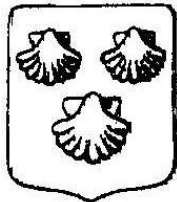
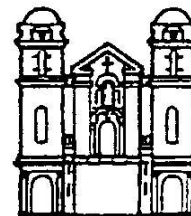


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St James the Greater Leicester



26th APRIL 2026
4th SUNDAY OF EASTER

Prayer for the Week

Almighty God,
whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life:
raise us, who trust in him,
from the death of sin to the life of righteousness,
that we may seek those things which are above,
where he 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 : Anne Sylvester and all those currently unable to attend services.

Those who are unwell and who are recovering

Mark Sadler : Nicola Shilton : Mandy Stephensen :
Mollie Drake : Kathryn Haynes : Stephanie Crapper : Caroline Hough
Diane Allen : Neill Addison-Gutteridge : Revd Canon Philip Norwood

Rest in peace

We pray for the family and friends of Chris Jones (father of Phil Jones) who died
on 19th April.

This week's Chancel Steps flowers are
sponsored by Joyce Paviour in memory of Norman.

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 Angela Jagger, Reader

Churchwarden: Serge Mozota

Sidespeople: Sue Ingle and Rachel Pratt

Servers: David Kibert, Duduzile Chizema and Tony Chizema

Setting: Kleine Orgelmesse - Haydn

HYMN 221

Ye choirs of new Jerusalem

GLORIA

Kleine Orgelmesse - Haydn

READING Acts 2.42-47 *read by Angela Jagger*

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

⁴³ Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. ⁴⁴ All who believed were together and had all things in common; ⁴⁵ they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. ⁴⁶ Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, ⁴⁷ praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

GRADUAL HYMN 633 ii Filled with the Spirit's power

GOSPEL John 10.1-10

'Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. ² The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. ³ The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴ When

he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. ⁵ They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.' ⁶ Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. ⁷ So again Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. ⁸ All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. ⁹ I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. ¹⁰ The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.

SERMON

The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar

INTERCESSIONS

Angela Jagger, Reader

OFFERTORY HYMN 194

Alleluia! Alleluia! Hearts to heaven

MOTET

The Lord is my Shepherd - Goodall

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

Post Communion Prayer

Merciful Father,

you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd,

and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again:

keep us always under his protection,

and give us grace to follow in his steps;

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

RECESSIONAL HYMN 465 (Tune 394)

**The Lord is here –
he finds us as we seek**

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.

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18:30

Easter Carol Service

See special order of service

Officiant: The Reverend Andrew Quigley

Churchwardens: April Rule and Serge Mozota

Sidespeople: Colin and Angela Stray

Servers: Val Bailey, Hilary Rees and William Woolley



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The Vicar Writes “Gatekeeping” is a thorny issue in many communities, the Church not least. Too often it is a tool of power to protect self-interest and prejudice. For Jesus gatekeeping was a way to safeguard the vulnerable and needy, those who had been excluded from other folds, or forced to hide who they truly were to fit in. Jesus knows us all by name, welcomes us, and protects us.



Sunday 3rd May

5th Sunday of Easter

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

10:30 **Sung Eucharist** President: The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar
Readings: Acts 7.55-60 and John 14.1-14

18:30 **Choral Evensong** Officiant: Angela Jagger, Reader
Readings: Joshua 1.1-9 and Revelation 21.22-22.4

The Week Ahead

Monday 27th

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

Wednesday 29th

21:00 **Compline** via Zoom. To join, please use the link
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81259880030?pwd=TG9JbmJzUW56VmFrMmJxdDJBTHFNQT09>
Meeting ID: 812 5988 0030 Passcode: u7iqca

Thursday 30th

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

Friday 1st

16.30 **Junior Choir rehearsal**
19.00 **Senior Choir rehearsal**

Saturday 2nd

10.30 **Coffee Morning and Worship**

THE ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING will be held on Sunday 24th May after the morning service.

PCC MEMBERSHIP We are looking for new PCC members and Deputy Churchwardens. Perhaps you have served in the past or in another church, or perhaps it would be a brave new world! Either way, it is an important way of serving the church, and hopefully more rewarding than onerous - only 5 or 6 meetings a year – for 1, 2 or 3 years. Please consider and pray about this before new members are elected at the APCM. Nomination forms are available at the back of church. Please talk to the Vicar, Churchwardens or other members of the PCC if you'd like more information. As a Charity sponsoring work with children and young people, PCC members are required to have a DBS check and undertake Safeguarding Training provided by the Church of England.

THE SHELL deadline is Sunday 3rd May 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

EX CATHEDRA CONCERT STEWARDS Help is needed for the Rachmaninov Vespers concert on 16th May, to check tickets, sell programmes, direct concert-goers and serve refreshments at the interval. Stewards will need to arrive by 6.15 pm as the concert starts at 7 pm. If you are able to help, please sign up on the list at the back of church. Thank you.

CONCERT DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

Saturday 25th April – 7.30 pm – City of Leicester Singers Concert
Including Sir John Rutter's 'Requiem' and Poulenc's 'Gloria'.
Tickets £12. Under 16s free.

Sunday 26th April – 3.00 pm - Knighton Chamber Orchestra Concert
A Concert of English Favourites, including music by Vaughan Williams and Elgar.

Saturday 16th May – 7.00 pm – Ex Cathedra Concert
A performance of the Rachmaninov Vespers.

Come and Sing 'A Little Jazz Mass'

'Come and Sing Bob Chilcott's A Little Jazz Mass' with the St James the Greater Junior and Senior Choirs, led by our Director of Music, Emma Trounson. We will be singing the Jazz Mass as part of the morning Eucharist service on Sunday 3rd May, accompanied by piano, double bass & drums.

Rehearsal: Friday 1st May

Primary Age: 4.30pm-5.45pm

Age 11+ & adults: 7.00pm-8.45pm

Service: Sunday 3rd May

Rehearsal (for all) 9.00am-10.15am, Service 10.30am-11.30am

No prior experience is necessary and you will be loaned the music. You must be able to attend both the Friday rehearsal and Sunday service to take part.

Please register via trybooking.com/uk/GDSZ or scan the QR code:



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.

8th March 26 - Lawrence Caldecote - Organ

Assistant Organist - All Saints', Northampton

12th April 26 - Guy Steed - Organ

St James the Greater & St Andrew's Aylestone

10th May 26 - Choristers of St James the Greater

Choral and solo items from our choristers and organists

14th June 26 - Nicholas Friedersdorff - Organ

Organ Scholar - St James the Greater

12th July 26 - Ebano Ensemble - Clarinet

Portugal

9th August 26 - Fr David Price - Organ

Thailand - part of his UK tour

30th August 26 - Castle Baroque Players (extra date)

Chamber ensemble led by Seb Carrington

13th September 26 - Ricardus Consort

Choir and instrumental ensemble led by Simon Mold

11th October 26 - Serenity Flutes

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

8th 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 Sundays 8.10 am Radio 4
Songs of Praise Sunday 2.15 pm BBC 1
Choral Evensong Sunday 6 pm Radio 3
Choral Evensong Sunday 6 pm Wednesday 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

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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 27th April 1.15 pm - 4.15 pm
Wednesday 29th April 1.15 pm - 4.15 pm
Thursday 30th April 1.15 pm - 4.15 pm

