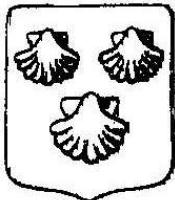
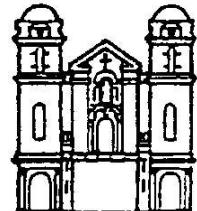


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# St James the Greater Leicester



**25<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2026  
3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY /  
CONVERSION OF ST PAUL**

## Prayer for the Week

Almighty God,  
whose Son revealed in signs and miracles  
the wonder of your saving presence:  
renew your people with your heavenly grace,  
and in all our weakness  
sustain us by your mighty power;  
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 :  
Neill Addison-Gutteridge : John and Angela Finn

The Commemorative Flowers this week have been kindly given  
by Lin Mawer in memory of her husband David.

# 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

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**10:30**

## **Sung Eucharist**

President: The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar

Assisted by: David Kibert and Sheila Roberts, Associate Minister

Churchwardens: April Rule and Serge Mozota

Sidespeople: Sue Ingle and Rachel Pratt

Servers: David Kibert, William Woolley, and Emma Sutton

Setting: Leighton in D

**HYMN 103**  
**GLORIA**

**O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness**  
**Lécot**

**READING** Isaiah 9.1-4      *read by Caroline Beardsmore*

But there will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

<sup>2</sup> The people who walked in darkness

    have seen a great light;

those who lived in a land of deep darkness—

    on them light has shined.

<sup>3</sup> You have multiplied the nation,

    you have increased its joy;

they rejoice before you

    as with joy at the harvest,

    as people exult when dividing plunder.

<sup>4</sup> For the yoke of their burden,

    and the bar across their shoulders,

    the rod of their oppressor,

you have broken as on the day of Midian.

**GRADUAL HYMN 52 (omit vs 4&5) The people that in darkness sat****GOSPEL** Matthew 4.12-23

Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. <sup>13</sup> He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the lake, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, <sup>14</sup> so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

<sup>15</sup> ‘Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali,  
on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—

<sup>16</sup> the people who sat in darkness

have seen a great light,

and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death

light has dawned.’

<sup>17</sup> From that time Jesus began to proclaim, ‘Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.’

<sup>18</sup> As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the lake—for they were fishermen. <sup>19</sup> And he said to them, ‘Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.’ <sup>20</sup> Immediately they left their nets and followed him. <sup>21</sup> As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. <sup>22</sup> Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him.

<sup>23</sup> Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

SERMON  
INTERCESSIONS

Sheila Roberts, Associate Minister  
The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar

**OFFERTORY HYMN 621 Dear Lord and Father of mankind**

MOTET

Listen, Sweet Dove – Ives

*Listen sweet dove unto my song And spread thy golden wings in me;  
Hatching my tender heart so long Till it get wing and flieth away with thee.  
Such glorious gifts thou didst bestow That the earth did like a heaven appear,  
The starres were coming down to know If they might mend their wages and serve here.  
The sunne which once did shine alone, Hung down his head and wisht for night  
When he beheld twelve sunnes for one Going about the world and giving light.  
Lord though we change thou art the same, The same sweet God of love and light;  
Restore this day for thy great name, Unto his ancient and miraculous right.*

(George Herbert, 1633)

## **POST COMMUNION HYMN 800 The Lord's my shepherd**

### **Post Communion Prayer**

Almighty Father,  
whose Son our Saviour Jesus Christ is the light of the world:  
may your people,  
illumined by your word and sacraments,  
shine with the radiance of his glory,  
that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed  
to the ends of the earth;  
for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

### **RECESSATIONAL HYMN 324 ii Jesus calls: o'er the tumult**

#### **ORGAN VOLUNTARY**

***Please be aware of those remaining to listen.***

***Please stay for refreshments at the end of the service.***

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

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**18:30**

### **Choral Evensong (Conversion of St Paul)**

***See order of service***

Officiant: Mike Rule, Associate Minister

Churchwardens: April Rule and Serge Mozota

Sidespeople: Colin and Angela Stray

Servers: Hilary Rees and Hazel Carlin

**HYMN 18**

**Light of gladness, Lord of glory**

**PRECES**

**Rose**

**PSALM 119.41-56**

**See music sheet**

**FIRST LESSON**      Jeremiah 4.1-10

***read by Ian Jones***

If you return, O Israel,  
says the Lord,

    if you return to me,  
if you remove your abominations from my presence,

and do not waver,  
<sup>2</sup> and if you swear, ‘As the Lord lives!’  
in truth, in justice, and in uprightness,  
then nations shall be blessed by him,  
and by him they shall boast.

<sup>3</sup> For thus says the Lord to the people of Judah and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem:  
Break up your fallow ground,  
and do not sow among thorns.

<sup>4</sup> Circumcise yourselves to the Lord,  
remove the foreskin of your hearts,  
O people of Judah and inhabitants of Jerusalem,  
or else my wrath will go forth like fire,  
and burn with no one to quench it,  
because of the evil of your doings.

<sup>5</sup> Declare in Judah, and proclaim in Jerusalem, and say:  
Blow the trumpet through the land;  
shout aloud and say,  
'Gather together, and let us go  
into the fortified cities!'

<sup>6</sup> Raise a standard towards Zion,  
flee for safety, do not delay,  
for I am bringing evil from the north,  
and a great destruction.

<sup>7</sup> A lion has gone up from its thicket,  
a destroyer of nations has set out;  
he has gone out from his place  
to make your land a waste;  
your cities will be ruins  
without inhabitant.

<sup>8</sup> Because of this put on sackcloth,  
lament and wail:  
'The fierce anger of the Lord  
has not turned away from us.'

<sup>9</sup> On that day, says the Lord, courage shall fail the king and the officials; the priests shall be appalled and the prophets astounded. <sup>10</sup> Then I said, ‘Ah, Lord God, how utterly you have deceived this people and Jerusalem, saying, “It shall be well with you”, even while the sword is at the throat!’

MAGNIFICAT

Bairstow in D

**Please remain seated but stand for the Gloria**

SECOND LESSON    Acts 9.1-22

read by Annette Jones

Meanwhile Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest <sup>2</sup> and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. <sup>3</sup> Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. <sup>4</sup> He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, 'Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?' <sup>5</sup> He asked, 'Who are you, Lord?' The reply came, 'I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. <sup>6</sup> But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do.' <sup>7</sup> The men who were travelling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one. <sup>8</sup> Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. <sup>9</sup> For three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank. <sup>10</sup> Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, 'Ananias.' He answered, 'Here I am, Lord.' <sup>11</sup> The Lord said to him, 'Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. At this moment he is praying, <sup>12</sup> and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight.' <sup>13</sup> But Ananias answered, 'Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem; <sup>14</sup> and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name.' <sup>15</sup> But the Lord said to him, 'Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before Gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel; <sup>16</sup> I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name.' <sup>17</sup> So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul and said, 'Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit.' <sup>18</sup> And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized, <sup>19</sup> and after taking some food, he regained his strength. For several days he was with the disciples in Damascus, <sup>20</sup> and immediately he began to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, saying, 'He is the Son of God.' <sup>21</sup> All who heard him were amazed and said, 'Is not this the man who made havoc in Jerusalem among those who invoked this name? And has he not come here for the purpose of bringing them bound before the chief priests?' <sup>22</sup> Saul became increasingly more powerful and confounded the Jews who lived in Damascus by proving that Jesus was the Messiah.

NUNC DIMITTIS

Bairstow in D

**Please remain seated but stand for the Gloria**

RESPONSES

Rose

ANTHEM

Come down, O love divine - Stopford

PRAYERS

Mike Rule, Associate Minister

**HYMN 679**

**In Christ there is no east or west**

SERMON

Mike Rule, Associate Minister

**HYMN 795**

**'The kingdom is upon you!'**

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

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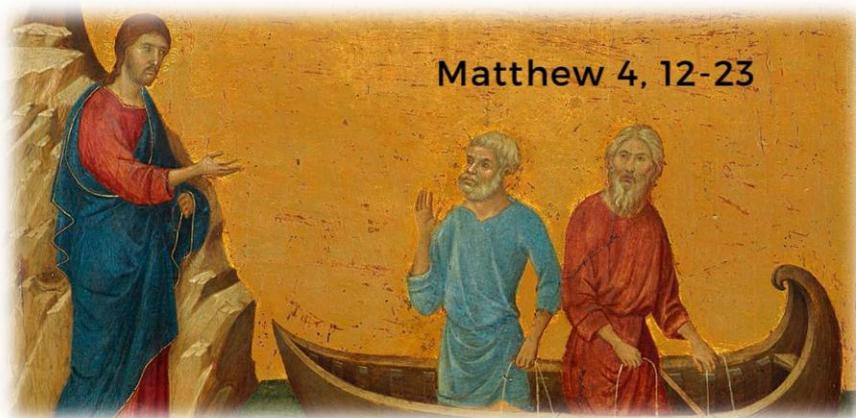
**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2026**  
**Presentation of Christ in the Temple (Candlemas)**

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

**10:30 Sung Eucharist** President: The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar  
Readings: Malachi 3.1-5 and Luke 2.22-40

**18:30 Candlemas Service** Officiant: The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar  
**Please note that incense will be used at this service**

**The Vicar Writes** As we continue through the season of Epiphany, the ripples of revelation and response continue to spread, to the first apostles, and then onwards to Paul. Christ brings new purpose, new vision, and new meaning to the lives he touches.



# The Week Ahead

## Monday 26<sup>th</sup>

10.30 **Small Sounds** in the Hall

## Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup>

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

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81259880030?pwd=TG9JbmJzUW56VmFrMmJxdDJBTHFNQT09>

Meeting ID: 812 5988 0030 Passcode: u7iqca

## Thursday 29<sup>th</sup>

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

President: The Reverend Canon Philip Norwood

Assisted by: Vicky Roe, Pastoral Assistant

## Friday 30<sup>th</sup>

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

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## COME AND SING EVENSONG

All are welcome to sing Evensong on Sunday 22nd February, led by our Director of Music: Emma Trounson. Rehearsal is 4.30pm, service is 6.30pm as usual.

It is a free event with sheet music provided. Refreshments will be served between the rehearsal and the service.

Music to include:

Forbes-L'Estrange Preces & Responses

Walmisley in Dm Magnificat & Nunc Dimittis

The Lord is my Shepherd - Goodall

Please register at [trybooking.com/uk/FWQA](http://trybooking.com/uk/FWQA) or speak to Emma and she will register you.

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## LEICESTER MUSICFEST

This local music festival of competitions, workshops, masterclasses and performance is taking place Saturday 14th - Sunday 15th February at English Martyrs School, Anstey Lane. To celebrate their 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary, all the events are free, although you may wish to make a donation. They have an excellent cafe - with hot drinks, cakes, salads and samosas. You are sure to recognise some familiar faces from our choir and organist team taking part! For more information, please visit their website: [leicestermusicfest.com](http://leicestermusicfest.com)

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## **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.

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**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](mailto:editor@stjamesthegreater.org.uk)

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## **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.

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**ST JAMES SINGERS** are an important and valued part of our church's choral offering, rehearsing once a month and singing a service a month, or two services on the Sunday of a school holiday.

We are looking for singers of all voice parts to join us who like to sing church music but may not be able to commit to the traditional pattern of weekly rehearsals and services.

We are singing for the morning service on Sunday 1st February. After that we are rehearsing on Thursday 12th February and singing both services on Sunday 15th February.

If you would like to know more, join us, or just sit in on a rehearsal, please contact Mike via the Church Office email address [office@stjamesthegreater.org.uk](mailto:office@stjamesthegreater.org.uk) or catch him after a service.

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## **JUNIOR CHOIR**

Our Junior Choir meets on Fridays 4.30 pm-5.30 pm and welcomes children of primary age. They will sing roughly once a month at Sunday services to begin with, for which they will even earn a bit of pocket money! The choir is free to join, there are no auditions and the boys and girls will sing in our supportive and inclusive church environment. Being a chorister means getting a free music education. From the moment they start school onwards children can be part of an organisation where they will improve their singing voice, learn to read music, develop their confidence, work as a team with other children, perform at a high level with teenagers and adults and make friends for life. If you know of a child of

primary school age who might be interested, or are willing to help at the choir, please get in touch with Emma Trounson: [DoM@stjamesthegreater.org.uk](mailto:DoM@stjamesthegreater.org.uk).

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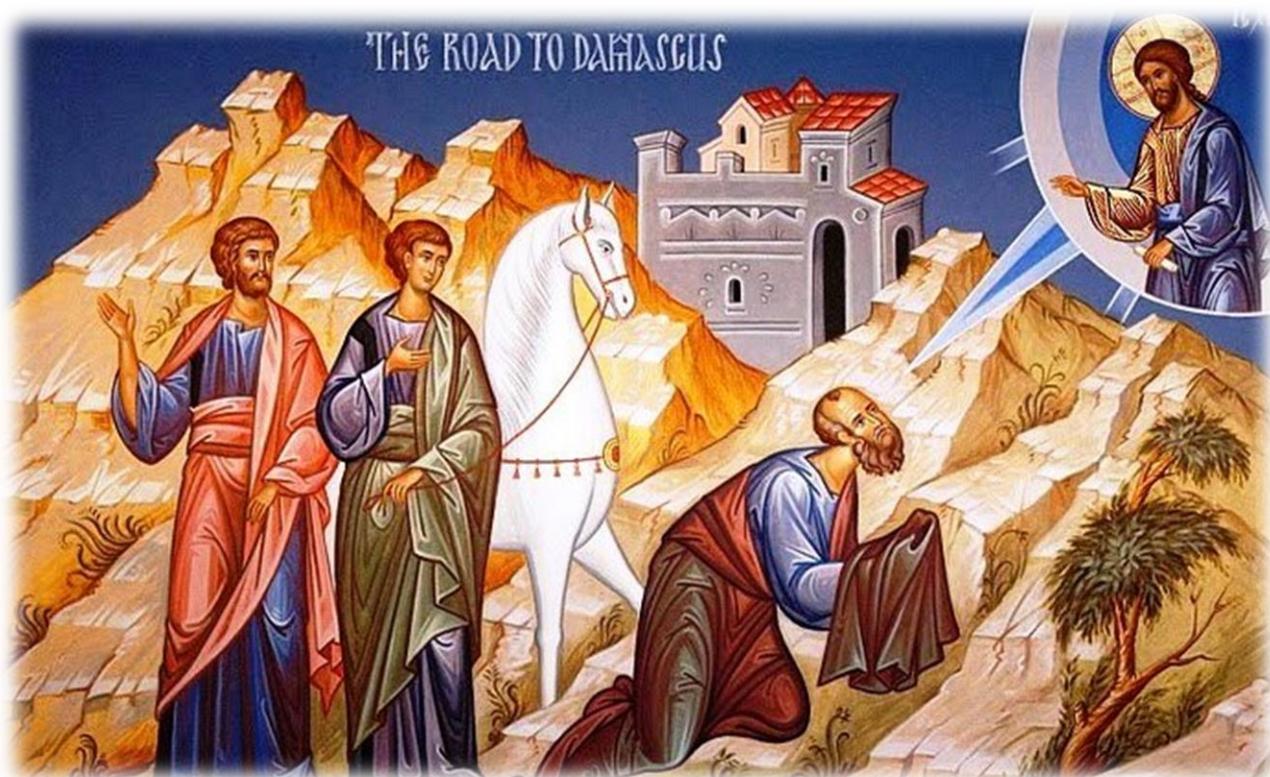
**WELCOMING** We need more **sidespeople** to welcome people to our services. The job is simple - handing people the service sheets and welcoming them as they arrive, but important, particularly for new people coming to church. Please speak to the Vicar or Churchwardens if you can help.

**READING** During the course of the 10.30 am Eucharist and 6.30 pm Evensong services members of the congregation read a passage from the Bible as part of our worship. If taking part in services in this way is something that may interest you, please have a chat with Mike Rule.

**SINGING** If you like to sing with and may wish to explore the possibility of joining St. James Singers, please have a chat with Mike Rule. We rehearse every fortnight on a Thursday evening and sing one service each month and during school holidays. No audition is required, just a love of singing.

**SERVING** Singing, reading or welcoming not for you? Have you considered joining our serving team? Talk to one of us or E-mail [servers@stjamesthegreater.org](mailto:servers@stjamesthegreater.org)

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# Recitals at St James

**Second Sundays at 3.00pm**

**Pay as you feel, refreshments served**

St James the Greater Church  
London Rd, Leicester

**8<sup>th</sup> February - Dominic Remedios - Organ**  
*(Former Organ Scholar at Downing College, Cambridge)*

**8<sup>th</sup> March - Lawrence Caldecote - Organ**  
*(Assistant Organist All Saints, Northampton)*

**12<sup>th</sup> April - Guy Steed - Organ**



## 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](http://www.churchofengland.org) and [www.leicestercathedral.org](http://www.leicestercathedral.org)

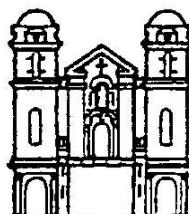
**DAILY HOPE TELEPHONE SERVICE – 0345 646 2206 charged at landline rate**

Funded by the charity 'Faith in Later Life', which welcomes donations for the service at: [www.faithinlaterlife.org.uk/donate](http://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. Spiritual Wellbeing Reflections with Pam Rhodes
4. One minute sermons by J. John
5. Prayers for the season
6. Sleep Well with Daily Hope



## CONTACTING THE TEAM

Andrew can be contacted by E-mail at: [revdaquigley@gmail.com](mailto:revdaquigley@gmail.com) or 0116 2544113.

The Church Office can be contacted by E-mail at: [office@stjamesthegreater.org.uk](mailto: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](http://www.stjamesthegreater.org.uk)

## **Church office opening hours this week:**

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> January 1.15 pm -4.15 pm

Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> January 1.15 pm – 4.15 pm

Friday 30<sup>th</sup> January 1.15 pm – 4.15 pm