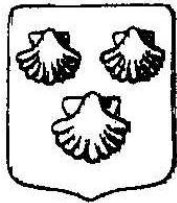
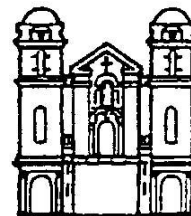


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This week at the Church of
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Leicester

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21st SEPTEMBER 2025
ST MATTHEW /
BATTLE OF BRITAIN SUNDAY

Prayer for the Week

O Almighty God,
whose blessed Son called Matthew the tax collector
to be an apostle and evangelist:
give us grace to forsake the selfish pursuit of gain and the possessive love of
riches that we may follow in the way of your Son Jesus Christ,
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

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

This week's Chancel Steps flowers are sponsored by Andy Judge, with thanksgiving
for the life of Penny Judge, much loved Wife, Mum and Granny.

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: Sheila Roberts, Associate Minister

Churchwarden: Paul Jenkins

A card reader donation machine is available.

10.30 Battle of Britain Service

See order of service

Officiant: The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar

Preacher: The Reverend Canon Dr Stephen Foster

Churchwarden: Serge Mozota

Servers: Charles Samuel, Tony Chizema and William Woolley

18:30 Sung Eucharist

Book of Common Prayer

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: Phil Jones, David Kibert and Duduzile Chizema

Setting: Little Organ Mass - Haydn

stand

HYMN 630 Father, Lord of all creation

kneel

THE LORD'S PRAYER & COLLECT FOR PURITY

COMMANDMENTS (abbreviated)

After which is sung Lord have mercy upon us ...

COLLECTS FOR THE KING AND OF THE DAY

sit

READING Proverbs 3.13-18 *read by Andrew Curry*

Happy are those who find wisdom
and those who get understanding,

¹⁴ for her income is better than silver
and her revenue better than gold.

¹⁵ She is more precious than jewels,
and nothing you desire can compare with her.

¹⁶ Long life is in her right hand;

in her left hand are riches and honour.

¹⁷ Her ways are ways of pleasantness,
and all her paths are peace.

¹⁸ She is a tree of life to those who lay hold of her;
those who hold her fast are called happy.

HYMN 809 Thou art the way: by thee alone

stand

THE GOSPEL Matthew 9.9-13

When it is announced **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax-collection station, and he said to him, "Follow me." And he got up and followed him.

¹⁰And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting with Jesus and his disciples. ¹¹When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" ¹²But when he heard this, he said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. ¹³Go and learn what this means, 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have not come to call the righteous but sinners."

Response at the end **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

THE CREED

SERMON

The Reverend Andrew Quigley

*stand
kneel*

HYMN 487 (omit verse 3) Christ is the one who calls

BIDDINGS & PRAYERS

INVITATION TO CONFESS

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

COMFORTABLE WORDS

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

during which is sung **THE SANCTUS**

PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

ANTHEM

Give us the wings of faith - Bullock

HYMN 455 My God, and is thy table spread

kneel

THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

GLORIA

Little Organ Mass - Haydn

BLESSING

HYMN 827 Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim

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.

The Vicar Writes Among the four Evangelists, Matthew's symbol is the winged man, perhaps fitting as we commemorate the Battle of Britain as well as his feast day. Matthew rose above his background as mired in the materialism and corruption of empire, as those young pilots took to the skies to combat Nazi aggression. Both they and Matthew may inspire us with the heights that can be reached with God's aid.



Sunday 28th September

Harvest Festival

08:30 Holy Communion President: The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar
10:30 Sung Eucharist President: The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar
Readings: Deuteronomy 26.1-11 and John 6.25-35
18:30 Festal Evensong Officiant: The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar
Readings: Leviticus 19.9-10, 33-34 and 2 Corinthians 9.6-11

The Week Ahead

Wednesday 24th

21:00 **Compline** via Zoom. To join, please use the link

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/75984858232?pwd=sXKl93zlo5Vj4WapP0aKUmTjrXEX0O.1>

Meeting ID: 759 8485 8232 Passcode: L6VRmc

Thursday 25th

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

19.00 **Community Meeting** in Hall

Friday 26th

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

HARVEST Next 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, 1ltr UHT milk, 1ltr UHT juice, tinned fruit 400g, curry sauce, custard, rice pudding, shampoo, sponge puddings.
Your donations will be gratefully received.

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:



RIDE & STRIDE Thanks to all who helped on Saturday 13th September. We had 29 visitors between 10 am and 4.30 pm, the highest number since the pandemic. Please let the office know of any sponsor money to come.

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

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.

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.

(SMALL SOUNDS CONT'D) 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).

DOROTHY PINCUS FILMS There are boxes of 8mm films taken by the late Dorothy Pincus in the church office. If anyone knows one of her relatives who may be interested in having the reels of film, please ask them to contact the church office and arrange to collect them.



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 2.00 pm 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 – 0345 646 2206 charged at landline rate

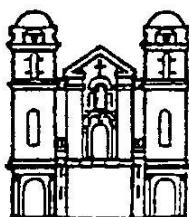
Funded by the charity 'Faith in Later Life', which welcomes donations for the service at: www.faithinlaterlife.org.uk/donate

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. 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 22nd September 1.15-4.15pm
Wednesday 24th September 1.15-4.15pm
Friday 26th September 1.15-4.15pm



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