

20/25



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

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**18th MAY 2025
5th SUNDAY OF EASTER**

Prayer for the Week

Almighty God,
who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ
have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life:
grant that, as by your grace going before us
you put into our minds good desires,
so by your continual help
we may bring them to good effect;
through Jesus Christ our risen 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
William Simpey – Funeral at St James on Friday 30th May at 12 noon.

This week's Chancel Steps flowers are sponsored by Philip & Paul Makepeace in
Memory of Doris, Terry, and Nigel Makepeace.

Welcome to St James the Greater

08:30 Holy Communion in the Lady Chapel

Common Worship Order 1 (Traditional)

President: The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar

Assisted by: Sheila Roberts

Churchwarden: Paul Jenkins

A card reader donation machine is available.

10.30

Choral Mattins

See order of service

Officiant: The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar

Assisted by Mike Rule, Associate Minister

Sidesperson: Vacant

Churchwarden: April Rule

Servers: William Woolley and Tony Chizema

HYMN 619 (omit verse 5)

Come, ye faithful, raise the anthem

CONFESSION

see service card

PRECES

Rule

VENITE

see music sheet

PSALM 98

see music sheet

FIRST LESSON Daniel 6.6-23 *read by William Woolley*

So the presidents and satraps conspired and came to the king and said to him, 'O King Darius, live for ever! ⁷ All the presidents of the kingdom, the prefects and the satraps, the counsellors and the governors, are agreed that the king should establish an ordinance and enforce an interdict, that whoever prays to anyone, divine or human, for thirty days, except to you, O king, shall be thrown into a den of lions. ⁸ Now, O king, establish the interdict and sign the document, so that it cannot be changed, according to the law of the Medes and the Persians, which cannot be revoked.' ⁹ Therefore King Darius signed the document and interdict. ¹⁰ Although Daniel knew that the document had been signed, he continued to go to his house, which had windows in its upper room open towards Jerusalem, and to get down on his knees three times a day to pray to his God and praise him, just as he had done previously. ¹¹ The conspirators came and found Daniel praying and seeking mercy before his God. ¹² Then they approached the king and said concerning the interdict, 'O king! Did you not sign an interdict, that anyone who prays to anyone, divine or human, within thirty days except to you, O king, shall be thrown into a den of lions?' The king answered, 'The thing stands fast,

according to the law of the Medes and Persians, which cannot be revoked.' ¹³ Then they responded to the king, 'Daniel, one of the exiles from Judah, pays no attention to you, O king, or to the interdict you have signed, but he is saying his prayers three times a day.'

¹⁴ When the king heard the charge, he was very much distressed. He was determined to save Daniel, and until the sun went down he made every effort to rescue him. ¹⁵ Then the conspirators came to the king and said to him, 'Know, O king, that it is a law of the Medes and Persians that no interdict or ordinance that the king establishes can be changed.'

¹⁶ Then the king gave the command, and Daniel was brought and thrown into the den of lions. The king said to Daniel, 'May your God, whom you faithfully serve, deliver you!' ¹⁷ A stone was brought and laid on the mouth of the den, and the king sealed it with his own signet and with the signet of his lords, so that nothing might be changed concerning Daniel. ¹⁸ Then the king went to his palace and spent the night fasting; no food was brought to him, and sleep fled from him.

¹⁹ Then, at break of day, the king got up and hurried to the den of lions. ²⁰ When he came near the den where Daniel was, he cried out anxiously to Daniel, 'O Daniel, servant of the living God, has your God whom you faithfully serve been able to deliver you from the lions?' ²¹ Daniel then said to the king, 'O king, live for ever! ²² My God sent his angel and shut the lions' mouths so that they would not hurt me, because I was found blameless before him; and also before you, O king, I have done no wrong.' ²³ Then the king was exceedingly glad and commanded that Daniel be taken up out of the den. So Daniel was taken up out of the den, and no kind of harm was found on him, because he had trusted in his God.

TE DEUM

Sung by the Choir Britten in C

SECOND LESSON Mark 15.46-16.8 *read by Alex Coles*

Then Joseph bought a linen cloth, and taking down the body, wrapped it in the linen cloth, and laid it in a tomb that had been hewn out of the rock. He then rolled a stone against the door of the tomb. ⁴⁷ Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James saw where the body was laid.

16 When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. ² And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. ³ They had been saying to one another, 'Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?' ⁴ When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. ⁵ As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. ⁶ But he said to them, 'Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus

of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. ⁷ But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you.' ⁸ So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

JUBILATE DEO

Sung by the Choir Britten in C

THE CREED

see service card

RESPONSES

Rule

ANTHEM

O sons and daughters – Walford-Davies

PRAYERS

Mike Rule, Associate Minister

HYMN 212

Now the green blade rises

SERMON

The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar

HYMN 584

All my hope on God is founded

DISMISSAL

The Lord be with you. **And with thy spirit.**

Let us bless the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Please be aware of those remaining to listen.

Everyone is invited for refreshments after the service.

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

18:30

Sung Eucharist

President: The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar

Assisted by: Margaret Sharman and Sheila Roberts, Associate Minister

Churchwarden: April Rule and Simon Edwards

Sidesperson: David Sharman

Servers: Phil Jones, Billy Murray and Duduzile Chizema

Setting: Darke in F

HYMN 448 i

I come with joy, a child of God

GLORIA

Darke in F

READING Acts 11.1-18 *read by Brenda Thompson*

Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. ² So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, ³ saying, 'Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?' ⁴ Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, ⁵ 'I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. ⁶ As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. ⁷ I also heard a voice saying to me, "Get up, Peter; kill and eat." ⁸ But I replied, "By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth." ⁹ But a second time the voice answered from heaven, "What God has made clean, you must not call profane." ¹⁰ This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. ¹¹ At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. ¹² The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. ¹³ He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, "Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; ¹⁴ he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved." ¹⁵ And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. ¹⁶ And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, "John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit." ¹⁷ If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?' ¹⁸ When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, 'Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life.'

GRADUAL HYMN 380 i Come, Lord, to our souls come down

GOSPEL John 13.31-35

When he had gone out, Jesus said, 'Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. ³² If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. ³³ Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, "Where I am going, you cannot come." ³⁴ I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. ³⁵ By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.'

SERMON
INTERCESSIONS

The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar
Sheila Roberts, Associate Minister

OFFERTORY HYMN 721 ii

Love divine, all loves excelling

COMMUNION HYMN 439

Dearest Jesu, we are here

MOTET

And I saw a new heaven – Bainton

Post Communion Prayer

Eternal God,

whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life:

grant us to walk in his way,

to rejoice in his truth,

and to share his risen life;

who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

RECESSIONAL HYMN 211

Now is eternal life

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Please be aware of those remaining to listen.

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

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

The Vicar Writes Christ makes all things new. He gives us a new commandment, invites new people into his family, leads us to new places. Like it or not, Christianity is a faith of innovation. This can be uncomfortable, challenging, even frightening, but it is the way to new life.



Sunday 25th May
6th Sunday of Easter

08:30 Holy Communion

President: The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar

10:30 Sung Eucharist

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Readings: Acts 16.9-15 and John 14.23-29

18:30 Choral Evensong

Officiant: Revd Canon Philip Norwood

Readings: Zephaniah 3.14-20 and Matthew 28.1-10, 16-20

The Week Ahead

Wednesday 21st

21:00

Compline via Zoom. To join, please use the link

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81259880030?pwd=TG9JbmJzUW56VmFrMmJxdDJBTHFNQT09>

Meeting ID: 812 5988 0030 Passcode: u7iqca

Thursday 22nd

12:30

Holy Communion Common Worship, Order 1 (Traditional)

President: The Reverend Canon Philip Norwood

Assisted by: Vicky Roe

Friday 23rd

16.30

Junior Choir. 18.30 Chorister Training. 19.00 Full Choir Rehearsal

THE ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING will be held **TODAY** after the 10.30 am service.

COME AND SING EVENSONG FOR PENTECOST All are welcome to sing Choral Evensong for Pentecost Sunday 8 June 2025 - rehearsal 4:30pm, service 6:30pm-7.30pm - led by Emma Trounson and accompanied by organist Phil Johnson. Sheet music is provided and it's a free event. Refreshments will be served between the rehearsal and the service.

Music to include:

Rose Preces and Responses

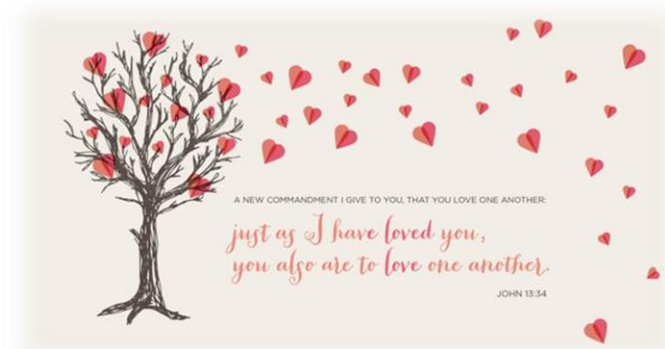
Dyson in D Magnificat & Nunc Dimittis

The Spirit of the Lord - Elgar

Register via <https://www.trybooking.com/uk/EUQC>



Preceding this event, we have an organ recital given by Simon Headley at 3.00pm to which all are welcome. It is a 'pay as you feel' event and refreshments will be served in between the recital and the Come and Sing event.



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 noon 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

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. Anchored Devotions from Transforming Communities
4. Weekly Church of England Service
5. Sleep Well with Daily Hope
6. Daily Prayers
7. Interview with J. John

Office opening hours w/b 19/05/2025

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

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