his pity he redeemed them;
he lifted them up and carried them all the days of old.

¹⁰ But they rebelled
and grieved his holy spirit;
therefore he became their enemy;
he himself fought against them.

¹¹ Then they remembered the days of old,
of Moses his servant.

Where is the one who brought them up out of the sea
with the shepherds of his flock?

Where is the one who put within them
his holy spirit,

¹² who caused his glorious arm
to march at the right hand of Moses,
who divided the waters before them
to make for himself an everlasting name,

¹³ who led them through the depths?

Like a horse in the desert,

they did not stumble.

¹⁴ Like cattle that go down into the valley,
the spirit of the Lord gave them rest.
Thus you led your people,
to make for yourself a glorious name.

MAGNIFICAT

Chanted (see music sheet)

SECOND LESSON Luke 24.36-49 *read by Jennifer Clegg*

While they were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.' ³⁷They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. ³⁸He said to them, 'Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? ³⁹Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.' ⁴⁰And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. ⁴¹While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?' ⁴²They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³and he took it and ate in their presence.

⁴⁴ Then he said to them, 'These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.' ⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, ⁴⁶and he said to them, 'Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.'

NUNC DIMITTIS

Stanford in B flat

Please remain seated but stand for the Gloria

RESPONSES

Rose

ANTHEM

Ye choirs of new Jerusalem - Stanford

PRAYERS

Mike Rule, Associate Minister

HYMN 200 i (omit verses 4&5) Christ the Lord is risen again

SERMON

Sheila Roberts, Associate Minister

HYMN 218

Thine be the glory

ORGAN VOLUNTARY – Retrospection *Harold Darke*

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Sunday 11th May

4th Sunday of Easter

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| 08:30 Holy Communion | President: The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar |
| 10:30 Sung Eucharist | President: The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar Readings: Acts 9.36-43 and John 10.22-30 |
| 15.00 Recital | Jazz Trio Concert |
| 18:30 Easter Carols | Officiant: The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar |

The Week Ahead

Wednesday 7th

21:00 **Compline** via Zoom. To join, please use the link

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81259880030?pwd=TG9jbWJzUWV56VmFrMmJxdDJBTHFNQT09>

Meeting ID: 812 5988 0030 Passcode: u7iqca

Thursday 8th

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

Friday 9th

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

THE ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING will be held on Sunday 18th May after the morning service.

JAZZ MUSIC Next Sunday 11th May, the music for the 10.30am Eucharist service will be jazz themed and we shall welcome extra singers to boost our Junior and Senior choirs who will be accompanied by the Mark Trounson Trio: Piano, Bass and Drums. The music will include Bob Chilcott's A Little Jazz Mass and Come Sunday by Duke Ellington. Do spread the word and invite friends and family to be in the congregation if you think they'd appreciate this style of music.

In the afternoon the Mark Trounson Trio will be back to perform a concert of Jazz music as part of our Recitals at St James series. The recital starts at 3.00pm, will last approximately one hour and will be followed by refreshments.

THE SHELL deadline is **TODAY** 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.

ORGAN RECITAL AT DE MONTFORT HALL There is a rare chance to hear the Taylor organ at De Montfort Hall on Sunday 11th May at 1.45 pm. Tickets are £10, or £5 if also booked with the 3 pm Leicester Symphony Orchestra concert of music by Brahms and Sibelius concert. The organist Heinz-Peter Kortmann from St Cyriakus-huels Krefeld in Germany, will be playing:

Felix Mendelssohn Bartholdy - Sonate A-Dur, op. 65,
Joseph Rheinberger - Introduction und Passacaglia in e-moll
J S Bach - Toccata and Fugue in d-minor BWV 565

Percy Whitlock - Plymouth Suite

This recital should last less than an hour, giving you time to get back to Church for the Jazz Trio Concert at 3 pm.

CHRISTIAN FILM The new Christian film **The King of Kings** is being retained for another week at Vue cinema, Leicester, Meridian Leisure Park. Now showing daily until Thurs. 8th May. Tickets are from just £4.99. Also at: Odeon, Leicester tomorrow Sat. 3rd May & Bank holiday Monday 5th May only.

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

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

Office opening hours w/b 05/05/2025

Tuesday 1.15-4.15 Wednesday 1.15-4.15 Friday 1.15-4.15