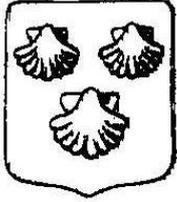
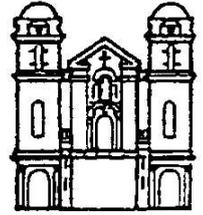


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St James the Greater Leicester



22nd FEBRUARY 2026
1st SUNDAY OF LENT

Prayer for the Week

Almighty God,
whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness,
and was tempted as we are, yet without sin:
give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit;
and, as you know our weakness,
so may we know your power to save;
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 : Angela Finn : Margaret Clarke

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

A card reader donation machine is available.

10:30 Sung Eucharist

President: The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar

Assisted by: David Kibert and Mike Rule, Associate Minister

Churchwardens: April Rule and Serge Mozota

Sidespeople: Sue Ingle and Rachel Pratt

Servers: David Kibert, Duduzile Chizema and Phil Jones

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HYMN 812 Through all the changing scenes of life

READING Genesis 2.15-17; 3.1-7 *read by Phil Jones*

The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. ¹⁶And the Lord God commanded the man, 'You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; ¹⁷but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die.'

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, 'Did God say, "You shall not eat from any tree in the garden"?' ²The woman said to the serpent, 'We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; ³but God said, "You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die."' ⁴But the serpent said to the woman, 'You will not die; ⁵for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.' ⁶So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. ⁷Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

GRADUAL HYMN 553 Touch the earth lightly

GOSPEL Matthew 4.1-11

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. ² He fasted for forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. ³ The tempter came and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.' ⁴ But he answered, 'It is written,
"One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God."
⁵ Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, ⁶ saying to him, 'If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written,
"He will command his angels concerning you",
and "On their hands they will bear you up,
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone."
⁷ Jesus said to him, 'Again it is written, "Do not put the Lord your God to the test."
⁸ Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour; ⁹ and he said to him, 'All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.' ¹⁰ Jesus said to him, 'Away with you, Satan! for it is written,
"Worship the Lord your God,
and serve only him."
¹¹ Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

SERMON

Mike Rule, Associate Minister

INTERCESSIONS

The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar

OFFERTORY HYMN 121

Forty days and forty nights

MOTET

The secret of Christ - Shephard

POST COMMUNION HYMN 744 i O God of Bethel, by whose hand

Post Communion Prayer

Lord God,
you have renewed us with the living bread from heaven;
by it you nourish our faith,
increase our hope, and strengthen our love:
teach us always to hunger for him who is the true and living bread,
and enable us to live by every word that proceeds from out of your mouth;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

RECESSIONAL HYMN 652 Guide me, O thou great Redeemer

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Please be aware of those remaining to listen.

Do join us for refreshments at the back of church.

A card reader donation machine is available.

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

18.30 Come and Sing Choral Evensong

See order of service

Officiant: Angela Jagger, Reader

Churchwardens: April Rule and Serge Mozota

Sidespeople: Colin and Angela Stray

Servers: Hilary Rees and Hazel Carlin

HYMN 238 i

Come down, O Love divine

PRECES

Forbes L'Estrange

PSALM 50

(See music sheet)

FIRST LESSON Deuteronomy 6.4-9,16-25 *read by Colin Stray*

Hear, O Israel: The Lord is our God, the Lord alone. ⁵ You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might. ⁶ Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart. ⁷ Recite them to your children and talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise. ⁸ Bind them as a sign on your hand, fix them as an emblem on your forehead, ⁹ and write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

¹⁶ Do not put the Lord your God to the test, as you tested him at Massah. ¹⁷ You must diligently keep the commandments of the Lord your God, and his decrees, and his statutes that he has commanded you. ¹⁸ Do what is right and good in the sight of the Lord, so that it may go well with you, and so that you may go in and occupy the good land that the Lord swore to your ancestors to give you, ¹⁹ thrusting out all your enemies from before you, as the Lord has promised.

²⁰ When your children ask you in time to come, 'What is the meaning of the decrees and the statutes and the ordinances that the Lord our God has commanded you?' ²¹ then you shall say to your children, 'We were Pharaoh's slaves in Egypt, but the Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand. ²² The Lord displayed before our eyes great and awesome signs and wonders against Egypt, against Pharaoh and all his household. ²³ He brought us out from

there in order to bring us in, to give us the land that he promised on oath to our ancestors. ²⁴ Then the Lord commanded us to observe all these statutes, to fear the Lord our God, for our lasting good, so as to keep us alive, as is now the case. ²⁵ If we diligently observe this entire commandment before the Lord our God, as he has commanded us, we will be in the right.'

MAGNIFICAT

Walmisley in D minor

Please remain seated but stand for the Gloria

SECOND LESSON Luke 15.1-10 *read by Angela Stray*

Now all the tax-collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. ² And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, 'This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.'

³ So he told them this parable: ⁴ 'Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? ⁵ When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. ⁶ And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbours, saying to them, "Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost." ⁷ Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who need no repentance.

⁸ 'Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? ⁹ When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbours, saying, "Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost." ¹⁰ Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.'

NUNC DIMITTIS

Walmisley in D minor

Please remain seated but stand for the Gloria

RESPONSES

Forbes L'Estrange

ANTHEM

The Lord is my shepherd - Goodall

PRAYERS

Angela Jagger, Reader

HYMN 702

Lead us, Heavenly Father, lead us

SERMON

Angela Jagger, Reader

HYMN 748 (omit verse 4)

O Jesus, I have promised

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Please be aware of those remaining to listen.

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Sunday 1st March 2026
2nd Sunday of Lent

08:30 **BCP Holy Communion** President: The Reverend Canon Philip Norwood

10:30 **Sung Eucharist** President: The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar
Readings: Genesis 12.1-4 and John 3.1-17

18:30 **Choral Evensong** Officiant: The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar
Readings: Numbers 21.4-9 and Luke 14.27-33

The Week Ahead

Monday 23rd

10:30 **Small Sounds** in the Hall:
Free drop-in music sessions for babies & preschoolers (and their grown-ups!)

Wednesday 25th

19.00 **Compline** in Church
Officiant: The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar

Thursday 26th

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

13.00 **Lent Course** in the Vicarage

19.30 **Lent Course** via Zoom

Friday 27th

16.30 **Junior Choir rehearsal**

19.00 **Senior Choir rehearsal**

The Vicar Writes We all need food and physical safety. Knowledge and status are common, if not universal ambitions. None of these “temptations” are evil in themselves – it is how they are sought, from whom and at what cost that marks them as diversions from the right way. We do not need to visit a garden or a wilderness to find temptation, and we must endeavour to choose the right way wherever we are.



LENT COURSE

This year's Lent Course will run on Thursdays (starting on 26th February) with options to join either in person or online; 1pm (after the 12.30 Eucharist) at the Vicarage, or 7pm by Zoom. 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.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88180511464?pwd=Q2ZNRDYrNkoxTjZhdjhdW43VlRqUT09>

Meeting ID: 881 8051 1464

Passcode: 445752

Theme this week: **World War**

LENTEN READING

We would draw your attention to the fact that our church has a small library at the back of church. If you would like inspiration for spiritual reading during Lent there is a selection of books to borrow on the table and more in our library.

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.

THE SHELL

Printed copies of the latest edition are available at the back of church. Please put donations in the box on the back wall.

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 Misérables, The Sound of Music and more... Please visit <https://www.trybooking.com/uk/FXZH> for more info and to book.

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

Compline for Lent Sunday at 10 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

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Church office opening hours this week:

Monday 23rd February 1.15 pm -4.15 pm

Wednesday 25th February 1.15 pm -4.15 pm

Friday 27th February 1.15 pm – 4.15 pm

