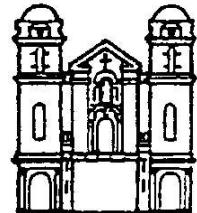


St James the Greater Leicester



4th JANUARY 2026

EPIPHANY

Prayer for the Week

O God,
 who by the leading of a star
 manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth:
 mercifully grant that we,
 who know you now by faith,
 may at last behold your glory face to face;
 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 : Nina French : Anthony Green :
 Gillian Boorne, and all those currently unable to attend services.

Those who are unwell and who are recovering

Mark Sadler : Nicola Shilton : Mandy Stephensen :
 Mollie Drake : Chris Jones : Kathryn Haynes : Jean Warren : Stephanie Crapper :
 Polly Taylor : Caroline Hough : Margo Woolhouse : Anne Sylvester : Diane Allen :
 John Finn : Neill Addison-Gutteridge

Rest in peace

Michael Molloy
 Rex Woolhouse

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: Phil Jones

Churchwarden: Paul Jenkins

A card reader donation machine is available.

10:30

Sung Eucharist

President: The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar

Assisted by: Charles Samuel and Mike Rule, Associate Minister

Churchwarden: Serge Mozota

Sidesperson: David Pugh

Servers: William Woolley, Charles Samuel and Tony Chizema

Setting: Darke in E

HYMN 103 GLORIA

O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness Lécot

READING Isaiah 60.1-6 read by David Kibert

Arise, shine; for your light has come,
and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

² For darkness shall cover the earth,
and thick darkness the peoples;

but the Lord will arise upon you,
and his glory will appear over you.

³ Nations shall come to your light,
and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

⁴ Lift up your eyes and look around;
they all gather together, they come to you;
your sons shall come from far away,
and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms.

⁵ Then you shall see and be radiant;
your heart shall thrill and rejoice,
because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you,
the wealth of the nations shall come to you.

⁶ A multitude of camels shall cover you,
the young camels of Midian and Ephah;

all those from Sheba shall come.
They shall bring gold and frankincense,
and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord.

GRADUAL HYMN 93 Arise, shine out, your light has come

GOSPEL Matthew 2.1-12

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem,² asking, ‘Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.’³ When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him;⁴ and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born.⁵ They told him, ‘In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

⁶“And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;
for from you shall come a ruler
who is to shepherd my people Israel.”

⁷Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared.⁸ Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, ‘Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.’⁹ When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was.¹⁰ When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy.¹¹ On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure-chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.¹² And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

SERMON
INTERCESSIONS

The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar
Mike Rule, Associate Minister

OFFERTORY HYMN 105 We three kings of Orient are

MOTET

Bethlehem Down - Warlock

**POST COMMUNION HYMN 52 (omit verses 3&4) The people that in
darkness sat**

Post Communion Prayer

Lord God,
the bright splendour whom the nations seek:
may we who with the wise men have been drawn by your light
discern the glory of your presence in your Son,
the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ our Lord.

RECESSATIONAL HYMN 96 i

Brightest and best of the sons of the morning

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Please be aware of those remaining to listen.

Please stay for refreshments at the end of the service.

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

Please take this leaflet away with you at the end of the Service.

18:30

New Year Taizé Service

See order of service

Officiant: Sheila Roberts, Associate Minister

Churchwardens: April Rule and Serge Mozota

Sidespeople: Vacant

Server: Hazel Carlin

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Please be aware of those remaining to listen.

Sunday 11th January 2026

Baptism of Christ

08:30 Holy Communion

President: The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar

10:30 Sung Eucharist

President: The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar
Readings: Isaiah 42.1-9 and Matthew 3.13-17

18:30 Epiphany Carol Service Officiant: The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar

The Week Ahead

Monday 5th

10.30 **Small Sounds** in the Hall

Wednesday 7th

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

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81259880030?pwd=TG9JbmJzUW56VmFrMmJxdJBTHFNQT09>

Meeting ID: 812 5988 0030 Passcode: u7iqca

Thursday 8th

12:30 **Holy Communion** Common Worship, Order 1 (Traditional)
President: The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar
Assisted by: Vicky Roe, Pastoral Assistant

Friday 9th

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

The Vicar Writes At the start of a new year, the Magi help us orientate ourselves (!). What guides us? What do we seek? How far will we travel? And what gifts do we bring? Where do we find ultimate value? I pray that we may all journey well through 2026.



THE SHELL deadline is Sunday 1st February 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

LEICESTER THEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

The next lecture is called 'The heavens are telling the glory of God - or are they?' and is given by Dr Thomas Bartsch (President of the Society). This is on Friday 9th January at 7.30pm in the Frassati Centre, Wellington Street. Please visit <https://sites.google.com/view/leicester-theological-society/home?pli=1> for more information.

CHRISTMAS STAMPS

Please save your stamps for the InterCare box at church. It helps if you can leave a small margin of paper around the stamp when cutting it off the envelope. Thank you to everyone who has brought stamps throughout the year.

PLANNED GIVING

St. James relies on donations for funding. The Parish Giving Scheme enables donations directly from your bank account and adds Gift Aid for the church, if you are a taxpayer. Information packs are on the table at the back of church.

Alternatively, boxes of envelopes for cash donations for each Sunday from 1st December 2025 to 30th November 2026 can be provided, to save you filling out a Gift Aid envelope each time. If you would like to have a box, and complete a Gift Aid form if you pay tax, please see Vicky Roe, leave a message for her at the church office (0116 2542111) or send an E-mail to:

pastoral.assistant@sthamesthegreater.org.uk

SMALL SOUNDS

Small Sounds is a national initiative by the Cathedral Music Trust and we are fortunate to have been chosen to take part in the current cohort of churches and Cathedrals. We meet each Monday in the Church Hall in the 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.



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 www.bbc.co.uk/television

<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. Chair exercises
3. Festive One minute sermons by J. John
4. Reflections on Hark! the herald angels sing
5. Prayers for the season
6. Sleep Well with Daily Hope

CONTACTING THE TEAM

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Church office opening hours this week:

Monday 5th January 1.15 pm -4.15 pm

Wednesday 7th January 1.15 pm – 4.15 pm

Friday 9th January 1.15 pm – 4.15 pm

