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

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**25<sup>th</sup> MAY 2025  
6<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**Prayer for the Week**

God our redeemer,  
you have delivered us from the power of darkness  
and brought us into the kingdom of your Son:  
grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life,  
so by his continual presence in us he may raise us  
to eternal joy;  
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 : Sue Ingle  
Stephanie Crapper : Peter Lawton

**Rest in peace**  
William Simpey – Funeral at St James on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> May at 12 noon.

This week's Chancel Steps flowers are  
sponsored by Janet Felstead in memory of David.

# 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 Sung Eucharist**

President: The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar

Assisted by: David Kibert and Charles Samuel

Churchwardens: April Rule and Serge Mozota

Sidesperson: Rachel Pratt

Servers: David Kibert, Charles Samuel and Tony Chizema

Setting: St Alban's Setting - Archer

**HYMN 219**  
**GLORIA**

**This joyful Eastertide**  
**Hebridean (Hymn 414)**

**READING** Acts 16.9-15      *read by Michael Bull*

During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, 'Come over to Macedonia and help us.' <sup>10</sup> When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.

<sup>11</sup> We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, <sup>12</sup> and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. <sup>13</sup> On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. <sup>14</sup> A certain woman named Lydia, a worshipper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. <sup>15</sup> When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, 'If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home.' And she prevailed upon us.

**GRADUAL HYMN 633 ii**      **Filled with the Spirit's power**

## **GOSPEL** John 14.23-39

Jesus answered him, 'Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. <sup>24</sup> Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me.

<sup>25</sup> 'I have said these things to you while I am still with you. <sup>26</sup> But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. <sup>27</sup> Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. <sup>28</sup> You heard me say to you, "I am going away, and I am coming to you." If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. <sup>29</sup> And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe.

SERMON  
INTERCESSIONS

The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar  
The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar

## **OFFERTORY HYMN 507**

**We have a gospel to proclaim**

MOTET

I give you a new commandment - Aston

## **POST COMMUNION HYMN 434 ii**

**Christ bids us break the bread**

## **Post Communion Prayer**

God our Father,  
whose Son Jesus Christ gives the water of eternal life:  
may we thirst for you,  
the spring of life and source of goodness,  
through him who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

## **RECESSIONAL HYMN 209**

**Love's redeeming work is done**

ORGAN VOLUNTARY – Paraphrase on a chorus in 'Judas Maccabaeus' (Handel),  
Op. 90, NO. 16    *Alexandre Guilmant*

***Please be aware of those remaining to listen.  
Do join us for refreshments at the back of church.  
A card reader donation machine is available.***

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**18.30**

## **Evensong**

***See order of service***

Officiant: Revd Canon Philip Norwood  
Churchwardens: April Rule and Serge Mozota  
Sidespeople: Colin and Angela Stray  
Server: Hilary Rees and William Woolley

**HYMN 18**

**Light of gladness, Lord of glory**

**PRECES**

**Ferial**

**PSALM 126, 127**

**(See music sheet)**

FIRST LESSON Zephaniah 3.14-20

*read by Paul Jenkins*

Sing aloud, O daughter Zion;  
shout, O Israel!

Rejoice and exult with all your heart,  
O daughter Jerusalem!

<sup>15</sup> The Lord has taken away the judgements against you,  
he has turned away your enemies.

The king of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst;  
you shall fear disaster no more.

<sup>16</sup> On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem:  
Do not fear, O Zion;

do not let your hands grow weak.

<sup>17</sup> The Lord, your God, is in your midst,  
a warrior who gives victory;

he will rejoice over you with gladness,  
he will renew you in his love;

he will exult over you with loud singing

<sup>18</sup> as on a day of festival.

I will remove disaster from you,  
so that you will not bear reproach for it.

<sup>19</sup> I will deal with all your oppressors  
at that time.

And I will save the lame

and gather the outcast,

and I will change their shame into praise  
and renown in all the earth.

<sup>20</sup> At that time I will bring you home,  
at the time when I gather you;

for I will make you renowned and praised  
among all the peoples of the earth,

when I restore your fortunes  
before your eyes, says the Lord.

## **MAGNIFICAT**

**Chanted (see music sheet)**

**SECOND LESSON** Matthew 28.1-10, 16-20 *read by Caroline Beardsmore*  
After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. <sup>2</sup> And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. <sup>3</sup> His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. <sup>4</sup> For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. <sup>5</sup> But the angel said to the women, 'Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. <sup>6</sup> He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. <sup>7</sup> Then go quickly and tell his disciples, "He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him." This is my message for you.' <sup>8</sup> So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. <sup>9</sup> Suddenly Jesus met them and said, 'Greetings!' And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshipped him. <sup>10</sup> Then Jesus said to them, 'Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.'  
<sup>16</sup> Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. <sup>17</sup> When they saw him, they worshipped him; but some doubted. <sup>18</sup> And Jesus came and said to them, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. <sup>19</sup> Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup> and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.'

## **NUNC DIMITTIS**

**Chanted (see music sheet)**

## **RESPONSES**

**PRAYERS**

**HYMN 131**

**SERMON**

**HYMN 713**

**Ferial**

Revd Canon Philip Norwood

**O for a closer walk with God**

Revd Canon Philip Norwood

**Lord of all hopefulness**

**ORGAN VOLUNTARY – Chorale Prelude on Bromsgrove** *Alec Rowley*

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**The Vicar Writes** Prayers for peace are a staple of our intercessions, and rightly so, but we might wryly observe that they seem to be among our most ineffective prayers. The peace Christ promises clearly has nothing to do with ceasefires or negotiated armistices, but is the presence of something more – an assurance of love and life, of fellowship and mutual value, that may be the only true source of the peace in our hearts needed for peace in the world.



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## **Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> June**

### **7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter / Sunday after Ascension**

08:30 **BCP Holy Communion** President: The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar  
10:30 **Sung Eucharist** President: The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar  
Readings: Acts 16.16-34 and John 17.20-end  
18:30 **Choral Evensong** Officiant: Revd Canon Philip Norwood  
Readings: Isaiah 44.1-8 and Ephesians 4.7-16

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## **The Week Ahead**

### **Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup>**

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

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/75984858232?pwd=sXKl93zlo5Vj4WApP0aKUmTjrXEX0O.1>

Meeting ID: 759 8485 8232 Passcode: L6VRmc

### **Thursday 29<sup>th</sup>**

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

19.30 **Sung Eucharist for Ascension Day (with incense)**  
President: The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar  
Assisted by: David Kibert and Angela Jagger, Reader

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**APCM:** Serge Mozota and April Rule were elected as Churchwardens. It was also agreed to hold a separate meeting to approve the accounts on Sunday 8th June, after the 10.30 service.

**SMALL SOUNDS** We're delighted to have been selected to be part of 'Small Sounds' which is an initiative from the Cathedral Music Trust. Small Sounds sessions are weekly music sessions for babies and preschoolers and their parents/carers run by a professional church musician. I (Emma) will receive training from the Cathedral Music Trust, and we'll benefit from lesson plans and resources along with being part of a support network of Cathedrals and churches taking part in the scheme. I would be keen to hear from anyone who'd be interested in potentially supporting this by attending sessions from September, connecting with those attending, making refreshments etc. At this early stage, we are as yet unsure when the sessions will take place, but expressions of interest from people who might be available during the day are most welcome. Emma Trounson: [dom@stjamesthegreater.org.uk](mailto:dom@stjamesthegreater.org.uk)

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**YOUTH CHOIR** We are planning to start a new Youth Choir at St James the Greater, hoping to bridge the age gap between our Junior and Senior Choirs. Rehearsals will take place on Fridays from 6.00pm-7.15pm, collaborating with the Senior Choir on Sunday services twice a month to begin with. If you know any secondary school aged young people: 11-18 who might like to try singing in our new Youth Choir, please ask them to get in touch with Emma. We will also need adults to help with supervision of the young people, so Emma would be interested to hear from adults who would be interested in taking part in a supervision rota. Emma Trounson: [dom@stjamesthegreater.org.uk](mailto:dom@stjamesthegreater.org.uk)

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**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 will be 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.

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# 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

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. 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  
26/05/2025**

Wednesday 1.15-4.15 Thursday 1.15-4.15  
Friday 1.15-4.15

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## Journey in Faith Course

### What is the Journey in Faith Course?

A 3 term course that provides the time and space for people to:

- Grow in their knowledge of the Christian faith
- Deepen their relationship with God
- Explore how to live out faith in the whole of life

### Who can join?

It is open to anyone—there is some reading to do between sessions but you don't need to have done any studying before.

### What does a previous participant say?

"If you want to know more about yourself and your Christian faith, then Jif is the course for you. You'll be welcomed and challenged, affirmed and changed, and you'll definitely be glad you came."



### Course Details

#### Introductory Session

Saturday 13th September  
9.30-12.30 at St Martin's House

#### Course Venues

Monday evening	Nanpantan
Tuesday evening	Frisby on the Wreake
Wednesday evening	Ellistown
Wednesday evening	Knighton, Leicester



Please consider a donation of £40 per term to cover course costs

### How do I join a course?

For more information email:  
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To book a place:  
visit the Hub or email  
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stating your preferred venue