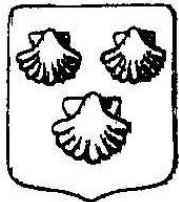
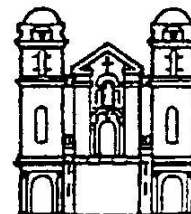


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St James the Greater Leicester



1st 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.

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

GLORIA

Hebridean (hymn 414)

READING Malachi 3.1-5 *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. ² 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; ³ 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. ⁴ Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

⁵ 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 ²³ (as it is written in the law of the Lord, 'Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord'), ²⁴ 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.'

²⁵ 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. ²⁶ It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. ²⁷ 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, ²⁸ Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying,

²⁹ 'Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace,
according to your word;

³⁰ for my eyes have seen your salvation,

³¹ which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,

³² a light for revelation to the Gentiles
and for glory to your people Israel.'

³³ And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. ³⁴ 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 ³⁵ so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.'

³⁶ 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, ³⁷ 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. ³⁸ 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.

³⁹ When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. ⁴⁰ 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.

RECESSIONAL 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.

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

Sunday 8th February 2026

2nd 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

The Week Ahead

Monday 2nd

10.30 **Small Sounds** in the Hall

Wednesday 4th

21:00 **Compline** via Zoom. To join, please use the link
<https://zoom.us/j/91012643324?pwd=Uy9ENUlPeVlvWERoeIMzWi9BSnpRUT09>
Meeting ID: 910 1264 3324 Passcode: Compline

Thursday 5th

12:30 **Holy Communion** Common Worship, Order 1 (Traditional)
President: The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar
Assisted by: Sheila Roberts, Associate Minister

Friday 6th

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

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 or speak to Emma and she will register you.

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 13th 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.

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 10th 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

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

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 6th 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 5th March at St. Thomas More Church and at 7 pm on Friday 6th 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



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) or catch him after a service.

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.

Recitals at St James

Second Sundays at 3.00pm

Pay as you feel, refreshments served

St James the Greater Church
London Rd, Leicester

8th February - Dominic Remedios - Organ
(Former Organ Scholar at Downing College, Cambridge)

8th March - Lawrence Caldecote - Organ
(Assistant Organist All Saints, Northampton)

12th 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 1.30 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. 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 or 0116 2544113.

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 2nd February 1.15 pm -4.15 pm
Wednesday 4th February 1.15 pm – 4.15 pm
Friday 6th February 1.15 pm – 4.15 pm

