

This week at the Church of St James the Greater

Leicester

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14th SEPTEMBER 2025 CREATIONTIDE 2 / 13TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY HOLY CROSS DAY

Prayer for the Week

Almighty God,
who called your Church to bear witness
that you were in Christ reconciling the world to yourself:
help us to proclaim the good news of your love,
that all who hear it may be drawn to you;
through him who was lifted up on the cross,
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: Josephine Chizema and all those currently unable to attend services.

Those who are unwell and who are recovering

Mark Sadler: Nicola Shilton: Mandy Stephensen: Mollie Drake: Michael Molloy: Chris Jones:

Kathryn Haynes : Jean Warren : Stephanie Crapper : Polly Taylor Caroline Hough : Rex and Margo Woolhouse : Anne Sylvester : Diane Allen

Rest in peace

Penny Judge Funeral in St James on Saturday 20th September at 11.30 am.

This week's Chancel Steps flowers are sponsored by Mollie Drake & Cherry Fulloway in memory of Gillian Russell.

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

See order of service

President: The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar
Assisted by: Lucy Hutchinson and Vicky Roe, Pastoral Assistant
Churchwardens: April Rule and Serge Mozota
Sidesperson: Margaret Clarke
Servers: Lucy Hutchinson, Phil Jones and William Woolley
Setting: Sumsion in F

HYMN 766 Praise, my soul, the King of heaven Lécot

READING Genesis 1.26-2.3 read by Phil Jones

Then God said, 'Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.'

²⁷ So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.

²⁸ God blessed them, and God said to them, 'Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.' ²⁹ God said, 'See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. ³⁰ And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.' And it was so. ³¹ God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

2 Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. ² And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the

seventh day from all the work that he had done. ³ So God blessed the seventh day

and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.

GRADUAL HYMN 637 From all that dwell below the skies

GOSPEL John 1.6-18

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷ He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. ⁸ He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. ⁹ The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

¹⁰ He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. ¹¹ He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. ¹² But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, ¹³ who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

¹⁴ And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. ¹⁵ (John testified to him and cried out, 'This was he of whom I said, "He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.") ¹⁶ From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. ¹⁷ The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. ¹⁸ No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

SERMON
INTERCESSIONS
OFFERTORY HYMN 537 i

The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar For the beauty of the earth

MOTET

A Gaelic Blessing - Rutter

COMMUNION HYMN 800 Post Communion Prayer

The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want

God our creator, you feed your children with the true manna, the living bread from heaven: let this holy food sustain us through our earthly pilgrimage until we come to that place where hunger and thirst are no more; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

RECESSIONAL HYMN 475 Forth in the peace of Christ we go

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Please be aware of those remaining to listen.

A card reader donation machine is available.

The Vicar Writes A Sunday with dual identities – the 2nd in Creationtide and Holy Cross day – invites reflection on the blessing given us in Creation, made in God's image, yet how we have fallen short of that image, to the extent of making a lifegiving tree a tool of torture and death. Yet through God's grace even that fault was not fatal, and it became the gateway to salvation.



18.30

Choral Evensong

See order of service

Officiant: Mike Rule, Associate Minister Churchwardens: April Rule and Serge Mozota

Sidesperson: Julia Warner

Servers: Rod Eynon-Baldock, Sara King and Duduzile Chizema

HYMN 821 When, in our music, God is glorified

PRECES Rose

PSALM 124 & 125 (See music sheet)

FIRST LESSON Numbers 21.4-9 read by William Woolley
From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. ⁵ The people spoke against God and against Moses, 'Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food.' ⁶ Then the Lord sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. ⁷ The people came to Moses and said, 'We have sinned by speaking against the Lord and against you; pray to the Lord to take away the serpents from us.' So Moses prayed for the people. ⁸ And the Lord said to Moses, 'Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live.' ⁹ So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

MAGNIFICAT Wood in E flat

Please remain seated but stand for the Gloria

SECOND LESSON Philippians 2.6-11 read by Jennifer Smith

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

6 who, though he was in the form of God,

did not regard equality with God

as something to be exploited,

⁷ but emptied himself,

taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form,

he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death even death on a cross.

⁹ Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name

that is above every name, 10 so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend,

in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

11 and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

NUNC DIMITTIS Wood in E flat

Please remain seated but stand for the Gloria

RESPONSES Rose

ANTHEM Evening Hymn – Balfour Gardiner

Thee, Lord, before the close of day, Te lucis ante terminum,

Maker of all things, Thee we pray Rerum Creator poscimus, for thy dear loving kindness' sake. Ut pro tua clementia

Sis præsul et custodia. To guard and guide us in thy way.

Procul recedant somnia Banish the dreams that terrify,

And night's fantastic company; Et noctium phantasmata; Hostemque nostrum comprime Keep us from Satan's tyranny

Defend us from unchastity. Ne polluantur corpora

Præsta, Pater piissime Protect us, Father, God adored, Thou too, coequal Son and Lord,

Patrique compar Unice Cum Spiritu Paraclito Thou Holy Ghost, our Advocate,

Regnans per omne sæculum Whose reign can know nor bound nor date. Amen.

PRAYERS Mike Rule, Associate Minister HYMN 589
SERMON
HYMN 584 (omit verse 2)

Angel-voices ever singing
Mike Rule, Associate Minister
All my hope on God is founded

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

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

Sunday 21st September St Matthew

08:30 **Holy Communion** President: The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar 10:30 **Battle of Britain Service** Officiant: The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar

Preacher: The Reverend Canon Dr Johannes Arens

Readings: Isaiah 40.28-31 and Philippians 4.6-8

18:30 BCP Holy Communion President: The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar

Readings: Proverbs 3.13-18 and Matthew 9.9-13

The Week Ahead

Wednesday 17th

21:00 **Compline** via Zoom. To join, please use the link https://zoom.us/j/91012643324?pwd=Uy9ENU1PeVlvWERoelMzWi9BSnpRUT09 Meeting ID: 910 1264 3324 Passcode: Compline

Thursday 18th

12:30 Holy Communion Common Worship, Order I (Traditional)

President: The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar

Assisted by: Vicky Roe, Pastoral Assistant

Friday 19th

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

Saturday 20th

11.30 Funeral of Penny Judge

19.00 Knighton Chamber Orchestra Concert

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

RIDE & STRIDE Thanks to all who helped on Saturday 13th September. Please let the office know of any sponsor money to come.

HARVEST On Sunday 28th September, we will celebrate Harvest

Festival. Donations for Leicester South Foodbank can be brought to church on the day. They are desperate for:

Tinned soup, tinned tomatoes 400g, tinned potatoes, tinned Sweetcorn, tinned carrots, Iltr UHT milk, Iltr UHT juice, tinned fruit 400g, curry sauce, custard, rice pudding, shampoo, sponge puddings.

Your donations will be gratefully received.

MONTHLY RECITAL SERIES HELPERS A sign-up sheet is at the back of church if you'd like to be a helper at our monthly concerts.

KNIGHTON CHAMBER ORCHESTRA

The next KCO concert is on Saturday 20th September at 7 pm. Music to include:

Brahms: Double Concerto for Violin and Cello

Haydn: Cello Concerto in C Mozart: Violin Concerto No. 5

Soloists: Fenella Humphreys - Violin

Matthew Sharp - Cello

Conductor: Paul Jenkins

Tickets: £12 on the door (cash or card)



RECITALS AT ST JAMES

We welcome back our previous Director of Music, Matthew Haynes, to play an organ recital on Sunday 14th September at 3.00pm for approximately 1 hour. The programme is all British: with music by Elgar, Stanford, Brewer, Howells and Ireland. The retiring collection will raise money for two charities close to Matthew's heart: Motor Neurone Disease and The Samaritans. Refreshments will be served afterwards. Matthew will also be guest conducting for Choral Evensong the same day.



COME AND SING EVENSONG - 5TH OCTOBER

All are welcome to sing Evensong at St James, led by our Director of Music Emma Trounson. Sheet music is provided - free event. Refreshments will be served between the rehearsal and the service.

Music to include:

Preces & Responses - Reading
Magnificat & Nunc Dimittis - Harwood in Ab
The Heavens are telling - Haydn

Please register via https://www.trybooking.com/uk/FEUL or by scanning this QR code:

SMALL SOUNDS

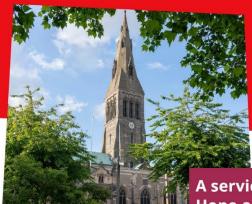
Our first session of the new music group for babies and preschoolers and their grown-ups led by our Director of Music Emma Trounson, will take place on 6th October at 10.30am. Small Sounds is a national initiative by the Cathedral Music Trust and we're fortunate to have been chosen to take part in the current cohort of churches and Cathedrals. We'll meet each Monday in the Main Hall in the Church Centre with a session from 10.30am-11.00am followed by refreshments 11.00-11.30. Please let those with young children know about this. It's free to attend (with optional donations). There is a sign-up sheet at the back of church for anyone who would like to help. Please sign up for as much or as little as you can commit to. The timings are: Mondays: 10.00 set up, 10.15 doors open, 10.30 Music session, 11.00 refreshments and chat, 11.30 close and pack up till 11.45.

Volunteer Duties: (some or all of these) setting up, welcoming people, holding the door for buggies and prams, serving refreshments and washing up, chatting to people, joining in with the Music session. (Volunteers will not be supervising children or left alone with children as they will be with their parent/guardian who will be responsible for them at all times.) For more information, please speak to Emma Trounson or Emma Smith (Senior Choir Alto).

ORGANISTS TODAY For this morning's service, we are blessed with not one, but two young organists. Our Organ Scholar Nicholas (16) will be playing the majority of the service, but he'll also be supporting Daniel Macdonald (14), our Junior Choir accompanist who has organ lessons with Roxanne Gull. We have already heard Daniel's brilliant piano playing in rehearsal and concert and we're all looking forward to hearing his organ playing too, which will be towards the end of the service. Please do pray for and encourage Daniel and Nicholas in this endeavour and they take this initiative within our music team!

Christian Aid 80th Anniversary Service

Leicester Cathedral Sunday 14th September at 10.30am



A service of Hope and Justice



Please come and join us

CHRISTIAN AID 80TH ANNIVERSARY SERVICE There is a special 80th Anniversary Service for Christian Aid at Leicester Cathedral on Sunday 14th September at 10.30 am, which supporters are invited to attend.



A Home & a Hope for the Future

Creationtide

LOCAL COMMUNITY MEETING

You are invited to attend a Community Meeting to discuss concerns related to anti-social behaviour (ASB) and other issues affecting the following streets:

- St James Road
- Tennyson Street
- St James Terrace
- Chaucer Street

Meeting Details:

Date: Thursday, 25th September 2025

. Time: 7:00 PM

Venue: St James the Greater Church Hall

This meeting is an opportunity for residents to raise concerns, share experiences, and work together with local authorities to improve safety and wellbeing in our neighbourhood.

Invited Attendees Include:

- Local residents
- Local police teams
- Local councillors
- The local Member of Parliament
- · Managers from nearby hostels

Your voice matters, and your participation will help shape the future of our community. We encourage everyone to attend and contribute to the discussion. If you have any questions or would like to submit topics in advance, please feel free to get in touch.

Kind regards,

Samuel Trantom

Police Community Support Officer





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 11.25 am BBC I
Choral Evensong Sunday and Wednesday at 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:

- I. 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

Church office opening hours: Monday 15th September 1.15-4.15pm Wednesday 17th September 1.15-4.15pm Friday 19th September 1.15-4.15pm

