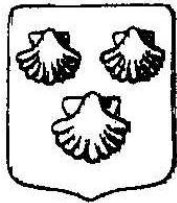
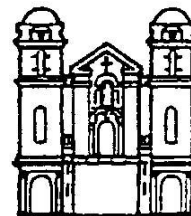


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**This week at the Church of
St James the Greater
Leicester**

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13th JULY 2025
4th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Prayer for the Week

O God, the protector of all who trust in you,
without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy:
increase and multiply upon us your mercy;
that with you as our ruler and guide
we may so pass through things temporal
that we lose not our hold on things eternal;
grant this, heavenly Father,
for our Lord Jesus Christ's sake,
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 : Kathryn Haynes : Jean Warren :
Stephanie Crapper : Peter Lawton : Caroline Hough

Rest in Peace
Peter Gerald Smith (father of Annette Jones)
Jenny Bachelor

This week's Chancel Steps flowers are sponsored by Julia Warner in memory of
Jack Golland and Will Warner.

Welcome to St James the Greater

08:30 Holy Communion in the Lady Chapel

Common Worship Order I (Traditional)

President: The Reverend Canon Philip Norwood

Assisted by: Vicky Roe, Pastoral Assistant

Churchwarden: Paul Jenkins

A card reader donation machine is available.

10:30 Sung Eucharist

President: The Reverend Sharon Andrews

Assisted by: Lucy Hutchinson and Mike Rule, Associate Minister

Churchwardens: April Rule and Serge Mozota

Sidesperson: Margaret Clarke

Servers: Phil Jones, Lucy Hutchinson and William Woolley

Setting: Sumsion in F

HYMN 7 This is the day the Lord hath made

GLORIA Lécot

READING Colossians 1.1-14 *read by Alex Coles*

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother,

² To the saints and faithful brothers and sisters in Christ in Colossae:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father.

³ In our prayers for you we always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, ⁴ for we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, ⁵ because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. You have heard of this hope before in the word of the truth, the gospel ⁶ that has come to you. Just as it is bearing fruit and growing in the whole world, so it has been bearing fruit among yourselves from the day you heard it and truly comprehended the grace of God. ⁷ This you learned from Epaphras, our beloved fellow-servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf, ⁸ and he has made known to us your love in the Spirit.

⁹ For this reason, since the day we heard it, we have not ceased praying for you and asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of God's will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, ¹⁰ so that you may lead lives worthy of the Lord, fully

pleasing to him, as you bear fruit in every good work and as you grow in the knowledge of God. ¹¹ May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully ¹² giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. ¹³ He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, ¹⁴ in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

GRADUAL HYMN 386 i

Praise we now the word of grace

GOSPEL Luke 10.25-37

Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. 'Teacher,' he said, 'what must I do to inherit eternal life?' ²⁶ He said to him, 'What is written in the law? What do you read there?' ²⁷ He answered, 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbour as yourself.' ²⁸ And he said to him, 'You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live.'

²⁹ But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, 'And who is my neighbour?' ³⁰ Jesus replied, 'A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. ³¹ Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. ³² So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. ³³ But a Samaritan while travelling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. ³⁴ He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. ³⁵ The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, "Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend." ³⁶ Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbour to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?' ³⁷ He said, 'The one who showed him mercy.' Jesus said to him, 'Go and do likewise.'

SERMON
INTERCESSIONS

The Reverend Sharon Andrews
Mike Rule, Associate Minister

OFFERTORY HYMN 604

Brother, sister, let me serve you

Sanctus & Benedictus

Sumsion in F

MOTET

For the beauty of the earth - Rutter

COMMUNION HYMN 455

My God, and is thy table spread

Post Communion Prayer

Eternal God,
comfort of the afflicted and healer of the broken,
you have fed us at the table of life and hope:
teach us the ways of gentleness and peace,
that all the world may acknowledge
the kingdom of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

**RECESSIONAL HYMN 465 (Tune 394) The Lord is here - he finds us
as we seek**

Organ Voluntary

Do join us for refreshments at the back of church.

A card reader donation machine is available.

18.30

Choral Evensong

See order of service

Officiant: Angela Jagger, Reader

Churchwarden: April Rule

Sidesperson: Julia Warner

Server: Duduzile Chizema

HYMN 362

PRECES

PSALM 77.1-12

Come, let us join our cheerful songs

Sanders

(See music sheet)

FIRST LESSON Genesis 32.9-30 *read by Colin Stray*

And Jacob said, 'O God of my father Abraham and God of my father Isaac, O Lord who said to me, "Return to your country and to your kindred, and I will do you good", ¹⁰ I am not worthy of the least of all the steadfast love and all the faithfulness that you have shown to your servant, for with only my staff I crossed this Jordan; and now I have become two companies. ¹¹ Deliver me, please, from the hand of my brother, from the hand of Esau, for I am afraid of him; he may come and kill us all, the mothers with the children. ¹² Yet you have said, "I will surely do you good, and make your offspring as the sand of the sea, which cannot be counted because of their number."

¹³ So he spent that night there, and from what he had with him he took a present for his brother Esau, ¹⁴ two hundred female goats and twenty male goats, two hundred ewes and twenty rams, ¹⁵ thirty milch camels and their colts, forty cows

and ten bulls, twenty female donkeys and ten male donkeys. ¹⁶ These he delivered into the hand of his servants, each drove by itself, and said to his servants, 'Pass on ahead of me, and put a space between drove and drove.' ¹⁷ He instructed the foremost, 'When Esau my brother meets you, and asks you, "To whom do you belong? Where are you going? And whose are these ahead of you?" ¹⁸ then you shall say, "They belong to your servant Jacob; they are a present sent to my lord Esau; and moreover he is behind us." ¹⁹ He likewise instructed the second and the third and all who followed the droves, 'You shall say the same thing to Esau when you meet him, ²⁰ and you shall say, "Moreover your servant Jacob is behind us." For he thought, 'I may appease him with the present that goes ahead of me, and afterwards I shall see his face; perhaps he will accept me.' ²¹ So the present passed on ahead of him; and he himself spent that night in the camp. ²² The same night he got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. ²³ He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. ²⁴ Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. ²⁵ When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. ²⁶ Then he said, 'Let me go, for the day is breaking.' But Jacob said, 'I will not let you go, unless you bless me.' ²⁷ So he said to him, 'What is your name?' And he said, 'Jacob.' ²⁸ Then the man said, 'You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed.' ²⁹ Then Jacob asked him, 'Please tell me your name.' But he said, 'Why is it that you ask my name?' And there he blessed him. ³⁰ So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, 'For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved.'

MAGNIFICAT

Chanted

SECOND LESSON Mark 7.1-23 *read by Angela Stray*

Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around him, ² they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. ³ (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; ⁴ and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) ⁵ So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, 'Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?' ⁶ He said to them, 'Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written,

"This people honours me with their lips,
but their hearts are far from me;

⁷ in vain do they worship me,
teaching human precepts as doctrines.”

⁸ You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition.’

⁹ Then he said to them, ‘You have a fine way of rejecting the commandment of God in order to keep your tradition! ¹⁰ For Moses said, “Honour your father and your mother”; and, “Whoever speaks evil of father or mother must surely die.” ¹¹ But you say that if anyone tells father or mother, “Whatever support you might have had from me is Corban” (that is, an offering to God)— ¹² then you no longer permit doing anything for a father or mother, ¹³ thus making void the word of God through your tradition that you have handed on. And you do many things like this.’

¹⁴ Then he called the crowd again and said to them, ‘Listen to me, all of you, and understand: ¹⁵ there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile.’

¹⁷ When he had left the crowd and entered the house, his disciples asked him about the parable. ¹⁸ He said to them, ‘Then do you also fail to understand? Do you not see that whatever goes into a person from outside cannot defile, ¹⁹ since it enters, not the heart but the stomach, and goes out into the sewer?’ (Thus he declared all foods clean.) ²⁰ And he said, ‘It is what comes out of a person that defiles. ²¹ For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, ²² adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. ²³ All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.’

NUNC DIMITTIS

Chanted

RESPONSES

ANTHEM

PRAYERS

HYMN 269

SERMON

HYMN 586

Ferial

O for a closer walk with God - Stanford

Angela Jagger, Reader

Can we by searching find out God

Angela Jagger, Reader

All praise to Christ, our Lord and king divine

ORGAN VOLUNTARY – Pastoral *Herbert Sumsion*

Please be aware of those remaining to listen.

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

The Vicar Writes The shocking assertion in the parable of the Good Samaritan still reverberates today. From a certain prime minister claiming that the significant thing about the Samaritan was his money, to a certain Vice-President re-writing it to prioritize your own family and nation, this story bulldozes the walls of care and compassion opening all the world to our concern.



Sunday 20th July

5th Sunday after Trinity

08:30 Holy Communion President: The Reverend Canon Philip Norwood
10:30 Choral Mattins Officiant: Sheila Roberts, Associate Minister
Readings: Genesis 41.1-16, 25-37 and I Corinthians 4.8-13
18:30 Sung Eucharist President: The Reverend Johannes Arens
Readings: Colossians 1.15-28 and Luke 10.38-42

The Week Ahead

Wednesday 16th

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

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/75984858232?pwd=sXKl93zlo5Vj4VWApP0aKUmtjrXEX0O.1>

Meeting ID: 759 8485 8232 Passcode: L6WRmc

Thursday 17th

12:30 **Holy Communion** Common Worship, Order 1 (Traditional)
President: The Reverend Canon Philip Norwood
Assisted by: Lin Mawer

Friday 18th

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

ROAD CLOSURE: London Road is to be closed for resurfacing works from Saturday July 26th for 6 days between Granville Road and the Mayfield Road roundabout. Unfortunately this will affect us on our Patronal weekend. Don't let this put you off, but please allow more time for your journey to church!

CONCERT STEWARDS There is a sign-up sheet at the back of Church for those who can help steward our Sunday afternoon recitals. Please help if you're able. Many thanks.

THE SHELL deadline is Sunday 3rd August 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

CONGRATULATIONS Only some of you will know our administrator, James, as on Sundays he is at St Mary's, Melton Mowbray, as their Director of Music. Behind the scenes he keeps the office running smoothly and among other things, produces this bulletin (he also played the organ for Mike Bull's funeral). On the 19th he adds another role - husband! James and his partner Neill will be married at Normanton Church, Rutland Water, and I hope you will join me in praying for their future happiness. Congratulations to Neill and James!

RECITALS AT ST JAMES – TODAY Sunday 13th July 3.00pm-4.00pm

Come and listen to performances from our Junior and Senior Choristers. There will be choral, vocal and instrumental solo and ensemble items in a variety of styles given by our own choristers and friends. The concert is 'pay as you feel' and refreshments will be served afterwards.

LUNCHTIME ORGAN RECITAL As part of a national UK tour, Fr David Price (Thailand) will be giving us a special lunchtime organ recital on Tuesday 12th August at 12.30pm. This should last for around 45 minutes and will include music by Bach, Mendelssohn, Harris and Dupré. Free entry. Retiring collection.. It would be lovely to see you there to support Fr David.

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 12.15 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 – 0345 646 2206 charged at landline rate

Funded by the charity 'Faith in Later Life', which welcomes donations for the service at:

www.faithinlaterlife.org.uk/donate

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. Chair exercises
4. One minute sermons by J. John
5. Weekly Church of England Service
6. Sleep Well with Daily Hope
7. Daily Prayers

Please note that the Church Office is now closed for annual leave and will re-open on Wednesday 30th July. Please contact April or Serge for any Church Office queries during this time. Thank you for your patience.