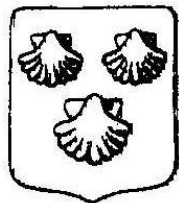
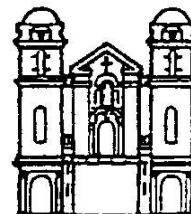


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This week at the Church of
St James the Greater
Leicester

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28th SEPTEMBER 2025
HARVEST FESTIVAL

Prayer for the Week

Eternal God, you crown the year with your goodness
and you give us the fruits of the earth in their season:
grant that we may use them to your glory,
for the relief of those in need and for our own well-being;
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 : 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

Jose Lovatt – Funeral in St James on Friday 10th October at 2.15pm

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: Lin Mawer

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 Sheila Roberts, Associate Minister

Churchwardens: April Rule and Serge Mozota

Sidespeople: Sue Ingle and Rachel Pratt

Servers: David Kibert, Duduzile Chizema and William Woolley

Setting: Bath and Wells Mass - Archer

HYMN 282

Come, ye thankful people, come

GLORIA

Bath and Wells Mass - Archer

READING Deuteronomy 26.1-11 *read by Annette Jones*

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 284

For the fruits of all creation

GOSPEL John 6.25-35

When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, “Rabbi, when did you come here?” ²⁶Jesus answered them, “Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me not because you saw signs but because you ate your fill of the loaves. ²⁷Do not work for the food that perishes but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal.” ²⁸Then they said to him, “What must we do to perform the works of God?” ²⁹Jesus answered them, “This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.” ³⁰So they said to him, “What sign are you going to give us, then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing?” ³¹Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, as it is written, ‘He gave them bread from heaven to eat.’ ” ³²Then Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. ³³For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.” ³⁴They said to him, “Sir, give us this bread always.”

³⁵Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

SERMON

Sheila Roberts, Associate Minister

INTERCESSIONS

The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar

OFFERTORY HYMN 290

We plough the fields, and scatter

MOTET

Fear not, O land - Elgar

POST COMMUNION HYMN 553

Touch the earth lightly

Post Communion Prayer

Lord, we pray that your grace
may always precede and follow us,
and make us continually to be given to all good works;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

RECESSIONAL HYMN 650 **Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father**

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.

18:30

Festal Evensong

See order of service

Officiant: The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar

Churchwarden: Serge Mozota

Sidespeople: Colin and Angela Stray

Servers: Hilary Rees and Phil Jones

HYMN 282

PRECES

PSALM 65

Come, ye thankful people, come

Forbes-L'Estrange

(See music sheet)

FIRST LESSON

Leviticus 19.9-10, 33-34

read by Paul Jenkins

When you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not reap to the very edges of your field, or gather the gleanings of your harvest. ¹⁰You shall not strip your vineyard bare, or gather the fallen grapes of your vineyard; you shall leave them for the poor and the alien: I am the Lord your God.

³³ When an alien resides with you in your land, you shall not oppress the alien. ³⁴The alien who resides with you shall be to you as the citizen among you; you shall love the alien as yourself, for you were aliens in the land of Egypt: I am the Lord your God.

HYMN 285

God, whose farm is all creation

MAGNIFICAT

Stanford in C

Please remain seated but stand for the Gloria

SECOND LESSON

2 Corinthians 9.6-11

read by David Kibert

The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. ⁷Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. ⁸And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. ⁹As it is written,

‘He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor;
his righteousness endures for ever.’

¹⁰He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. ¹¹You will be

enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us;

NUNC DIMITTIS

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RESPONSES

Forbes-L'Estrange

ANTHEM

Thou visitest the earth - Greene

PRAYERS

The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar

HYMN 283

Fill your hearts with joy and gladness

SERMON

The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar

HYMN 289

To thee, O Lord, our hearts we raise

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Please be aware of those remaining to listen.

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

The Vicar Writes Harvest is a time to express our gratitude for the food that sustains us, not just in words, hymns, or prayers, but in action. Sharing our abundance with the hungry in our world, and sharing our world with the other creatures who also depend on it, is the only way to make our gratitude genuine.



HARVEST Today, we will celebrate Harvest Festival. Donations for Leicester South Foodbank will be gratefully received. 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.



Sunday 5th October

St Francis

08:30 **BCP Holy Communion** President: To be confirmed

10:30 **Sung Eucharist** President: The Reverend Matthew Bradbury

Readings: Isaiah 61.10-62.5 and Matthew 19.23-30

18:30 **Come and Sing Evensong** Officiant: Sheila Roberts, Associate Minister

Readings: Song of Solomon 8.6-7 and Revelation 19.1, 5-9

The Week Ahead

Wednesday 1st

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

<https://zoom.us/j/91012643324?pwd=Uy9ENUlPeVlvVERoelMzWi9BSnpRUT09>

Meeting ID: 910 1264 3324 Passcode: Compline

Thursday 2nd

12:30 **Holy Communion** Common Worship, Order 1 (Traditional)

President: The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar

Assisted by: Sheila Roberts, Associate Minister

19.30 **St James Singers Rehearsal**

Friday 3rd

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

Saturday 4th

10.30 Saturday Coffee Morning and Worship

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 Tounson, 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 consist of (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 Tounson 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.

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

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

DAILY HOPE TELEPHONE SERVICE – 0345 646 2206 charged at landline rate

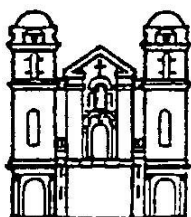
Funded by the charity 'Faith in Later Life', which welcomes donations for the service at: www.faithinlaterlife.org.uk/donate

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 29th September 1.15-4.15pm
Wednesday 1st October 1.15-4.15pm
Thursday 2nd October 1.15-4.15pm



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