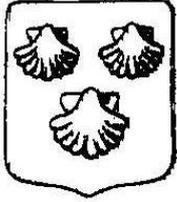
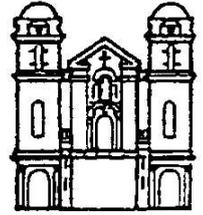


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# St James the Greater Leicester



**15<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2026  
SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE LENT**

## **Prayer for the Week**

Almighty Father,  
whose Son was revealed in majesty  
before he suffered death upon the cross:  
give us grace to perceive his glory,  
that we may be strengthened to suffer with him  
and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory;  
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 : Margaret Clarke

### **Rest in peace**

John Finn

This week's chancel steps flowers are sponsored by  
Janet Felstead in memory of 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: Sheila Roberts, Associate Minister

Churchwarden: Paul Jenkins

*A card reader donation machine is available.*

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**10.30**

## **Choral Mattins**

*See order of service*

Officiant: The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar

Sidesperson: Vacant

Churchwardens: April Rule and Serge Mozota

Server: Tony Chizema

**HYMN 2**

**Christ, whose glory fills the skies**

**CONFESSION**

*see service card*

**PRECES**

**Ferial**

**VENITE**

*see music sheet*

**PSALM 84**

*see music sheet*

FIRST LESSON Ecclesiasticus 48.1-10 *read by Val Bailey*

Then Elijah arose, a prophet like fire,  
and his word burned like a torch.

<sup>2</sup> He brought a famine upon them,  
and by his zeal he made them few in number.

<sup>3</sup> By the word of the Lord he shut up the heavens  
and also three times brought down fire.

<sup>4</sup> How glorious you were, Elijah, in your wondrous deeds!  
Who can boast as you can?

<sup>5</sup> You who raised a corpse from death  
and from Hades, by the word of the Most High,

<sup>6</sup> who sent kings down to destruction  
and famous men from their sickbeds,

<sup>7</sup> who heard rebuke at Sinai  
and judgments of vengeance at Horeb,

<sup>8</sup> who anointed kings to inflict retribution  
and prophets to succeed you,

<sup>9</sup> who were taken up by a whirlwind of fire  
in a chariot with horses of fire,  
<sup>10</sup> who were prepared at the appointed time  
to calm wrath before it breaks out in fury,  
to turn the hearts of parents to their children  
and to restore the tribes of Jacob.

## **TE DEUM**                      **Chanted**

SECOND LESSON    Matthew 17.9-23    *read by Moira Bartlett*

As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, 'Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.' <sup>10</sup> And the disciples asked him, 'Why, then, do the scribes say that Elijah must come first?' <sup>11</sup> He replied, 'Elijah is indeed coming and will restore all things; <sup>12</sup> but I tell you that Elijah has already come, and they did not recognize him, but they did to him whatever they pleased. So also the Son of Man is about to suffer at their hands.' <sup>13</sup> Then the disciples understood that he was speaking to them about John the Baptist.

<sup>14</sup> When they came to the crowd, a man came to him, knelt before him, <sup>15</sup> and said, 'Lord, have mercy on my son, for he is an epileptic and he suffers terribly; he often falls into the fire and often into the water. <sup>16</sup> And I brought him to your disciples, but they could not cure him.' <sup>17</sup> Jesus answered, 'You faithless and perverse generation, how much longer must I be with you? How much longer must I put up with you? Bring him here to me.' <sup>18</sup> And Jesus rebuked the demon, and it came out of him, and the boy was cured instantly. <sup>19</sup> Then the disciples came to Jesus privately and said, 'Why could we not cast it out?' <sup>20</sup> He said to them, 'Because of your little faith. For truly I tell you, if you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, "Move from here to there", and it will move; and nothing will be impossible for you.'

<sup>22</sup> As they were gathering in Galilee, Jesus said to them, 'The Son of Man is going to be betrayed into human hands, <sup>23</sup> and they will kill him, and on the third day he will be raised.' And they were greatly distressed.

**JUBILATE DEO**

Brewer in B flat

**THE CREED**

*see service card*

**RESPONSES**

**Ferial**

**ANTHEM**

Be thou my vision – Chilcott

PRAYERS

The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar

**HYMN 648 (Tune 710)**

**God of grace and God of glory**

SERMON

The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar

**HYMN 586**

**All praise to Christ, our Lord and king divine**

DISMISSAL

The Lord be with you. **And with thy spirit.**  
Let us bless the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

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**18:30**

## **Sung Eucharist**

President: The Reverend Canon Philip Norwood

Assisted by: Margaret Sharman and Angela Jagger, Reader

Churchwardens: April Rule and Serge Mozota

Sidesperson: David Sharman

Servers: David Kibert, Hazel Carlin and William Woolley

Setting: A People's Eucharist - Greening

**HYMN 704 Let all the world in every corner sing**

GLORIA

Hebridean (hymn 414)

**READING** Exodus 24.12-18 *read by Jennifer Smith*

The Lord said to Moses, 'Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction.' <sup>13</sup> So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. <sup>14</sup> To the elders he had said, 'Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them.'

<sup>15</sup> Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. <sup>16</sup> The glory of the Lord settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered

it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. <sup>17</sup> Now the appearance of the glory of the Lord was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. <sup>18</sup> Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

**GRADUAL HYMN 649    God of mercy, God of grace**

**GOSPEL** Matthew 17.1-9

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. <sup>2</sup> And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. <sup>3</sup> Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. <sup>4</sup> Then Peter said to Jesus, 'Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.' <sup>5</sup> While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!' <sup>6</sup> When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. <sup>7</sup> But Jesus came and touched them, saying, 'Get up and do not be afraid.' <sup>8</sup> And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone. <sup>9</sup> As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, 'Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.'

SERMON

The Reverend Canon Philip Norwood

INTERCESSIONS

Angela Jagger, Reader

**OFFERTORY HYMN 610**

**Christ is the world's true light**

MOTET

O wondrous sight      arr. Groom te Velde

**POST COMMUNION HYMN 467    The Son of God proclaim**

**Post Communion Prayer**

Holy God,

we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ:

may we who are partakers at his table

reflect his life in word and deed,

that all the world may know his power to change and save.

This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**RECESSIONAL HYMN 281    'Tis good, Lord, to be here**

## ORGAN VOLUNTARY

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*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.*



# Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2026

## I<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent

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

10:30 **Sung Eucharist** President: The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar  
Readings: Genesis 2.15-17; 3.1-7 and Matthew 4.1-11

18:30 **Choral Evensong** Officiant: Angela Jagger, Reader  
Readings: Deuteronomy 6.4-9, 16-25 and Luke 15.1-10

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## The Week Ahead

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup>**

**No Small Sounds** due to half term

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup>**

19:30

**Sung Eucharist for Ash Wednesday**

President: The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar

Assisted by Sheila Roberts, Associate Minister

Readings: Joel 2.1-2, 12-17 and Matthew 6.1-6, 16-21

**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup>**

12:30

**Holy Communion** Common Worship, Order 1 (Traditional)

President: The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar

Assisted by: Vicky Roe, Pastoral Assistant

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup>**

**No Choir rehearsals** due to half term

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**The Vicar Writes** We have a vision of light before the darkness of Lent – the sight of Jesus transformed to reveal something of his true glory. Our discipline in Lent is meant to aid us in removing the superfluous things, desires and possessions, that obscure the identity of light we share through Christ.



## LENT COURSE

This year's Lent Course will run on Thursdays (starting on 26<sup>th</sup> February) with options to join either in person or online; 1pm (after the 12.30 Eucharist) at the Vicarage, or 7pm by Zoom (link next week). The theme is ***It's not the end of the world***. We shall be looking at challenges to human dignity and existence from war, the extreme right-wing, global heating, euthanasia, and AI. No need to sign up, and you can switch from in person to zoom as it suits you.

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

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**COME AND SING SHOW SONGS** on Sunday 22nd March 2.00pm-5.00pm - this is an All Age event so the whole family can come along and enjoy it! Featuring a mix of songs from Wicked, The Lion King, Les Miserablés, The Sound of Music and more... Please visit <https://www.trybooking.com/uk/FXZH> for more info and to book.

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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](https://leicestermusicfest.com)

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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.

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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 who like to sing church music but may not be able to commit to the traditional pattern of weekly rehearsals and services.

Our next rehearsal is on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> February as we are singing both services on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> 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 4.30pm-5.45pm, welcoming boys and girls of primary age. They sing twice a month at Sunday services and in occasional concerts. 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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### **Upcoming 2026 Retreats at Launde Abbey**

- Flowers Appear on the Earth: Springtime with the Song of Songs - Led by Revd Catherine Williams **Monday 2nd March - Thursday 5th March 2026**
- Standing Near the Cross: A Lenten Retreat in the Company of Julian of Norwich - Led by Gail and Ian Adams - **Monday 2nd March - Thursday 5th March 2026**
- Living with Loss - Led by Abi May **Monday 23rd March - Thursday 26th March 2026**
- The Journey Into Oneness: Meditation and the Wisdom of the Cloud of Unknowing – A Weekend Silent Retreat **Friday 27th March - Sunday 29th March 2026**
- Look at the Birds: A Birdwatching Retreat - Led by Revd Dale Hanso **Tuesday 7th April - Friday 10th April 2026**
- Women in the Bible - Led by Bishop Graham Kings **Tuesday 5th May - Friday 8th May 2026**
- Unmaking Mary: Shattering the Myth of Perfect Motherhood - Led by Chine McDonald **Monday 27th July - Wednesday 29th July 2026**

**Visit [www.laundeabbey.org.uk](http://www.laundeabbey.org.uk) for more information**

There is much to look forward to in the year ahead, and we hope that you will continue to be part of the life of Launde Abbey, whether through retreats, quiet days, visits to the café, or time spent walking the grounds.

# Recitals at St James



**Second Sundays at 3.00pm**

**Pay as you feel, refreshments served**

St James the Greater Church, London Rd, Leicester, LE2 1NE.

8<sup>th</sup> March 26 - Lawrence Caldecote - Organ

*Assistant Organist - All Saints', Northampton*

12<sup>th</sup> April 26 - Guy Steed - Organ

*St James the Greater & St Andrew's Aylestone*



10<sup>th</sup> May 26 - Choristers of St James the Greater

*Choral and solo items from our choristers and organists*

14<sup>th</sup> June 26 - Nicholas Friedersdorff - Organ

*Organ Scholar - St James the Greater*

12<sup>th</sup> July 26 - Ebano Ensemble - Clarinet

*Portugal*

9<sup>th</sup> August 26 - Fr David Price - Organ

*Thailand - part of his UK tour*



30<sup>th</sup> August 26 - Castle Baroque Players (extra date)

*Chamber ensemble led by Seb Carrington*

13<sup>th</sup> September 26 - Ricardus Consort

*Choir and instrumental ensemble led by Simon Mold*

11<sup>th</sup> October 26 - Serenity Flutes

*Flutes: Julie Dearden, Ann Wright; Piano: Fergus Black*



8<sup>th</sup> November 26 - The Juliet Consort

*Soprano: Emma Trounson, Anna Jane Davies; Countertenor: Mark Trounson;  
Tenor: Jeremy Goldsmith; Bass & Violoncello: David Bean; Lute: Chris Susans*

**No recital in December due to carol services**

# 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 16<sup>th</sup> February 1.15 pm -4.15 pm

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> February 1.15 pm -4.15 pm

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> February 1.15 pm – 4.15 pm

