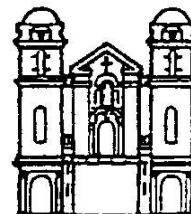


This week at the Church of
St James the Greater
Leicester

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7th SEPTEMBER 2025
CREATIONTIDE I / 12TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Prayer for the Week

Almighty and everlasting God,
you are always more ready to hear than we to pray
and to give more than either we desire or deserve:
pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy,
forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid
and giving us those good things
which we are not worthy to ask
but through the merits and mediation
of 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 : Mark Sadler : Nicola Shilton : Mandy Stephensen :
Mollie Drake : Michael Molloy : Chris Jones :
Kathryn Haynes : Jean Warren : Stephanie Crapper : Polly Taylor
Caroline Hough : Margo Woolhouse

Rest in peace

Penny Judge
Funeral in St James on Saturday 20th September at 11.30 am.

Welcome to St James the Greater

08:30 Holy Communion in the Lady Chapel

Book of Common Prayer

President: The Reverend Canon Philip Norwood

Assisted by: Phil Jones

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 Sheila Roberts, Associate Minister

Churchwarden: Serge Mozota

Sidesperson: David Pugh

Servers: Charles Samuel, Tony Chizema and Hazel Carlin

Setting: Ireland in C

HYMN 541 (Tune 648 ii) Lord of beauty, thine the splendour
GLORIA Jones

READING Genesis 1.1-25 *read by Emily-Hafwen Davies*

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, ² the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. ³ Then God said, 'Let there be light'; and there was light. ⁴ And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵ God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

⁶ And God said, 'Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.' ⁷ So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. ⁸ God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

⁹ And God said, 'Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear.' And it was so. ¹⁰ God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. ¹¹ Then God said, 'Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it.' And it was so. ¹² The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. ¹³ And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

¹⁴ And God said, 'Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, ¹⁵ and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth.' And it was so. ¹⁶ God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. ¹⁷ God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, ¹⁸ to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. ¹⁹ And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

²⁰ And God said, 'Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky.' ²¹ So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. ²² God blessed them, saying, 'Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.' ²³ And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

²⁴ And God said, 'Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind.' And it was so. ²⁵ God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

GRADUAL HYMN 545

Morning has broken, like the first morning

GOSPEL John 1.1-5

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was in the beginning with God. ³ All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being ⁴ in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. ⁵ The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

SERMON
INTERCESSIONS

The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar
Sheila Roberts, Associate Minister

OFFERTORY HYMN 635

For the healing of the nations

MOTET

My eyes for beauty pine – Howells

COMMUNION HYMN 432

Bread of the world in mercy broken

Post Communion Prayer

God of all mercy,
in this eucharist you have set aside our sins
and given us your healing:
grant that we who are made whole in Christ
may bring that healing to this broken world,
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

RECESSIONAL HYMN 580 Judge eternal, throned in splendour

ORGAN VOLUNTARY – Variations on ‘Laast uns Effurien’ *Denis Bédard*

Please be aware of those remaining to listen.

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The Vicar Writes It's worth noting that in his work of Creation God does not see that it is “useful”, “profitable”, or “providing eco-system resources” – it is simply Good. We should cherish that Creation not because it is in our own interest (which of course it is!) but because it is His, and it is Good.



18.30

Choral Evensong

See order of service

Officiant: Angela Jagger, Reader

Churchwardens: April Rule and Serge Mozota

Sidesperson: Vacant

Servers: Val Bailey and William Woolley

HYMN 737

New songs of celebration render

PRECES

Ferial

PSALM 121

(See music sheet)

FIRST LESSON Isaiah 43.14-44.5 *read by Mark Tounson*

Thus says the Lord,

your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel:

For your sake I will send to Babylon

and break down all the bars,

and the shouting of the Chaldeans will be turned to lamentation.

¹⁵ I am the Lord, your Holy One,

the Creator of Israel, your King.

¹⁶ Thus says the Lord,
who makes a way in the sea,
a path in the mighty waters,
¹⁷ who brings out chariot and horse,
army and warrior;
they lie down, they cannot rise,
they are extinguished, quenched like a wick:

¹⁸ Do not remember the former things,
or consider the things of old.

¹⁹ I am about to do a new thing;
now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?
I will make a way in the wilderness
and rivers in the desert.

²⁰ The wild animals will honour me,
the jackals and the ostriches;
for I give water in the wilderness,
rivers in the desert,

to give drink to my chosen people,
²¹ the people whom I formed for myself
so that they might declare my praise.

²² Yet you did not call upon me, O Jacob;
but you have been weary of me, O Israel!

²³ You have not brought me your sheep for burnt-offerings,
or honoured me with your sacrifices.
I have not burdened you with offerings,
or wearied you with frankincense.

²⁴ You have not bought me sweet cane with money,
or satisfied me with the fat of your sacrifices.

But you have burdened me with your sins;
you have wearied me with your iniquities.

²⁵ I, I am He
who blots out your transgressions for my own sake,
and I will not remember your sins.

²⁶ Accuse me, let us go to trial;
set forth your case, so that you may be proved right.

²⁷ Your first ancestor sinned,
and your interpreters transgressed against me.

²⁸ Therefore I profaned the princes of the sanctuary,
I delivered Jacob to utter destruction,
and Israel to reviling.

44 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.

MAGNIFICAT

Noble in B minor

Please remain seated but stand for the Gloria

SECOND LESSON John 5.30-47 *read by Jennifer Clegg*

'I can do nothing on my own. As I hear, I judge; and my judgement is just, because I seek to do not my own will but the will of him who sent me.

³¹ 'If I testify about myself, my testimony is not true. ³² There is another who testifies on my behalf, and I know that his testimony to me is true. ³³ You sent messengers to John, and he testified to the truth. ³⁴ Not that I accept such human testimony, but I say these things so that you may be saved. ³⁵ He was a burning and shining lamp, and you were willing to rejoice for a while in his light. ³⁶ But I have a testimony greater than John's. The works that the Father has given me to complete, the very works that I am doing, testify on my behalf that the Father has sent me. ³⁷ And the Father who sent me has himself testified on my behalf. You have never heard his voice or seen his form, ³⁸ and you do not have his word abiding in you, because you do not believe him whom he has sent.

³⁹ 'You search the scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is they that testify on my behalf. ⁴⁰ Yet you refuse to come to me to have life. ⁴¹ I do not accept glory from human beings. ⁴² But I know that you do not have the love of God in you. ⁴³ I have come in my Father's name, and you do not accept me; if another comes in his own name, you will accept him. ⁴⁴ How can you believe when you accept glory from one another and do not seek the glory that comes from the one who alone is God? ⁴⁵ Do not think that I will accuse you before the Father; your accuser is Moses, on whom you have set your hope. ⁴⁶ If you believed Moses, you would believe me, for he wrote about me. ⁴⁷ But if you do not believe what he wrote, how will you believe what I say?'

NUNC DIMITTIS

Noble in B minor

Please remain seated but stand for the Gloria

RESPONSES

Ayleward

ANTHEM

For the beauty of the earth - Rutter

PRAYERS

Angela Jagger, Reader

HYMN 269

Can man by searching find out God

SERMON

Angela Jagger, Reader

HYMN 536

Creator God, the world around

ORGAN VOLUNTARY – Chorale Prelude on 'St Ann's'

C Hubert H Parry

Please be aware of those remaining to listen.

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Sunday 14th September

Creationtide 2 / 13th Sunday after Trinity

08:30 **Holy Communion** President: The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar

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

Readings: Genesis 1.26-2.3 and John 1.6-18

18:30 **Choral Evensong** Officiant: Mike Rule, Associate Minister

Readings: Numbers 21.4-9 and Philippians 2.6-11

The Week Ahead

Wednesday 10th

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

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/75984858232?pwd=sXKl93zlo5Vj4WapP0aKUmtJrXEX0O.l>

Meeting ID: 759 8485 8232 Passcode: L6VRmc

Thursday 11th

12:30 **Holy Communion** Common Worship, Order 1 (Traditional)

President: The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar

Assisted by: Lin Mawer

Friday 12th

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

Saturday 13th

10.00-14.00 **Ride and Stride**

14.00 **Suicide Awareness Service**

Sunday 14th

15.00 **Organ Recital: Matthew Haynes**

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, 1ltr UHT milk, 1ltr 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

MONTHLY RECITAL SERIES HELPERS A sign-up sheet is at the back of church if you'd like to be a helper at our monthly concerts.

KNIGHTON CHAMBER ORCHESTRA The next KCO concert is on

Saturday 20th September at 7 pm. Music to include:

Brahms: Double Concerto for Violin and Cello

Haydn: Cello Concerto in C

Mozart: Violin Concerto No. 5

Soloists: Fenella Humphreys - Violin

Amit Peled - Cello

Conductor: Paul Jenkins

Tickets: £15 on the door (cash or card)



LOCAL COMMUNITY MEETING

You are invited to attend a Community Meeting to discuss concerns related to anti-social behaviour (ASB) and other issues affecting the following streets:

- **St James Road**
- **Tennyson Street**
- **St James Terrace**
- **Chaucer Street**

Meeting Details:

- Date: **Thursday, 25th September 2025**
- Time: **7:00 PM**
- Venue: **St James the Greater Church Hall**

This meeting is an opportunity for residents to raise concerns, share experiences, and work together with local authorities to improve safety and wellbeing in our neighbourhood.

Invited Attendees Include:

- Local residents
- Local police teams
- Local councillors
- The local Member of Parliament
- Managers from nearby hostels

Your voice matters, and your participation will help shape the future of our community. We encourage everyone to attend and contribute to the discussion. If you have any questions or would like to submit topics in advance, please feel free to get in touch.

Kind regards,

Samuel Trantom

Police Community Support Officer

Recitals at St James

We welcome back our previous Director of Music, Matthew Haynes, to play an organ recital on Sunday 14th September at 3.00pm for approximately 1 hour. The programme is all British: with music by Elgar, Stanford, Brewer, Howells and Ireland. The retiring collection will raise money for two charities close to Matthew's heart: Motor Neurone Disease and The Samaritans.

Refreshments will be served afterwards. Matthew will also be guest conducting for Choral Evensong the same day.



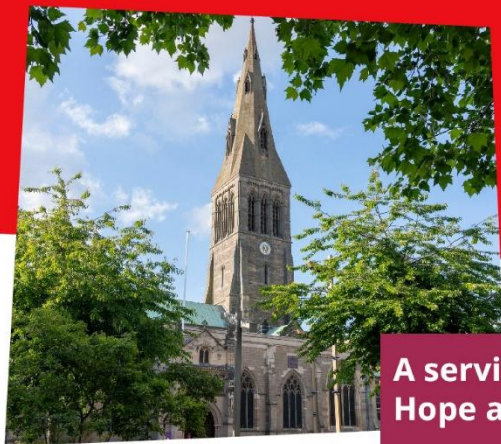
SMALL SOUNDS

Our first session of the new music group for babies and preschoolers and their grown-ups led by our Director of Music Emma Trounson, will take place on 6th October at 10.30am. Small Sounds is a national initiative by the Cathedral Music Trust and we're fortunate to have been chosen to take part in the current cohort of churches and Cathedrals. We'll meet each Monday in the Main Hall in the Church Centre with a session from 10.30am-11.00am followed by refreshments 11.00-11.30. Please let those with young children know about this. It's free to attend (with optional donations). There is a sign-up sheet at the back of church for anyone who would like to help. Please sign up for as much or as little as you can commit to. The timings are: Mondays: 10.00 set up, 10.15 doors open, 10.30 Music session, 11.00 refreshments and chat, 11.30 close and pack up till 11.45.

Volunteer Duties: (some or all of these) setting up, welcoming people, holding the door for buggies and prams, serving refreshments and washing up, chatting to people, joining in with the Music session. (Volunteers will not be supervising children or left alone with children as they will be with their parent/guardian will be responsible for them at all times.) For more information, please speak to Emma Trounson or Emma Smith (Senior Choir Alto).

Christian Aid 80th Anniversary Service

Leicester Cathedral Sunday 14th September at 10.30am



A service of
Hope and Justice



Please come and
join us

CHRISTIAN AID 80TH ANNIVERSARY SERVICE There is a special 80th Anniversary Service for Christian Aid at Leicester Cathedral on Sunday 14th September at 10.30 am, which supporters are invited to attend.

Come and Sing Evensong - 5th October

All are welcome to sing Evensong at St James, led by our Director of Music: Emma Trounson. Sheet music is provided - free event. Refreshments will be served between the rehearsal and the service.

Music to include:

Reading Preces & Responses

Harwood in Ab Magnificat & Nunc Dimittis

The Heavens are telling - Haydn

Please register via <https://www.trybooking.com/uk/FEUL> or by scanning this QR code:



PEACE WITH CREATION



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 2.15 pm BBC 1

Choral Evensong 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

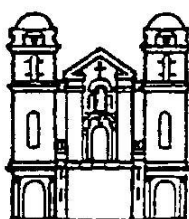
Funded by the charity 'Faith in Later Life', which welcomes donations for the service at: www.faithinlaterlife.org.uk/donate

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 8th September 1.15-4.15pm
Wednesday 10th September 1.15-4.15pm
Thursday 11th September 1.15-4.15pm



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