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This week at the **Church of
St James the Greater**
Leicester

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9th MARCH 2025
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 : 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 : Maria Lliescu

Rest in peace
Those who lost their lives to Covid

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: Feby John

Churchwarden: Paul Jenkins

A card reader donation machine is available.

10:30 Sung Eucharist

President: The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar

Assisted by: Lucy Hutchinson and Sheila Roberts, Associate Minister

Churchwarden: April Rule

Sidesperson: Margaret Clarke

Servers: Lucy Hutchinson, Tony Chizema and William Woolley

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HYMN 812 Through all the changing scenes of life

READING Deuteronomy 26.1-11 *read by William Woolley*

When you have come into the land that the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, ²you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the Lord your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the Lord your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. ³You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, 'Today I declare to the Lord your God that I have come into the land that the Lord swore to our ancestors to give us.' ⁴When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the Lord your God, ⁵you shall make this response before the Lord your God: 'A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. ⁶When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labour on us, ⁷we cried to the Lord, the God of our ancestors; the Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. ⁸The Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; ⁹and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. ¹⁰So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O Lord, have given me.' You shall set it down before the Lord your God and bow down before the Lord your God. ¹¹Then you, together with the Levites and the

aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the Lord your God has given to you and to your house.

GRADUAL HYMN 131 O for a heart to praise my God

GOSPEL Luke 4.1-13

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, ²where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. ³The devil said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread.' ⁴Jesus answered him, 'It is written, "One does not live by bread alone." '

⁵ Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. ⁶And the devil said to him, 'To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. ⁷If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.' ⁸Jesus answered him, 'It is written, "Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him." '

⁹ Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, 'If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, ¹⁰for it is written,

"He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you",

¹¹and

"On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone." '

¹²Jesus answered him, 'It is said, "Do not put the Lord your God to the test." ' ¹³When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

SERMON

Sheila Roberts, Associate Minister

INTERCESSIONS

The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar

OFFERTORY HYMN 121

Forty days and forty nights

MOTET

The Lord is my shepherd - Goodall

POST COMMUNION HYMN 116 Be thou my guardian and my guide

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

Choral Evensong

See order of service

Officiant: The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar

Churchwardens: April Rule and Simon Edwards

Sidesperson: Julia Warner

Server: Hilary Rees

HYMN 702

PRECES

PSALM 119.73-88

Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us

Ferial

(See music sheet)

FIRST LESSON Jonah 3 *read by Andrew Curry*

The word of the Lord came to Jonah a second time, saying, ²'Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you.' ³So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days' walk across. ⁴Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's walk. And he cried out, 'Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!' ⁵And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth.

⁶ When the news reached the king of Nineveh, he rose from his throne, removed his robe, covered himself with sackcloth, and sat in ashes. ⁷Then he had a

proclamation made in Nineveh: 'By the decree of the king and his nobles: No human being or animal, no herd or flock, shall taste anything. They shall not feed, nor shall they drink water. ⁸Human beings and animals shall be covered with sackcloth, and they shall cry mightily to God. All shall turn from their evil ways and from the violence that is in their hands. ⁹Who knows? God may relent and change his mind; he may turn from his fierce anger, so that we do not perish.'

¹⁰ When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

MAGNIFICAT

Chanted

SECOND LESSON Luke 18.9-14 *read by Barbara Paget*

He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: ¹⁰Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax-collector. ¹¹The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, "God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax-collector. ¹²I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income." ¹³But the tax-collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, "God, be merciful to me, a sinner!" ¹⁴I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted.'

NUNC DIMITTIS

Wood in A flat

Please remain seated but stand for the Gloria

RESPONSES

ANTHEM

PRAYERS

HYMN 824 (Tune 670 i)

SERMON

HYMN 748 (omit verses 2&4)

Ferial

○ God of mercy - Lole

The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar

With joy we meditate the grace

Revd Canon Dr Stephen Foster

○ Jesus, I have promised

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

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

The Vicar Writes People are often focused on their rights, their entitlements, and their wants. As Jesus faces temptation (just as we do) we are reminded that actually only our needs count, and that all those needs are met in God.



Sunday 16th March **2nd Sunday of Lent**

08:30 **Holy Communion** President: The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar
10:30 **Choral Mattins** Officiant: Mike Rule, Associate Minister
Readings: Jeremiah 22.1-9, 13-17 and Luke 14.27-33
18:30 **Sung Eucharist** President: The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar
Readings: Genesis 15.1-12, 17-18 and Luke 13.31-35

The Week Ahead

Wednesday 12th

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

Thursday 13th

12:30 **Holy Communion** Common Worship, Order 1 (Traditional)
President: The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar
Assisted by: Lin Mawer

13.00 **Lent Course** in the Vicarage

19.30 **Lent Course** via Zoom

Friday 14th

16.30 Junior Choir. 18.30 Chorister Training. 19.00 Full Choir Rehearsal

CHORISTER AWARDS During the morning service today four Senior Choristers are being presented with their RSCM Voice for Life medals for passing their exams which they took in January. Gold: Emily-Hafwen Davies, Jasmine Hutton, and Regina Santos-Merx. Silver: Harriet Hunt. We congratulate them on this huge achievement for which they have worked incredibly hard. Please celebrate with us with cake after the morning service!

COVID-19 DAY OF REFLECTION is today (9th March). At 12 noon we will keep a minute's silence after which we will toll the bell.

LENT AT ST JAMES In addition to our normal services there will be a number of special opportunities for us to deepen our Lenten observance: **COMPLINE** in church each Wednesday at 7pm. **THE LENT COURSE: THE SOUND OF**

MUSINGS - each Thursday, in person at about 1pm in the Vicarage, or online via Zoom at 7.30 pm - <https://shorturl.at/ETvcp> Meeting ID: 881 8051 1464 Passcode: 445752 (please sign up if interested). SERMON SERIES: Sunday evenings on the theme "Favourite things", featuring guest preachers as well as our regulars!

The Bishops' Lent Appeal 2025 - The Leprosy Mission

The Bishops' Lent Appeal for 2025 is in support of The Leprosy Mission, a Christian charity who work to provide healing and hope to those affected by leprosy.



Every two minutes, someone is diagnosed with leprosy. Although it is curable, millions of people worldwide are living with the effects of the disease, from physical disability to mental health problems, poverty and discrimination.

Caring for those with leprosy is a cause close to the heart of the Bishop of Loughborough, Rt Revd Saju Muthalaly, and a cause which has historical roots in Leicestershire.

Bishop Saju recently visited the village of Burton Lazars and the site of what was an historic administrative centre for the care of leprosy across the nation.

He also stopped by St James' Church, which is home to 'Roger', a carved stone leper head, and one of just a few preserved relics from this time.

Here, he was taken back to his days growing up in a leprosy hospital in Bengaluru where his mother served as a nurse and, in this video, speaks about that time and the plight of The Leprosy Mission in Sri Lanka today.

Sri Lanka

The Leprosy Mission runs projects in countries across Africa and Asia, including Nepal, Ethiopia, Sudan and Myanmar and, as a diocese, we will be raising funds specifically for their work in Sri Lanka - a beautiful country, but one which is facing the worst economic crisis in its history.

Three in ten households do not have enough food, and for families affected by leprosy life is even harder. The Leprosy Mission works to break the cycle of poverty by providing tools, plants and training to help people grow, cook and sell their own food. They also work to educate communities about the realities of leprosy and remove the stigma that can cause even greater poverty and isolation.

Your impact

This Lent, will you help to break the cycle of leprosy and poverty in Jesus' name?

£30 provides 20 coconut trees. Your kindness will give someone the plants they need to feed their families and sell produce.

£86 provides a family with plants, seeds and tools - everything they need to start a small-scale home garden and a build a sustainable income.

£200 will enable 100 families to learn about nutrition and how to grow good food, thanks to educational community meals and ongoing support.

ELECTORAL ROLL RENEWAL: 2025 marks the 6-yearly renewal of the Electoral Roll of our church. The Electoral Roll is a list of those who regularly worship at our church and/or those who consider St James their 'home church'. You must be on the Roll should you wish to vote at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting or stand for election to the PCC. Electoral Roll forms are available at the back of church - you must fill in a form even if you've been on the Roll previously as this is a complete revision. For further details talk to April Rule.

LEICESTER THEOLOGICAL SOCIETY The last meeting this year of the LTS is on Friday 14th March at 7.30 pm in the Frassati Centre at Holy Cross Priory. The subject this time is 'The Reliability of the New Testament' (Montgomery Trust Lecture) and will be presented by the Revd Ian Paul, Managing Editor of Grove Books Ltd. For more information, please visit <https://sites.google.com/view/leicester-theological-society/home?pli=1>

EASTER FLOWERS The Flower Guild invites you to donate towards the cost of Easter Flowers. Yellow envelopes marked specially for the donations are on the back table. Please place the envelope in the brown baskets marked Easter Flowers. If you are able to Gift Aid your donation, it would be greatly appreciated. Thank you.

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 on 17th April. We need twelve volunteers before the day.

THE SHELL Print copies of the Spring edition are available at the back of church. Please place donations in the box on the wall.

RECITALS AT ST JAMES The next in our recital series is **TODAY** at 3.00pm and will be a variety of chamber music performed by ensembles from the University of Leicester. The concert will last about an hour and refreshments will be served afterwards. The concert is free with a retiring collection with proceeds to the church.

STEWARDS FOR SUNDAY AFTERNOON CONCERTS

Please sign up on the form at the back of Church if you'd like to steward at the Sunday afternoon recitals. We need people to help with stewarding and serving refreshments on Sundays 13th April, 11th May and 8 June. Please do support this.

COME AND SING THE SOUND OF MUSIC This will take place on Sunday 6th April 2025 with a workshop and performance led by Emma Trounson, with refreshments in between.

All Age Workshop 2.00pm-4.00pm

Refreshments 4.00pm-4.30pm

Informal Concert 4.30pm-5.00pm

Please register via trybooking.com/uk/EKMOV



COME AND SING BOB CHILCOTT'S: A LITTLE JAZZ MASS

You are invited to an extended Come and Sing with our Junior and Senior Choirs, led by our Director of Music, Emma Trounson. We will be singing the Jazz Mass as part of the morning service on Sunday 11th May, accompanied by the 'Mark Trounson Trio': piano, double bass and drums. The trio will then perform for the Recitals at St James' concert at 3.00pm.

Rehearsals: Friday 2nd May & Friday 9th May

Primary Age: 4.30pm-5.45pm

Age 11+ & adults: 7.00pm-8.45pm

Service: Sunday 11th 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.



To register to sing as part of the choir, please visit: trybooking.com/uk/ENEX



CONCERT DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

Saturday 8th March The Messiah Handel 7.30pm

This performance is given by the Luminatus Vocal Ensemble and will feature an orchestra using period instruments. Tickets cost £20 (£17 concessions).

Saturday 22nd March 'Music for All' 7.00pm

Music from BRAHMS and BRITTEN to MOZART and MENDELSSOHN! Topped off with a sprinkling of RUTTER. Stephen Bullamore: conductor
Avalon Summerfield: mezzo soprano Knighton Chamber Orchestra
This performance is given by Leicester Philharmonic Choir and tickets cost £15 (under 25 £5)

Saturday 29th March 'Gloria' Vivaldi 7.30pm

This performance is given by the Leicester Bach Choir.
A Spring concert - a varied programme with Vivaldi's dazzling Gloria at the centre.
Pre purchased tickets are £20. £23 on the door.

Saturday 5th April Requiem Mozart 7.00pm

The City of Leicester Singers will perform a concert of music composed by Mozart, including the Requiem and the Missa Brevis in G major. Tickets are £12 and under 16s are free.



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 11.30 am BBC 1

Choral Evensong Sunday and Wednesday at 3 pm Radio 3

Online at www.churchofengland.org and www.leicestercathedral.org

DAILY HOPE TELEPHONE SERVICE - Freephone 0800 804 8044

Funded by the charity 'Faith in Later Life', which welcomes donations for the service at: www.faithinlaterlife.org.uk/donate

The options available from a telephone keypad are:

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. How to support Daily Hope
3. Chair exercises
4. One-minute sermons by J. John
5. Weekly Church of England Service
6. Sleep Well with Daily Hope
7. Daily Prayers

CONTACTING THE TEAM

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touch. Further details are on our website: www.stjamesthegreater.org.uk

CHURCH OFFICE This week the Office will be open on Monday 1.15pm – 4.15pm, Wednesday 1.15pm – 4.15pm and Friday 1.15pm – 4.15pm.

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The Season
of
Lent