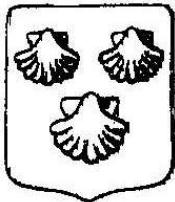
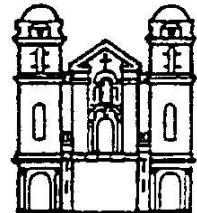


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St James the Greater Leicester



**11th JANUARY 2026
BAPTISM OF CHRIST**

Prayer for the Week

Eternal Father,
who at the baptism of Jesus
revealed him to be your Son,
anointing him with the Holy Spirit:
grant to us, who are born again by water and the Spirit,
that we may be faithful to our calling as your adopted children;
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 – Funeral is on Friday 16th January at 11 am in St James.
Dean Ashley Poyser

The Commemorative Flowers this week have been kindly given
by Caroline Beardsmore in memory of her parents John & Pat Beardsmore.

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: Feby John

Churchwarden: Paul Jenkins

A card reader donation machine is available.

10:30

Sung Eucharist

President: The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar

Assisted by: Lucy Hutchinson and Sheila Roberts, Associate Minister

Churchwardens: April Rule and Serge Mozota

Sidesperson: Margaret Clarke

Servers: Lucy Hutchinson, Phil Jones and Tony Chizema

Setting: Bath and Wells Service - Archer

HYMN 95

GLORIA

Bethlehem, what greater city

Bath and Wells Service - Archer

READING *Isaiah 42.1-9 read by Andy Judge*

Here is my servant, whom I uphold,
my chosen, in whom my soul delights;
I have put my spirit upon him;
he will bring forth justice to the nations.

² He will not cry or lift up his voice,
or make it heard in the street;

³ a bruised reed he will not break,
and a dimly burning wick he will not quench;
he will faithfully bring forth justice.

⁴ He will not grow faint or be crushed
until he has established justice in the earth;
and the coastlands wait for his teaching.

⁵ Thus says God, the Lord,
who created the heavens and stretched them out,
who spread out the earth and what comes from it,
who gives breath to the people upon it
and spirit to those who walk in it:

⁶ I am the Lord, I have called you in righteousness,

I have taken you by the hand and kept you;
I have given you as a covenant to the people,
a light to the nations,

⁷ to open the eyes that are blind,
to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,
from the prison those who sit in darkness.

⁸ I am the Lord, that is my name;
my glory I give to no other,
nor my praise to idols.

⁹ See, the former things have come to pass,
and new things I now declare;
before they spring forth,
I tell you of them.

GRADUAL HYMN 99 (omit verses 3&4)

Hail to the Lord's Anointed

GOSPEL Matthew 3.13-17

Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. ¹⁴ John would have prevented him, saying, 'I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?' ¹⁵ But Jesus answered him, 'Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfil all righteousness.' Then he consented. ¹⁶ And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. ¹⁷ And a voice from heaven said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.'

SERMON
INTERCESSIONS

The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar
Sheila Roberts, Associate Minister

OFFERTORY HYMN 108

When Jesus came to Jordan

MOTET

Tomorrow shall be my dancing day Gardner

POST COMMUNION HYMN 97 (Tune 210) Christ is our light!

Post Communion Prayer

Lord of all time and eternity,
you opened the heavens and revealed yourself as Father
in the baptism of Jesus your beloved Son:
by the power of your Spirit complete the heavenly work of our rebirth
through the waters of the new creation;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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****Epiphany Carol Service*****See order of service***

Officiant: The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar

Churchwardens: April Rule and Serge Mozota

Sidesperson: Julia Warner

Servers: William Woolley, Hilary Rees and Val Bailey

Thurifers: Charles Samuel and Hazel Carlin

Please be aware that incense will be used as part of this service.**Sunday 18th January 2026
2nd Sunday of Epiphany****08:30 Holy Communion**

President: The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar

10:30 Sung Eucharist

President: The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar

Readings: Isaiah 49.1-7 and John 1.29-42

18:30 Choral Evensong

Officiant: Angela Jagger, Reader

Readings: Ezekiel 2.1-3.4 and Galatians 1.11-24

The Vicar Writes We might think of Baptism being about a fresh start, a new life beginning, but for Jesus, although it marks the start of his public ministry, it is more about the revealing of the destiny and identity he has always had. Living the baptized life should perhaps be the same for us.

The Week Ahead

Monday 12th

10.30 **Small Sounds** in the Hall

Wednesday 14th

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

<https://zoom.us/j/91012643324?pwd=Uy9ENU1PeVlvWERoelMzWi9BSnpRUT09>

Meeting ID: 910 1264 3324 Passcode: Compline

Thursday 15th

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

Friday 16th

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

FUNERAL

Michael Molloy's funeral will be at 11.00 am on Friday 16th January at St James followed by refreshments at 'Steamin Billy', The Cow and Plough, 2 Gartree Road, Oadby, Leicester LE2 2FB.

RECITALS AT ST JAMES - SECOND SUNDAYS AT 3.00PM

Sunday 11th January 2026 - Samuel Beddard & Jo Foote - Saxophone & Piano
Praised as "absolutely sensational" ... "What shapes a soul?" explores spirituality in music and takes the listener on a grand adventure from American gospel and spiritual hymns to their routes in African folk music.
Pay as you feel, please stay for refreshments.

HELP NEEDED

There is a need for stewards and helpers for the Sunday afternoon Recitals and for Small Sounds on a Monday morning. You will find a sign-up sheet at the back of church. Please consider helping at these events.

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

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.



Recitals at St James

Second Sundays at 3.00pm

St James the Greater Church London Rd, Leicester

Sunday 11th January 2026 3.00pm

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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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The Church Office can be contacted by E-mail at: office@stjamesthegreater.org.uk or by telephoning 0116 2542111 and leaving a message. Please do not hesitate to get in touch. Further details are on our website: www.stjamesthegreater.org.uk

Church office opening hours this week:

Monday 12th January 1.15 pm -4.15 pm

Wednesday 14th January 1.15 pm – 4.15 pm

Friday 16th January 9.00 am – 12.00 pm

