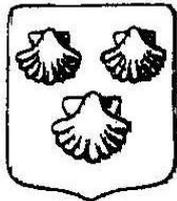


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St James the Greater Leicester



15th MARCH 2026
4th SUNDAY OF LENT / MOTHERING SUNDAY

Prayer for the Week

God of compassion,
whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary,
shared the life of a home in Nazareth,
and on the cross drew the whole human family to himself:
strengthen us in our daily living
that in joy and in sorrow
we may know the power of your presence
to bind together and to heal;
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

Rest in Peace

Mary Smith (mother of Annette Jones)

Welcome to St James the Greater

08:30 Holy Communion in the Lady Chapel

Common Worship Order I (Traditional)

President: The Reverend Canon Philip Norwood

Assisted by: Vicky Roe

Churchwarden: Paul Jenkins

A card reader donation machine is available.

10:30 All Age Sung Eucharist

See order of service

President: The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar

Assisted by: Margaret Sharman and Sheila Roberts, Associate Minister

Churchwardens: April Rule and Serge Mozota

Sidesperson: David Sharman

Servers: Charles Samuel, Tony Chizema and William Woolley

Setting: Sumsion in F

HYMN 445 (Tune 337)

God is here! As we his people

READING Exodus 2.1-10 *read by Sheila Roberts, Associate Minister*

Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. ²The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him for three months. ³When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. ⁴His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him.

⁵ The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. ⁶When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him. 'This must be one of the Hebrews' children,' she said. ⁷Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, 'Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?' ⁸Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Yes.' So the girl went and called the child's mother. ⁹Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages.' So the woman took the child and nursed it. ¹⁰When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses, 'because', she said, 'I drew him out of the water.'

Gradual Hymn 394 Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!

GOSPEL John 19.25b-27

Meanwhile, standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. ²⁶When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, 'Woman, here is your son.' ²⁷Then he said to the disciple, 'Here is your mother.' And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

SERMON

The Reverend Andrew Quigley

INTERCESSIONS

The Reverend Andrew Quigley

OFFERTORY HYMN 138

Our Father God in heaven

MOTET

For the beauty of the earth - Rutter

POST COMMUNION HYMN 794 i The King of love my shepherd is

Post Communion Prayer

Loving God,

as a mother feeds her children at the breast

you feed us in this sacrament with the food and drink of eternal life:

help us who have tasted your goodness

to grow in grace within the household of faith;

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

HYMN 739 i

Now thank we all our God

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Please be aware of those remaining to listen.

Everyone is invited for refreshments after the service.

A card reader donation machine is available at the back of church.

The Vicar Writes Today's stories about mothers focus on the strength and endurance of their love in the most extreme and (seemingly) hopeless circumstances. The love of the Church, the love we are called to, and hopefully the love we have known from those acting as mothers in our lives is not twee or fluffy, but as one of the clearest manifestations of God's love in the world, is an indestructible and transformative force.



18.30

Choral Evensong

See order of service

Officiant: Angela Jagger, Reader

Assistant Minister: Mike Rule, Associate Minister

Churchwardens: April Rule and Serge Mozota

Sidespeople: Vacant

Server: Phil Jones

HYMN 696

Jesus, where'er thy people meet

PRECES

Smith

PSALM 23

(See music sheet)

FIRST LESSON I Samuel 16.1-13

read by Andy Judge

The Lord said to Samuel, 'How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons.' ² Samuel said, 'How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me.' And the Lord said, 'Take a heifer with you, and say, "I have come to sacrifice to the Lord." ³ Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you.' ⁴ Samuel did what the Lord commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, 'Do you come peaceably?' ⁵ He said, 'Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the Lord; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice.' And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice. ⁶ When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, 'Surely the Lord's anointed is now before the Lord.' ⁷ But the Lord said to Samuel, 'Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the Lord does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart.' ⁸ Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, 'Neither has the Lord chosen this one.' ⁹ Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, 'Neither has the Lord chosen this one.' ¹⁰ Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, 'The Lord has not chosen any of these.' ¹¹ Samuel said to Jesse, 'Are all your sons here?' And he said, 'There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep.' And Samuel said to Jesse, 'Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here.' ¹² He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The Lord said, 'Rise and anoint him; for this is the one.' ¹³ Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

MAGNIFICAT

Dyson in F

Please remain seated but stand for the Gloria

SECOND LESSON Ephesians 5.8-14 *read by Barbara Paget*

For once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light—⁹ for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. ¹⁰ Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. ¹¹ Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. ¹² For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; ¹³ but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, ¹⁴ for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, 'Sleeper, awake!

Rise from the dead,
and Christ will shine on you.'

NUNC DIMITTIS

Dyson in F

Please remain seated but stand for the Gloria

RESPONSES

Smith

ANTHEM

View me, Lord – Lloyd

PRAYERS

Angela Jagger, Reader

HYMN 269

Can we by searching find out God

SERMON

Angela Jagger, Reader

HYMN 713

Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Please be aware of those remaining to listen.

A card reader donation machine is available at the back of church.

Sunday 22nd March 2026
5th Sunday of Lent / Passion Sunday

08:30 **Holy Communion**

President: The Reverend Canon Philip Norwood

10:30 **Sung Eucharist**

President: The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar

Readings: Ezekiel 37.1-14 and John 11.1-45

18:30 **Taizé Service**

Officiant: Sheila Roberts, Associate Minister

The Week Ahead

Monday 16th

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

Wednesday 18th

19.00 **Compline** in Church
Officiant: Angela Jagger, Reader
This will be live-streamed. If you'd like to watch, here are joining details:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81259880030?pwd=TG9JbmJzUW56VmFrMmJxdDJBTHFNQT09>
Meeting ID: 812 5988 0030 Passcode: u7iqca

Thursday 19th

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

19.00 **Lent Course** via Zoom

19.00 **St James Singers rehearsal**

Friday 20th

16.30 **Junior Choir rehearsal**

19.00 **Senior Choir rehearsal**

Saturday 21st

19.30 **Leicester Bach Choir Concert**

HOLY WEEK ORGAN MEDITATION

Wednesday 1st April 6pm

Phil Johnson will be doing an organ meditation on the theme of the "Seven Last Words" before compline on Wednesday 1st April. This is an opportunity to come and sit in quiet reflection before the last Compline of Lent. Music by Bach, Howells, Franck and others, each selected to compliment the Bible passages of Christ's last words from the Cross.

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.

MAUNDY THURSDAY FOOT WASHING There is a list at the back of church to sign up if you are willing to have a foot washed by the Vicar during the Maundy Thursday evening service. We need twelve volunteers before the day.

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.

LENT COURSE

This year's Lent Course will run on Thursdays 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=Q2ZNRDYrNkoxTjZhdkJhdW43VIRqUT09>

Meeting ID: 881 8051 1464

Passcode: 445752

Theme this week: Artificial Intelligence

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.

There is a short informal performance of all of the songs at 4.30pm. All are welcome to come and watch!

CONCERT DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

Saturday 21st March – 7.30pm – Leicester Bach Choir Concert

A programme of beautifully contemplative works with two stunning portrayals of the Dona Nobis Pacem at its heart. Soprano April Fredrick, Baritone Jon Stainsby, Pianist Jennifer Carter and the Bach Camerata Strings, led by Shulah Oliver-Smith join us for what is sure to be an exceptional concert.

Tickets pre-purchase £20. On the door £23. Concessions available.

Saturday 28th March – 7.00pm – Leicester Philharmonic Choir

Tickets on sale NOW!!! Bach - Mass in B Minor 7pm

Conductor: Stephen Bullamore Orchestra: Musica Donum Dei.

Tickets £22 (U25 £5)

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 16th March – 1.15 pm – 4.15 pm

Thursday 19th March 1.15 pm -4.15 pm

Friday 20th March 1.15 pm – 4.15 pm

