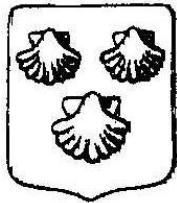
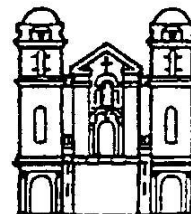


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**This week at the Church of
St James the Greater
Leicester**

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**5th OCTOBER 2025
ST. FRANCIS**

Prayer for the Week

O God, you ever delight to reveal yourself
to the child-like and lowly of heart;
grant that, following the example of the blessed Francis,
we may count the wisdom of this world as foolishness
and know only Jesus Christ and him crucified,
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 : John Finn

Rest in peace

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

This week's Chancel Steps flowers are sponsored by
Andrew Curry in memory of Wendie Stone.

Welcome to St James the Greater

08:30 Morning Prayer in the Lady Chapel

Book of Common Prayer

Officiant: Mike Rule, Associate Minister

Churchwarden: Paul Jenkins

A card reader donation machine is available.

10:30 Sung Eucharist

President: The Reverend Matthew Bradbury

Assisted by: Charles Samuel and Mike Rule, Associate Minister

Churchwardens: April Rule and Serge Mozota

Sidespeople: David Pugh

Servers: William Woolley, Charles Samuel and Tony Chizema

Setting: Darke in E

HYMN 532 (omit verses 5&6) All creatures of our God and King

GLORIA

Darke in F

READING Isaiah 61.10-62.5 *read by Phil Jones*

I will greatly rejoice in the Lord;

my whole being shall exult in my God,

for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation;

he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,

as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland

and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

¹¹ For as the earth brings forth its shoots

and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up,

so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise

to spring up before all the nations.

62 For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,

and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest,

until her vindication shines out like the dawn

and her salvation like a burning torch.

² The nations shall see your vindication

and all the kings your glory,

and you shall be called by a new name

that the mouth of the Lord will give.

³ You shall be a beautiful crown in the hand of the Lord

and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

⁴ You shall no more be termed Forsaken,

and your land shall no more be termed Desolate,
but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her
and your land Married, for the Lord delights in you,
and your land shall be married.

⁵ For as a young man marries a young woman,
so shall your builder marry you,
and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride,
so shall your God rejoice over you.

GRADUAL HYMN 379 (Tune 337) God has spoken - by his prophets

GOSPEL Matthew 19.23-30

Then Jesus said to his disciples, “Truly I tell you, it will be hard for a rich person to enter the kingdom of heaven. ²⁴ Again I tell you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.” ²⁵ When the disciples heard this, they were greatly astounded and said, “Then who can be saved?” ²⁶ But Jesus looked at them and said, “For mortals it is impossible, but for God all things are possible.”

²⁷ Then Peter said in reply, “Look, we have left everything and followed you. What then will we have?” ²⁸ Jesus said to them, “Truly I tell you, at the renewal of all things, when the Son of Man is seated on the throne of his glory, you who have followed me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. ²⁹ And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or wife or children or fields for my name’s sake will receive a hundredfold and will inherit eternal life. ³⁰ But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.

SERMON

INTERCESSIONS

OFFERTORY HYMN 547

The Reverend Matthew Bradbury

Mike Rule, Associate Minister

O Lord of every shining constellation

POST COMMUNION HYMN 725 Make me a channel of your peace

MOTET

O sing joyfully - Batten

Post Communion Prayer

Almighty God,

you have taught us through your Son

that love is the fulfilling of the law:

grant that we may love you with our whole heart

and our neighbours as ourselves;

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

RECESSIONAL HYMN 739 i Now thank we all our God

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

Come and Sing Evensong

See order of service

Officiant: Sheila Roberts, Associate Minister

Churchwardens: April Rule and Serge Mozota

Sidespeople: Vacant

Servers: Hazel Carlin and Hilary Rees

HYMN 826

PRECES

PSALM 142

Ye holy angels bright

Reading

(See music sheet)

FIRST LESSON Song of Solomon 8.6-7 *read by Jennifer Smith*

Set me as a seal upon your heart, as a seal upon your arm,
for love is strong as death, passion fierce as the grave.

Its flashes are flashes of fire, a raging flame.

⁷ Many waters cannot quench love, neither can floods drown it.

If one offered for love all the wealth of one's house, it would be utterly scorned.

MAGNIFICAT

Harwood in A flat

Please remain seated but stand for the Gloria

SECOND LESSON Revelation 19.1.5-9 *read by Ian Jones*

After this I heard what seemed to be the loud voice of a great multitude in heaven,
saying,

“Hallelujah!

Salvation and glory and power to our God,

⁵ And from the throne came a voice saying,

“Praise our God,

all you his servants

and all who fear him,

small and great.”

⁶ Then I heard what seemed to be the voice of a great multitude, like the sound of many waters and like the sound of mighty thunderpeals, crying out, “Hallelujah!

For the Lord God
the Almighty reigns.

⁷ Let us rejoice and exult
and give him the glory,
for the marriage of the Lamb has come,
and his bride has made herself ready;

⁸ to her it has been granted to be clothed
with fine linen, bright and pure”—
for the fine linen is the righteous deeds of the saints.

⁹ And the angel said to me, “Write this: Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb.” And he said to me, “These are true words of God.”

NUNC DIMITTIS

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RESPONSES

Reading

ANTHEM

The heavens are telling - Haydn

PRAYERS

Sheila Roberts, Associate Minister

HYMN 535 (Tune 314)

Creating God, we bring our song of praise

SERMON

Sheila Roberts, Associate Minister

HYMN 538

Gracious God, in adoration

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

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The Vicar Writes As we conclude Creationtide with our celebration of St Francis, it is good to remember his virtues – a passion for sharing the Gospel and reinvigorating the Church, a profound love for the poor, and an equally deep sense of his brotherhood with all God’s creatures. We give thanks for his example, and ask to emulate it.



Sunday 12th October

17th Sunday after Trinity

08:30 **Holy Communion** President: The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar
10:30 **Sung Eucharist** President: The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar
Readings: 2 Timothy 2.8-15 and Luke 17.11-19
18:30 **Choral Evensong** Officiant: Mike Rule, Associate Minister
Readings: Nehemiah 6.1-16 and John 15.12-27

The Week Ahead

Wednesday 8th

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

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/75984858232?pwd=sXKl93zlo5Vj4WapP0aKUmtjrXEX0O.l>

Meeting ID: 759 8485 8232 Passcode: L6WRmc

Thursday 9th

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

Friday 10th

14.15 Funeral of Jose Lovatt

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

Sunday 12th

15.00 Clarinet and Piano Recital

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 2025 to 30th November 2026 can be provided, to save you filling out a Gift Aid envelope each time. If you would like to have a box, and complete a Gift Aid form if you pay tax, 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

THE SHELL The deadline for contributions to the next edition of 'The Shell' is Sunday 2nd November. Please send items for inclusion to the church office by post or E-mail or to Paul Jenkins at editor@stjamesthegreater.org.uk

RIDE & STRIDE Please let the office know as soon as possible of any sponsor money to come. Returns need to be made by 20th October.

ALL SOULS REQUIEM Please give names of those who have died in the last ten years to be remembered at this service on 2nd November to the Vicar or the church office by Sunday 26th October.

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).

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

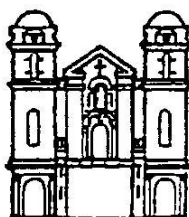
Funded by the charity 'Faith in Later Life', which welcomes donations for the service at: www.faithinlaterlife.org.uk/donate

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 6th October 1.15-4.15pm
Wednesday 8th October 1.15-4.15pm
Friday 10th October 1.15-4.15pm



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