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This week at the Church of
St James the Greater
Leicester

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24th NOVEMBER 2024
CHRIST THE KING

Prayer for the Week

Eternal Father,
whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven
that he might rule over all things as Lord and King:
keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit
and in the bond of peace,
and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet;
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 : Anne Sylvester : Nina French : Anthony Green :
Gillian Boorne : Josephine Chizema : Ann Blanchard
and all those currently unable to attend services.

Those who are unwell and who are recovering
Rex Woolhouse : Penny Judge : Mark Sadler : Nicola Shilton : Mandy Stephensen :
Mollie Drake : Revd Jane Sharp : Michael Molloy : Chris Jones :
Revd David Clark

The Commemorative Flowers this week have been kindly given
by Jo & Pete Durham, in loving memory of Suzanne, greatly missed Mum and wife.

Welcome to St James the Greater

08:30 Holy Communion in the Lady Chapel

Common Worship Order I (Traditional)

President: The Reverend Philip Norwood

Assisted by: William Simpey

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

Churchwarden: Simon Edwards

Sidespeople: Sue Ingle and Rachel Pratt

Servers: David Kibert, William Woolley and Tony Chizema

Setting: Darke in E

HYMN 227

GLORIA

Crown him with many crowns

Darke in F

READING Revelation 1.4b-8 *read by David Kibert*

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, ⁵and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, ⁶and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

⁷ Look! He is coming with the clouds;

every eye will see him,

even those who pierced him;

and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail.

So it is to be. Amen.

⁸ 'I am the Alpha and the Omega', says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

GRADUAL HYMN 691 i

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun

GOSPEL John 18.33-37

Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, 'Are you the King of the Jews?' ³⁴Jesus answered, 'Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?' ³⁵Pilate replied, 'I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?' ³⁶Jesus answered, 'My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here.' ³⁷Pilate asked him, 'So you are a king?' Jesus answered, 'You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.'

SERMON

Mike Rule, Associate Minister

INTERCESSIONS

The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar

OFFERTORY HYMN 489

From heaven you came, helpless babe

MOTET

Let all mortal flesh keep silence - Bairstow

Post Communion Prayer

Stir up, O Lord,

the wills of your faithful people;

that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may by you be plenteously rewarded;

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

RECESSIONAL HYMN 612

Christ triumphant, ever reigning

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.

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

ANNIVERSARY On Advent Sunday 1964 four young men including Michael Bull were admitted as servers in St James. He will be serving next Sunday morning and we are sure many of us will wish to celebrate with him and thank him for his loyal service.

18.30

Choral Evensong

See order of service

Officiant: The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar

Churchwardens: April Rule and Simon Edwards

Sidespeople: Colin and Angela Stray

Servers: Hilary Rees, Michael Bull and Charles Samuel

HYMN 769

Rejoice! The Lord is King

PRECES

Ferial

PSALM 72

(See music sheet)

FIRST LESSON Daniel 5 *read by Colin Stray*

King Belshazzar made a great festival for a thousand of his lords, and he was drinking wine in the presence of the thousand.

² Under the influence of the wine, Belshazzar commanded that they bring in the vessels of gold and silver that his father Nebuchadnezzar had taken out of the temple in Jerusalem, so that the king and his lords, his wives, and his concubines might drink from them. ³ So they brought in the vessels of gold and silver that had been taken out of the temple, the house of God in Jerusalem, and the king and his lords, his wives, and his concubines drank from them. ⁴ They drank the wine and praised the gods of gold and silver, bronze, iron, wood, and stone.

⁵ Immediately the fingers of a human hand appeared and began writing on the plaster of the wall of the royal palace, next to the lampstand. The king was watching the hand as it wrote. ⁶ Then the king's face turned pale, and his thoughts terrified him. His limbs gave way, and his knees knocked together. ⁷ The king cried aloud to bring in the enchanters, the Chaldeans, and the diviners; and the king said to the wise men of Babylon, 'Whoever can read this writing and tell me its interpretation shall be clothed in purple, have a chain of gold around his neck, and rank third in the kingdom.' ⁸ Then all the king's wise men came in, but they could not read the writing or tell the king the interpretation. ⁹ Then King Belshazzar became greatly terrified and his face turned pale, and his lords were perplexed.

¹⁰ The queen, when she heard the discussion of the king and his lords, came into the banqueting-hall. The queen said, 'O king, live for ever! Do not let your thoughts terrify you or your face grow pale. ¹¹ There is a man in your kingdom who is endowed with a spirit of the holy gods. In the days of your father he was found to have enlightenment, understanding, and wisdom like the wisdom of the gods. Your father, King Nebuchadnezzar, made him chief of the magicians, enchanters, Chaldeans, and diviners, ¹² because an excellent spirit, knowledge, and understanding to interpret dreams, explain riddles, and solve problems were found in this Daniel, whom the king named Belteshazzar. Now let Daniel be called, and he will give the interpretation.'

¹³ Then Daniel was brought in before the king. The king said to Daniel, 'So you are Daniel, one of the exiles of Judah, whom my father the king brought from Judah? ¹⁴I have heard of you that a spirit of the gods is in you, and that enlightenment, understanding, and excellent wisdom are found in you. ¹⁵Now the wise men, the enchanters, have been brought in before me to read this writing and tell me its interpretation, but they were not able to give the interpretation of the matter. ¹⁶But I have heard that you can give interpretations and solve problems. Now if you are able to read the writing and tell me its interpretation, you shall be clothed in purple, have a chain of gold around your neck, and rank third in the kingdom.'

¹⁷ Then Daniel answered in the presence of the king, 'Let your gifts be for yourself, or give your rewards to someone else! Nevertheless, I will read the writing to the king and let him know the interpretation. ¹⁸O king, the Most High God gave your father Nebuchadnezzar kingship, greatness, glory, and majesty. ¹⁹And because of the greatness that he gave him, all peoples, nations, and languages trembled and feared before him. He killed those he wanted to kill, kept alive those he wanted to keep alive, honoured those he wanted to honour, and degraded those he wanted to degrade. ²⁰But when his heart was lifted up and his spirit was hardened so that he acted proudly, he was deposed from his kingly throne, and his glory was stripped from him. ²¹He was driven from human society, and his mind was made like that of an animal. His dwelling was with the wild asses, he was fed grass like oxen, and his body was bathed with the dew of heaven, until he learned that the Most High God has sovereignty over the kingdom of mortals, and sets over it whomsoever he will. ²²And you, Belshazzar his son, have not humbled your heart, even though you knew all this! ²³You have exalted yourself against the Lord of heaven! The vessels of his temple have been brought in before you, and you and your lords, your wives and your concubines have been drinking wine from them. You have praised the gods of silver and gold, of bronze, iron, wood, and stone, which do not see or hear or know; but the God in whose power is your very breath, and to whom belong all your ways, you have not honoured.

²⁴ 'So from his presence the hand was sent and this writing was inscribed. ²⁵And this is the writing that was inscribed: mene, mene, tekel, and parsin. ²⁶This is the interpretation of the matter: mene, God has numbered the days of your kingdom and brought it to an end; ²⁷tekel, you have been weighed on the scales and found wanting; ²⁸peres, your kingdom is divided and given to the Medes and Persians.'

²⁹ Then Belshazzar gave the command, and Daniel was clothed in purple, a chain of gold was put around his neck, and a proclamation was made concerning him that he should rank third in the kingdom.

³⁰ That very night Belshazzar, the Chaldean king, was killed. ³¹And Darius the Mede received the kingdom, being about sixty-two years old.

MAGNIFICAT

Howells Collegium Regale

Please remain seated but stand for the Gloria

SECOND LESSON John 6.1-15

read by Angela Stray

After this Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. ²A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. ³Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. ⁴Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. ⁵When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming towards him, Jesus said to Philip, 'Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?' ⁶He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. ⁷Philip answered him, 'Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little.' ⁸One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, ⁹'There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?' ¹⁰Jesus said, 'Make the people sit down.' Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. ¹¹Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. ¹²When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, 'Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost.' ¹³So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. ¹⁴When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, 'This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world.' ¹⁵ When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

NUNC DIMITTIS

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RESPONSES

Leighton

ANTHEM

Let all the world – Vaughan Williams

PRAYERS

The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar

HYMN 698 i

King of glory, King of peace

SERMON

The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar

HYMN 586

All praise to Christ, our Lord and king divine

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

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The Vicar Writes As we celebrate the kingship of Christ, unfortunately the world keeps furnishing us with contrasting rulers of this world. The suffering, serving, self-sacrificing rule of Christ should be the model of all human leadership, but there instead we all too often see the rule of the bullying, dominating, and self-serving.



The Week Ahead

Wednesday 27th

21:00 **Compline** via Zoom. To join, please use the link
<https://zoom.us/j/91012643324?pwd=Uy9ENUlPeVlvWERoeIMzWi9BSnpRUT09>
Meeting ID: 910 1264 3324 Passcode: Compline

Thursday 28th

10:30 **Holy Communion** Common Worship, Order 1 (traditional)
President: The Reverend Philip Norwood
Assisted by Vicky Roe, Pastoral Assistant

11:00 **Coffee Drop-In**

Friday 29th

16.30 Junior Choir. 18.15 Chorister Training. 18.45 Full Choir Rehearsal.

Sunday 1st December – 1st Sunday of Advent

08:30 Holy Communion	President: The Reverend Philip Norwood
10:30 Sung Eucharist	President: The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar Readings: Jeremiah 33.14-16 and Luke 21.25-36
18.30 Advent Procession	Officiant: The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar

THURSDAY HOLY COMMUNION From December we will be moving the time of this service from 10.30 to 12.30. If you haven't experienced our midweek worship perhaps this is the time to try it - the service lasts about 30 minutes and should fit conveniently into a lunch time break.

TOY SALE On Saturday 7th December, whilst we hold our monthly coffee morning, we will also be holding a tabletop toy sale, aiming to provide toys at low prices for local people at a time when living costs are high. Christmas cards will also be on sale. If you have any children's toys, board games etc at home which are no longer in use, we would be very grateful for donations. Please leave any toys in the box next to the food bank donation crate.

RECITALS AT ST JAMES We have started a series of monthly concerts on Sundays at 3.00 pm. These are free with a retiring collection. On Sunday 8th December, there will be an organ recital given by Guy Steed. On Sunday 12th January, the Knighton Chamber Players will give a concert of music by Mozart. On Sunday 9th February, Ian Orr and Nikki Booth will give a concert of organ and piano duets.

PLANNED GIVING St. James relies on donations for funding. The Parish Giving Scheme enables donations directly from your bank account and adds Gift Aid for the church, if you are a taxpayer. Information packs are on the table at the back of church. Alternatively, boxes of envelopes for cash donations for each Sunday from 1st December 2024 to 30th November 2025 can be provided. If you would like to have a box, please see Vicky Roe, leave a message for her at the church office (0116 2542111) or send an E-mail to:

pastoral.assistant@sthamesthegreater.org.uk

ANNIVERSARY COMMUNITY CAROL SERVICE We are hosting a Community Carol Service in collaboration with Dave Andrews DL and in the presence of the Lord-Lieutenant of Leicestershire, the Lord Mayor of Leicester, the Chairman of Leicestershire County Council and the High Sheriff of Leicestershire. With choirs, organ, brass band, soloists and celebrity readers, we will be telling the Christmas story through the theme of local and national anniversaries. There's something for everyone with a variety of styles of music and well known carols to sing along with, so invite your family, friends and neighbours! This year, it is **Sunday 15th December 2024** from 7.00pm-8.30pm. Our chosen charity this year is LOROS and there will be festive refreshments after the service. Free tickets are available from: trybooking.com/uk/DVGO You can scan the QR code on your smart phone to find this page, or call the church office.



CONCERT DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

Saturday 30th November	7.30 pm	Leicester Bach Choir
Saturday 7th December	7.00 pm	Ex Cathedra
Sunday 8th December	3.00 pm	Organ Recital with Guy Steed
Saturday 14th December	7.30 pm	Ratby Band/Fosse Singers Concert
Sunday 15th December	7.00 pm	Community Carol Service
Thursday 19th December	7.30 pm	Leicester Philharmonic Choir
Saturday 21st December	7.00 pm	City of Leicester Singers

ARCHIVES The Church archives in the south tower are currently in a rather disorganised state. William Woolley is planning to sort and catalogue them and will be delighted to hear from anyone with surplus bookshelves, cupboards, filing cabinets etc which could be donated to the project.

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	Sunday at 9.30 pm	Radio 3

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