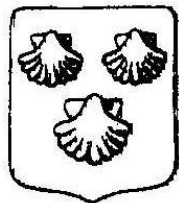
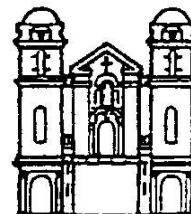


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This week at the Church of
St James the Greater
Leicester

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17th AUGUST 2025
9th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Prayer for the Week

Almighty God,
who sent your Holy Spirit
to be the life and light of your Church:
open our hearts to the riches of your grace,
that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit
in love and joy and peace;
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 : Michael Molloy : Chris Jones :
Kathryn Haynes : Jean Warren : Stephanie Crapper : Polly Taylor
Caroline Hough : Billy Murray

Rest in peace

The Reverend Jane Sharp

This week's Chancel Steps flowers are sponsored by
St James Flower Guild in memory of Mike Bull.

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.

10.30 Choral Mattins

See order of service

Officiant: Sheila Roberts, Associate Minister

Sidesperson: Vacant

Churchwarden: Serge Mozota

Server: Phil Jones

HYMN 357 All people that on earth do dwell

CONFESSION *see service card*

PRECES Ferial

VENITE see music sheet

PSALM 119.17-32 see music sheet

FIRST LESSON Isaiah 28.9-22 *read by Barbara Paget*

‘Whom will he teach knowledge,
and to whom will he explain the message?

Those who are weaned from milk,
those taken from the breast?

¹⁰ For it is precept upon precept, precept upon precept,
line upon line, line upon line,
here a little, there a little.’

¹¹ Truly, with stammering lip
and with alien tongue

he will speak to this people,

¹² to whom he has said,

‘This is rest;

give rest to the weary;
and this is repose’;

yet they would not hear.

¹³ Therefore the word of the Lord will be to them,

‘Precept upon precept, precept upon precept,

line upon line, line upon line,
 here a little, there a little';
 in order that they may go, and fall backwards,
 and be broken, and snared, and taken.
¹⁴ Therefore hear the word of the Lord, you scoffers
 who rule this people in Jerusalem.
¹⁵ Because you have said, 'We have made a covenant with death,
 and with Sheol we have an agreement;
 when the overwhelming scourge passes through
 it will not come to us;
 for we have made lies our refuge,
 and in falsehood we have taken shelter';
¹⁶ therefore thus says the Lord God,
 See, I am laying in Zion a foundation stone,
 a tested stone,
 a precious cornerstone, a sure foundation:
 'One who trusts will not panic.'
¹⁷ And I will make justice the line,
 and righteousness the plummet;
 hail will sweep away the refuge of lies,
 and waters will overwhelm the shelter.
¹⁸ Then your covenant with death will be annulled,
 and your agreement with Sheol will not stand;
 when the overwhelming scourge passes through
 you will be beaten down by it.
¹⁹ As often as it passes through, it will take you;
 for morning by morning it will pass through,
 by day and by night;
 and it will be sheer terror to understand the message.
²⁰ For the bed is too short to stretch oneself on it,
 and the covering too narrow to wrap oneself in it.
²¹ For the Lord will rise up as on Mount Perazim,
 he will rage as in the valley of Gibeon
 to do his deed—strange is his deed!—
 and to work his work—alien is his work!
²² Now therefore do not scoff,
 or your bonds will be made stronger;
 for I have heard a decree of destruction
 from the Lord God of hosts upon the whole land.

SECOND LESSON 2 Corinthians 8.1-9

read by Caroline Beardsmore

We want you to know, brothers and sisters, about the grace of God that has been granted to the churches of Macedonia; ² for during a severe ordeal of affliction, their abundant joy and their extreme poverty have overflowed in a wealth of generosity on their part. ³ For, as I can testify, they voluntarily gave according to their means, and even beyond their means, ⁴ begging us earnestly for the privilege of sharing in this ministry to the saints— ⁵ and this, not merely as we expected; they gave themselves first to the Lord and, by the will of God, to us, ⁶ so that we might urge Titus that, as he had already made a beginning, so he should also complete this generous undertaking among you. ⁷ Now as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in utmost eagerness, and in our love for you—so we want you to excel also in this generous undertaking.

⁸ I do not say this as a command, but I am testing the genuineness of your love against the earnestness of others. ⁹ For you know the generous act of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich.

JUBILATE DEO

Sung by St James Singers

Brewer in B flat

THE CREED RESPONSES

see service card

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ANTHEM

The Lord bless you and keep you - Rutter

PRAYERS

Sheila Roberts, Associate Minister

HYMN 653

Happy are they, they that love God

SERMON

Sheila Roberts, Associate Minister

HYMN 650

Great is thy faithfulness

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

See order of service

President: The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar

Assisted by: Margaret Sharman and Sheila Roberts, Associate Minister

Churchwardens: April Rule and Serge Mozota

Sidesperson: David Sharman

Servers: Rod Eynon-Baldock, Sara King and Duduzile Chizema

Setting: Mass of St Thomas - Thorne

HYMN 761
GLORIA

Praise the Lord! Ye heavens, adore him
Mass of St Thomas - Thorne

READING Hebrews 11.29-12.2 *read by Andrew Curry*

By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. ³⁰ By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. ³¹ By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace.

³² And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets— ³³ who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, ³⁴ quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. ³⁵ Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. ³⁶ Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. ³⁷ They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented— ³⁸ of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground.

³⁹ Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, ⁴⁰ since God had provided something better so that they would not, without us, be made perfect.

12 Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, ² looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

GRADUAL HYMN 298 ii (verses 1,2 &4)

For all thy saints, O Lord

GOSPEL Luke 12.49-56

'I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! ⁵⁰ I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! ⁵¹ Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! ⁵² From now on, five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; ⁵³ they will be divided:

father against son

and son against father,

mother against daughter

and daughter against mother,

mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law

and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.'

⁵⁴ He also said to the crowds, 'When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, "It is going to rain"; and so it happens. ⁵⁵ And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, "There will be scorching heat"; and it happens. ⁵⁶ You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?

SERMON
INTERCESSIONS

The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar
Sheila Roberts, Associate Minister

OFFERTORY HYMN 794 i

The King of love my shepherd is

Post Communion Prayer

Almighty and eternal God,
you have revealed yourself as Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
and live and reign in the perfect unity of love:
hold us firm in this faith,
that we may know you in all your ways
and evermore rejoice in your eternal glory,
who are three Persons yet one God,
now and for ever.

RECESSIONAL HYMN 714 (Tune 713) Lord of all power, I give you
my will

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Please be aware of those remaining to listen.

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The Vicar Writes Many may see Christianity (especially the CofE) as rather like a squishy old sofa, accommodating and relaxing. Our readings today remind it is something tougher, steely even, sustaining the great deeds of faith, and acting as a sword that divides.



Sunday 24th August

Bartholomew the Apostle

08:30 Holy Communion	President: The Reverend Canon Philip Norwood
10:30 Sung Eucharist	President: The Reverend Canon Dr Stephen Foster
	Readings: Acts 5.12-16 and Luke 22.24-30
18:30 Taizé Service	Officiant: Sheila Roberts, Associate Minister
	Readings: Deuteronomy 18.15-19 and Matthew 10.1-22

The Week Ahead

Wednesday 20th

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

<https://zoom.us/j/91012643324?pwd=Uy9ENUlPeVlvVVERoelMzWi9BSnpRUT09>

Meeting ID: 910 1264 3324 Passcode: Compline

Thursday 21st

12:30 **Holy Communion** Common Worship, Order 1 (Traditional)
President: The Reverend Canon Philip Norwood
Assisted by: Vicky Roe, Pastoral Assistant

Sunday 24th

15.00 **Recital** – Sebastian Carrington

RIDE AND STRIDE This takes place on Saturday 13th September. If you would like to take part in this year's sponsored event, forms are on the back table. If you require further information, go to <https://www.lhct.org.uk/ride-and-stride/> If you can volunteer on the day for an hour or two to help welcome people coming to St. James, please contact the Church Office on 0116 2542111 and sign up on the sheet at the back of church.

JOURNEY IN FAITH is a 3-term course run by the Diocese that provides the time and space for people to:

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

An introductory session is planned for Saturday 13th September 9.30am-12.30pm at St. Martin's House. For further information please contact Liz Rawlings:

LizRawlings@LeicesterCofE.org

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 – 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

Church office opening hours:

Monday 18th August 1.15-4.15pm

Wednesday 20th August 1.15-4.15pm

Thursday 21st August 1.15-4.15pm

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