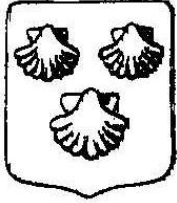
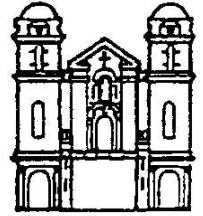


20/26



St James the Greater Leicester



17th MAY 2026
SUNDAY AFTER ASCENSION /
7th SUNDAY OF EASTER

Prayer for the Week

O God the King of glory,
you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ
with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven:
we beseech you, leave us not comfortless,
but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us
and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is gone before,
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 : 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

This week's Chancel Steps flowers are sponsored by
Philip & Paul Makepeace in memory of Doris, Terry, and Nigel Makepeace.

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

Choral Mattins

See order of service

Officiant: Sheila Roberts, Associate Minister

Sidesperson: Vacant

Churchwardens: April Rule and Serge Mozota

Servers: William Woolley and Tony Chizema

HYMN 227

Crown him with many crowns

CONFESSION

see service card

PRECES

Smith

VENITE

see music sheet

PSALM 47

see music sheet

FIRST LESSON 2 Samuel 23.1-5 *read by William Woolley*

Now these are the last words of David:

The oracle of David, son of Jesse,
the oracle of the man whom God exalted,
the anointed of the God of Jacob,
the favourite of the Strong One of Israel:

² The spirit of the Lord speaks through me,
his word is upon my tongue.

³ The God of Israel has spoken,
the Rock of Israel has said to me:

One who rules over people justly,
ruling in the fear of God,

⁴ is like the light of morning,
like the sun rising on a cloudless morning,
gleaming from the rain on the grassy land.

⁵ Is not my house like this with God?

For he has made with me an everlasting covenant,

ordered in all things and secure.

Will he not cause to prosper
all my help and my desire?

Te Deum

Stanford in B flat

SECOND LESSON Ephesians 1.15-23 *read by Phil Jones*

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love towards all the saints, and for this reason ¹⁶I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. ¹⁷I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, ¹⁸so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, ¹⁹and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. ²⁰God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. ²²And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, ²³which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Jubilate

Britten in C

THE CREED

see service card

RESPONSES

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ANTHEM

Psallite Domino – Byrd

*Psallite Domino,
qui ascendit super
coelos coelorum ad Orientem,
Alleluia.*

*Sing to the Lord,
who ascends above,
the heavens of heavens to the East,
Alleluia.*

PRAYERS

Sheila Roberts, Associate Minister

HYMN 686 (omit vs 4) Jesu, our hope, our heart's desire

SERMON

Sheila Roberts, Associate Minister

HYMN 769

Rejoice! The Lord is King

DISMISSAL

The Lord be with you. **And with thy spirit.**

Let us bless the Lord. **Thanks be to 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.

18:30

Sung Eucharist

See order of service

President: The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar

Assisted by: Margaret Sharman and Mike Rule, Associate Minister

Churchwardens: April Rule and Serge Mozota

Sidesperson: David Sharman

Servers: Hazel Carlin, William Woolley and Duduzile Chizema

Setting: Noble in B minor

READING Acts 1.6-14 *read by Andrew Curry*

So when they had come together, they asked him, 'Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?' ⁷ He replied, 'It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸ But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.' ⁹ When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰ While he was going and they were gazing up towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. ¹¹ They said, 'Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.'

¹² Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. ¹³ When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. ¹⁴ All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

GOSPEL John 17.1-11

After Jesus had spoken these words, he looked up to heaven and said, 'Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, ² since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. ³ And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. ⁴ I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. ⁵ So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

⁶ 'I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. ⁷ Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; ⁸ for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. ⁹ I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. ¹⁰ All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. ¹¹ And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.

SERMON

Mike Rule, Associate Minister

INTERCESSIONS

The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar

MOTET *Ascendit Deus – Phillips*

Ascendit Deus in jubilatione,

God has ascended with jubilation,

et Dominus in voce tubae, alleluia. And the Lord with the sound of the trumpet, alleluia.

Dominus in coelo paravit sedem suam. The Lord has prepared his seat in heaven.

Alleluia, alleluia.

Alleluia, alleluia.

Post Communion Prayer

Eternal God, giver of love and power,

your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world

to preach the gospel of his kingdom:

confirm us in this mission,

and help us to live the good news we proclaim;

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Please be aware of those remaining to listen.

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.

Sunday 24th May

Pentecost

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

10:30 **Sung Eucharist** President: The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar
Readings: Acts 2.1-21 and John 20.19-23

Please note: Incense will be used during this service

18:30 **Choral Evensong** Officiant: The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar
Readings: Joel 2.21-32 and Acts 2.14-21

The Week Ahead

Monday 18th

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

Wednesday 20th

21:00 **Compline** via Zoom. To join, please use the link
<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/75984858232?pwd=sXKl93zlo5Vj4WApP0aKUmTjrXEX0O.l>
Meeting ID: 759 8485 8232 Passcode: L6WRmc

Thursday 21st

12:30 **Holy Communion** Common Worship, Order 1 (Traditional)
President: The Reverend Canon Philip Norwood
Assisted by: Vicky Roe, Pastoral Assistant

Friday 22nd

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

The Vicar Writes Sometimes known as the 7th Sunday of Easter, sometime the Sunday before Pentecost, this is an in-between Sunday – Jesus has ascended, but the Spirit has not yet descended on the apostles. This may be a time that resonates with many of us – we live in the in-between time when Jesus has won the battle, but we still wait for the fruits of his victory, as so many suffer and doubt. For us, as for the disciples, we must be comforted by Christ's claiming of us for his own.



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

CALLED TOGETHER SERVICE On Saturday 23rd May at 3 pm in Leicester Cathedral, Sheila Roberts will be relicensed as an Associate Minister. Victoria Roe will also be relicensed as Pastoral Assistant, marking 25 years in that role at St. James the Greater. Everyone is welcome to attend the 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.

Come and Sing Evensong

Our next event will be on Trinity Sunday (31st May 2026). Arrive in church for a 4.30pm rehearsal start.

The music will be: Preces & Responses: Reading; Psalm: 150 (Elgar); Canticles: Brewer in D; Anthem: Love divine – Goodall.

If you would like more information and to register, please visit:

<https://www.trybooking.com/uk/GJYB>

Or scan the QR code:



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 1.00 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:

Wednesday 20th May 1.15 pm – 4.15 pm

Thursday 21st May 1.15 pm - 4.15 pm

Friday 22nd May 1.15 pm - 4.15 pm

