

This week at the Church of St James the Greater

Leicester

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31st AUGUST 2025 IITH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Prayer for the Week

O God, you declare your almighty power most chiefly in showing mercy and pity: mercifully grant to us such a measure of your grace, that we, running the way of your commandments, may receive your gracious promises, and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure; 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 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

This week's Chancel Steps flowers are sponsored by Michael Molloy in memory of Michael & Hilda Molloy

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: Vicky Roe, Pastoral Assistant 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: William Woolley and Mike Rule, Associate Minister Churchwardens: April Rule and Serge Mozota

Sidespeople: Vacant

Servers: William Woolley, Charles Samuel and Tony Chizema Setting: Missa L'hora passa - Viadana

HYMN 812 GLORIA

Through all the changing scenes of life Lécot

READING Hebrews 13.1-8, 15, 16 read by Andy Judge

Let mutual love continue. ² Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. ³ Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. ⁴ Let marriage be held in honour by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. ⁵ Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, 'I will never leave you or forsake you.' ⁶ So we can say with confidence,

'The Lord is my helper;

I will not be afraid.

What can anyone do to me?'

⁷Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. ⁸ Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and for ever.

¹⁵ Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name.

¹⁶ Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

GRADUAL HYMN 380 i

Come, Lord, to our souls come down

GOSPEL Luke 14.1, 7-14

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely.

⁷When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honour, he told them a parable. ⁸ 'When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honour, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; ⁹ and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, "Give this person your place", and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. ¹⁰ But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, "Friend, move up higher"; then you will be honoured in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. ¹¹ For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.'

¹² He said also to the one who had invited him, 'When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbours, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. ¹³ But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. ¹⁴ And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.'

SERMON INTERCESSIONS The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar Mike Rule, Associate Minister

OFFERTORY HYMN 806

There's a wideness in God's mercy

MOTET

The Call - Lloyd

COMMUNION HYMN 467 (Tune 302 ii) The Son of God proclaim

Post Communion Prayer

Lord of all mercy,

we your faithful people have celebrated that one true sacrifice which takes away our sins and brings pardon and peace:

by our communion

keep us firm on the foundation of the gospel

and preserve us from all sin;

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

RECESSIONAL HYMN 477 (Tune 394) Go forth and tell!

ORGAN VOLUNTARY - Postlude on 'Woodlands' Denis Bédard

Please be aware of those remaining to listen.

A card reader donation machine is available.

The Vicar Writes Our Collect and readings hang together especially well this week – God's mercy, our love, our hospitality, all fit together as marks of our maker and his kingdom.



18.30

Choral Evensong

See order of service

Officiant: Mike Rule, Associate Minister Churchwardens: April Rule and Serge Mozota

Sidesperson: Vacant

Servers: Billy Murray and Hazel Carlin

HYMN 503 Send, O God, your Holy Spirit

PRECES Leighton

PSALM 119.81-96 (See music sheet)

FIRST LESSON Isaiah 33.13-22 read by Ian Jones

Hear, you who are far away, what I have done;

and you who are near, acknowledge my might.

¹⁴ The sinners in Zion are afraid;

trembling has seized the godless:

'Who among us can live with the devouring fire? Who among us can live with everlasting flames?'

¹⁵ Those who walk righteously and speak uprightly, who despise the gain of oppression,

who wave away a bribe instead of accepting it, who stop their ears from hearing of bloodshed and shut their eyes from looking on evil,

they will live on the heights; their refuge will be the fortresses of rocks;

their food will be supplied, their water assured.

¹⁷ Your eyes will see the king in his beauty; they will behold a land that stretches far away.

¹⁸ Your mind will muse on the terror:

'Where is the one who counted?

Where is the one who weighed the tribute?

Where is the one who counted the towers?"

- ¹⁹ No longer will you see the insolent people, the people of an obscure speech that you cannot comprehend, stammering in a language that you cannot understand.
- ²⁰ Look on Zion, the city of our appointed festivals! Your eyes will see Jerusalem,

a quiet habitation, an immovable tent,

whose stakes will never be pulled up, and none of whose ropes will be broken.

²¹ But there the Lord in majesty will be for us a place of broad rivers and streams, where no galley with oars can go,

where no galley with oars can go nor stately ship can pass.

For the Lord is our judge, the Lord is our ruler, the Lord is our king; he will save us.

MAGNIFICAT Walmisley in D minor

Please remain seated but stand for the Gloria

SECOND LESSON John 3.22-36 read by Annette Jones

After this Jesus and his disciples went into the Judean countryside, and he spent some time there with them and baptized. ²³ John also was baptizing at Aenon near Salim because water was abundant there; and people kept coming and were being baptized— ²⁴ John, of course, had not yet been thrown into prison.

²⁵ Now a discussion about purification arose between John's disciples and a Jew. ²⁶ They came to John and said to him, 'Rabbi, the one who was with you across the Jordan, to whom you testified, here he is baptizing, and all are going to him.' ²⁷ John answered, 'No one can receive anything except what has been given from heaven. ²⁸ You yourselves are my witnesses that I said, "I am not the Messiah, but I have been sent ahead of him." ²⁹ He who has the bride is the bridegroom. The friend of the bridegroom, who stands and hears him, rejoices greatly at the bridegroom's voice. For this reason my joy has been fulfilled. ³⁰ He must increase, but I must decrease.'

³¹ The one who comes from above is above all; the one who is of the earth belongs to the earth and speaks about earthly things. The one who comes from heaven is above all. ³² He testifies to what he has seen and heard, yet no one accepts his testimony. ³³ Whoever has accepted his testimony has certified this, that God is true. ³⁴ He whom God has sent speaks the words of God, for he gives the Spirit without measure. ³⁵ The Father loves the Son and has placed all things in

his hands. ³⁶ Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life; whoever disobeys the Son will not see life, but must endure God's wrath.

NUNC DIMITTIS Walmisley in D minor

Please remain seated but stand for the Gloria

RESPONSES Leighton

ANTHEM Beati quorum via - Stanford PRAYERS Mike Rule, Associate Minister

HYMN 727 i May the mind of Christ my Saviour

SERMON Mike Rule, Associate Minister **HYMN 626** Father in whom we live

ORGAN VOLUNTARY – Postlude in D Healey Willan

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Sunday 7th September Creationtide / I2th Sunday after Trinity

08:30 BCP Holy Communion President: The Reverend Canon Philip Norwood

10:30 **Sung Eucharist** President: The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar

Readings: Genesis 1.1-25 and John 1.1-5

18:30 Choral Evensong Officiant: Angela Jagger, Reader

Readings: Isaiah 43.14-44.5 and John 5.30-47

The Week Ahead

Wednesday 3rd

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

https://zoom.us/j/91012643324?pwd=Uy9ENU1PeVIvWERoelMzWi9BSnpRUT09

Meeting ID: 910 1264 3324 Passcode: Compline

Thursday 4th

12:30 Holy Communion Common Worship, Order I (Traditional)

President: The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar Assisted by: Sheila Roberts, Associate Minister

Friday 5th

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

Saturday 6th

10.00 Saturday Coffee Morning and Worship

14.00 Wedding Blessing

THE SHELL Print copies of the Autumn edition are available at the back of church. Please place donations in the box on the wall.

HARVEST On Sunday 28th September, we will celebrate Harvest

Festival. Donations for Leicester South Foodbank can be brought to church on the day. They are desperate for:

Tinned soup

Tinned tomatoes 400g

Tinned potatoes

Tinned Sweetcorn

Tinned Carrots

Iltr UHT milk

Iltr UHT juice

Tinned fruit 400g

Curry Sauce

Custard

Rice pudding

Shampoo

Sponge puddings

Your donations will be gratefully received.

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 I
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:

- I. 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 Ist September 1.15-4.15pm Wednesday 3rd September 1.15-4.15pm Friday 5th September 1.15-4.15pm

