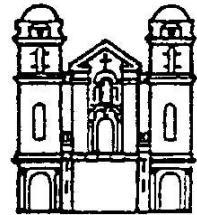


# St James the Greater Leicester



**1<sup>st</sup> FEBRUARY 2026  
CANDLEMAS**

## **Prayer for the Week**

Almighty and ever-living God,  
clothed in majesty,  
whose beloved Son was this day presented in the Temple,  
in substance of our flesh:  
grant that we may be presented to you  
with pure and clean hearts,  
by your Son Jesus Christ 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 : Angela Finn

### **Rest in peace** John Finn

The Commemorative Flowers this week have been kindly given  
by Jeremy & Christine Josephs in memory of Sarah.

# 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: Mike Rule, Associate Minister

Churchwarden: Paul Jenkins

**A card reader donation machine is available.**

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**10:30**

**Sung Eucharist**

President: The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar

Assisted by: Duduzile Chizema and Sheila Roberts, Associate Minister

Churchwarden: Serge Mozota

Sidesperson: David Pugh

Servers: Duduzile Chizema, Tony Chizema and William Woolley

Setting: A People's Eucharist - Greening

**HYMN 95**

**Bethlehem, what greater city**

**Hebridean (hymn 414)**

**GLORIA**      *read by William Woolley*

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts.<sup>2</sup> But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap;<sup>3</sup> he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness.<sup>4</sup> Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

<sup>5</sup> Then I will draw near to you for judgement; I will be swift to bear witness against the sorcerers, against the adulterers, against those who swear falsely, against those who oppress the hired workers in their wages, the widow, and the orphan, against those who thrust aside the alien, and do not fear me, says the Lord of hosts.

**GRADUAL HYMN 258    O thou who camest from above**

## **GOSPEL** Luke 2.22-40

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord <sup>23</sup> (as it is written in the law of the Lord, ‘Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord’), <sup>24</sup> and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, ‘a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons.’

<sup>25</sup> Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. <sup>26</sup> It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord’s Messiah. <sup>27</sup> Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, <sup>28</sup> Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying,

<sup>29</sup> ‘Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace,  
according to your word;

<sup>30</sup> for my eyes have seen your salvation,

<sup>31</sup> which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,

<sup>32</sup> a light for revelation to the Gentiles  
and for glory to your people Israel.’

<sup>33</sup> And the child’s father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. <sup>34</sup> Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, ‘This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed <sup>35</sup> so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.’

<sup>36</sup> There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband for seven years after her marriage, <sup>37</sup> then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day. <sup>38</sup> At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

<sup>39</sup> When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. <sup>40</sup> The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.

**SERMON**  
**INTERCESSIONS**

The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar  
Sheila Roberts, Associate Minister

**OFFERTORY HYMN 110      Hail to the Lord who comes**

**MOTET**

We have received thy mercy, O God – French

**POST COMMUNION HYMN 396      Faithful vigil ended**

## **Post Communion Prayer**

Lord, you fulfilled the hope of Simeon and Anna,  
who lived to welcome the Messiah:  
may we, who have received these gifts beyond words,  
prepare to meet Christ Jesus when he comes  
    to bring us to eternal life;  
for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

## **RECESSATIONAL HYMN 609 Christ is the world's light**

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.***

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**18.30**

## **Candlemas Service**

***See order of service***

Officiant: The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar

Churchwardens: Serge Mozota and April Rule

Sidespeople: Vacant

Servers: Rod Eynon-Baldock, Sara King and Hilary Rees

Thurifers: David Kibert and Hazel Carlin

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**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2026**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday before Lent**

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

**10:30 Sung Eucharist** President: The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar  
Readings: Genesis 1.1-2.3 and Matthew 6.25-34

**18:30 Choral Evensong** Officiant: Sheila Roberts, Associate Minister  
Readings: Proverbs 8.1, 22-31 and Revelation 4

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# The Week Ahead

## Monday 2<sup>nd</sup>

10.30 **Small Sounds** in the Hall

## Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup>

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

<https://zoom.us/j/91012643324?pwd=Uy9ENUIPeVlvWERoelMzWi9BSnpRUT09>

Meeting ID: 910 1264 3324 Passcode: Compline

## Thursday 5<sup>th</sup>

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

President: The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar

Assisted by: Sheila Roberts, Associate Minister

## Friday 6<sup>th</sup>

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

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**The Vicar Writes** This Sunday the celebrations we began at Christmas reach their conclusion as Jesus is brought to the Temple, home of God's presence on earth, and he is recognised as the one long promised and longed for – the person in whom God's presence would be recognised as complete. This is a feast of light and joy, reminding us of the hope we have, and the gift we share with the world.



## 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](https://trybooking.com/uk/FWQA) or speak to Emma and she will register you.

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## LEICESTER THEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

The next lecture is called 'Science and Faith – Conflicting or Complementary?' and is given by Revd Dr Ed Bampton (Parish Priest, Area Dean and former Research Neuroscientist). This is on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February 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.

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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

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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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**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER** is celebrated in over 146 countries. This year the service has been prepared by the Christian women of Nigeria on the theme, "I will give you rest, come." Services will be held on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March at 2 pm in St. Thomas More Church, 75 Knighton Road, LE2 3HN and at 7.30 pm in the Friends Meeting House, 15 Queens Road, LE2 1WP. All are welcome to attend. St. James the Greater Church needs to provide people to read the part of Beatrice at the afternoon and evening services. There will be a rehearsal for this at 2 pm on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March at St. Thomas More Church and at 7 pm on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March at the Friends Meeting House. If you would be willing to do this at either service, please contact Vicky Roe in person or by E-mail on [pastoral.assistant@stjamesthegreater.org.uk](mailto:pastoral.assistant@stjamesthegreater.org.uk)

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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 you 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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## **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 [www.bbc.co.uk/television](http://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 1.30 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 2<sup>nd</sup> February 1.15 pm -4.15 pm

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> February 1.15 pm – 4.15 pm

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> February 1.15 pm - 4.15 pm

