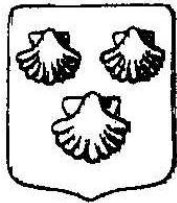
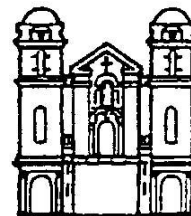


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**This week at the Church of
St James the Greater
Leicester**

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**1st JUNE 2025
7th SUNDAY OF EASTER / SUNDAY AFTER
ASCENSION**

Prayer for the Week

O God the King of glory,
you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ
with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven:
we beseech you, leave us not comfortless,
but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us
and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is gone before,
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 : Michael Bull

This week's Chancel Steps flowers are
sponsored by Simon Edwards in memory of his Mother.

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, Associate Minister

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: Charles Samuel and Mike Rule, Associate Minister

Churchwardens: April Rule and Serge Mozota

Sidesperson: David Pugh

Servers: Lucy Hutchinson, Charles Samuel and Tony Chizema

Setting: Darke in E

READING Acts 16.16-34 *read by Vicky Roe*

One day, as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a slave-girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. ¹⁷ While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, 'These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you a way of salvation.' ¹⁸ She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, 'I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her.' And it came out that very hour. ¹⁹ But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the market-place before the authorities. ²⁰ When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, 'These men are disturbing our city; they are Jews ²¹ and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or observe.' ²² The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. ²³ After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. ²⁴ Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.

²⁵ About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. ²⁶ Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened. ²⁷ When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill

himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. ²⁸ But Paul shouted in a loud voice, 'Do not harm yourself, for we are all here.' ²⁹ The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. ³⁰ Then he brought them outside and said, 'Sirs, what must I do to be saved?' ³¹ They answered, 'Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household.' ³² They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. ³³ At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. ³⁴ He brought them up into the house and set food before them; and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

GOSPEL John 17.20-26

'I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, ²¹ that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. ²² The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, ²³ I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. ²⁴ Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.

²⁵ 'Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. ²⁶ I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them.'

SERMON
INTERCESSIONS

The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar
Mike Rule, Associate Minister

MOTET

Ave Verum Corpus – Elgar

Ave verum corpus natum ex Maria Virgine,
vere passum, immolatum in cruce pro homine,
cujus latus perforatum vero fluxit et sanguine,
esto nobis praegustatum mortis in examine.
O clemens, O pie, O dulcis Jesu, Fili Mariae.

Jesu, Word of God Incarnate, of the virgin Mary born,
On the cross thy sacred body for us men with nails was torn
Cleanse us, by thy blood and water Streaming from thy pierced side;
Feed us with thy body broken, Now in death's agony!
O Jesu, hear us Son of Mary

Post Communion Prayer

Eternal God, giver of love and power,
your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world
to preach the gospel of his kingdom:
confirm us in this mission,
and help us to live the good news we proclaim;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

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Do join us for refreshments at the back of church.
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18.30

Choral Evensong

See order of service

Officiant: The Revd Canon Philip Norwood
Churchwardens: April Rule and Serge Mazota
Sidespeople: Vacant
Servers: Hazel Carlin and William Woolley

HYMN 362

Come, let us join our cheerful songs

PRECES

Ferial

PSALM 68

(See music sheet)

FIRST LESSON Isaiah 44.1-8 *read by Andrew Curry*

But now hear, O Jacob my servant,
Israel whom I have chosen!

² Thus says the Lord who made you,
who formed you in the womb and will help you:

Do not fear, O Jacob my servant,
Jeshurun whom I have chosen.

³ For I will pour water on the thirsty land,
and streams on the dry ground;
I will pour my spirit upon your descendants,
and my blessing on your offspring.

⁴ They shall spring up like a green tamarisk,
like willows by flowing streams.

⁵ This one will say, 'I am the Lord's',
another will be called by the name of Jacob,
yet another will write on the hand, 'The Lord's',
and adopt the name of Israel.

⁶ Thus says the Lord, the King of Israel
 and his Redeemer, the Lord of hosts:
 I am the first and I am the last;
 besides me there is no god.
⁷ Who is like me? Let them proclaim it,
 let them declare and set it forth before me.
 Who has announced from of old the things to come?
 Let them tell us what is yet to be.
⁸ Do not fear, or be afraid;
 have I not told you from of old and declared it?
 You are my witnesses!
 Is there any god besides me?
 There is no other rock; I know not one.

MAGNIFICAT

Bairstow in D

Please remain seated but stand for the Gloria

SECOND LESSON Ephesians 4.7-16 *read by Caroline Beardsmore*

But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. ⁸ Therefore it is said,

'When he ascended on high he made captivity itself a captive;
 he gave gifts to his people.'

⁹ (When it says, 'He ascended', what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? ¹⁰ He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things.) ¹¹ The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, ¹² to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, ¹³ until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. ¹⁴ We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. ¹⁵ But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, ¹⁶ from whom the whole body, joined and knitted together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.

NUNC DIMITTIS

Bairstow in D

Please remain seated but stand for the Gloria

RESPONSES

Smith

ANTHEM

God is gone up - Finzi

PRAYERS

The Revd Canon Philip Norwood

HYMN 796

The Lord is King! lift up thy voice

SERMON
HYMN 586

The Revd Canon Philip Norwood
All praise to Christ, our Lord and king divine

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

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The Vicar Writes In our reading from Acts the Paul and Silas are beaten by rods on the orders of magistrates. The rods of magistrates were called *fascies*, from which we get the term, *fascism*. Secular leaders admired these rods as symbols of strength, law, and unity. The Gospel proclaims a different law of unity in love, vulnerability, and compassion.



Sunday 8th June Pentecost

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| 08:30 Holy Communion | President: The Revd Canon Philip Norwood |
| 10:30 Sung Eucharist | President: The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar Readings: Acts 2.1-21 and John 14.8-17 |
| 18:30 Choral Evensong | Officiant: The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar Readings: Exodus 33.7-20 and 2 Corinthians 3.4-18 |

The Week Ahead

Wednesday 4th

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

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81259880030?pwd=TG9JbmJzUWV56VmFrMmJxdDJBTHFNQT09>

Meeting ID: 812 5988 0030 Passcode: u7iqca

Thursday 5th

12:30 **Holy Communion** Common Worship, Order 1 (Traditional)
President: The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar
Assisted by: Sheila Roberts, Associate Minister

Friday 6th

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

Saturday 7th

10.30 Saturday Coffee Morning and Worship

INCENSE Please note that incense will be used at the 10.30 am Sung Eucharist next Sunday 8th June for Pentecost.

THE SHELL Printed copies of the latest edition are available at the back of church. Please put donations in the box on the back wall.

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

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

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.

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 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 02/06/2025

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

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