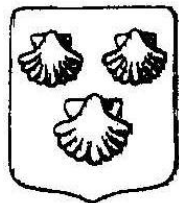
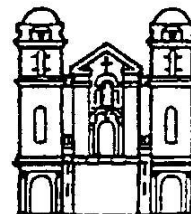


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This week at the Church of
St James the Greater
Leicester

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19th OCTOBER 2025
17th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Prayer for the Week

Almighty and everlasting God,
increase in us your gift of faith
that, forsaking what lies behind
and reaching out to that which is before,
we may run the way of your commandments
and win the crown of everlasting joy;
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 : John Finn

This week's Chancel Steps flowers are sponsored by
Caroline Beardsmore in memory of Derek Hole.

Welcome to St James the Greater

08:30

Holy Communion in the Lady Chapel

Common Worship Order I (Traditional)

President: The Reverend Canon Philip Norwood

Assisted by: Lin Mawer

Churchwarden: Paul Jenkins

A card reader donation machine is available.

10.30

Choral Mattins

See order of service

Officiant: Angela Jagger, Reader

Sidesperson: Vacant

Churchwardens: April Rule and Serge Mozota

Server: Tony Chizema

HYMN 6

Lord, as the day begins

CONFESSION

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PRECES

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VENITE

see music sheet

PSALM 149

see music sheet

FIRST LESSON Nehemiah 8.9-18 *read by Barbara Paget*

Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the Lord your God; do not mourn or weep." For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. Then he said to them, "Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our Lord, and do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength." So the Levites stilled all the people, saying, "Be quiet, for this day is holy; do not be grieved." And all the people went their way to eat and drink and to send portions and to make great rejoicing, because they had understood the words that were declared to them.

On the second day the heads of ancestral houses of all the people, with the priests and the Levites, came together to Ezra the scribe in order to study the words of the law. And they found it written in the law that the Lord had commanded by Moses that the Israelites should live in booths during the festival of the seventh month and that they should publish and proclaim in all their towns and in Jerusalem as follows, "Go out to the hills and bring branches of olive, wild olive, myrtle, palm, and other leafy trees to make booths, as it is written." So the people

went out and brought them and made booths for themselves, each on the roofs of their houses, and in their courts and in the courts of the house of God, and in the square at the Water Gate and in the square at the Gate of Ephraim. And all the assembly of those who had returned from the captivity made booths and lived in them, for from the days of Jeshua son of Nun to that day the Israelites had not done so. And there was very great rejoicing. And day by day, from the first day to the last day, Ezra read from the book of the law of God. They kept the festival seven days, and on the eighth day there was a solemn assembly, according to the ordinance.

TE DEUM

Chanted

SECOND LESSON John 16.1-11 *read by Caroline Beardsmore*

“I have said these things to you to keep you from falling away. They will put you out of the synagogues. Indeed, an hour is coming when those who kill you will think that by doing so they are offering worship to God. And they will do this because they have not known the Father or me. But I have said these things to you so that when their hour comes you may remember that I told you about them. “I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. But now I am going to him who sent me, yet none of you asks me, ‘Where are you going?’ But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you, but if I go, I will send him to you. And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: about sin, because they do not believe in me; about righteousness, because I am going to the Father, and you will see me no longer; about judgment, because the ruler of this world has been condemned.

JUBILATE DEO

Sung by the Choir Brewer in B flat

THE CREED RESPONSES

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ANTHEM

A Prayer of St Richard of Chichester - White
Angela Jagger, Reader

PRAYERS

Stand up, and bless the Lord

HYMN 783

Angela Jagger, Reader

SERMON

Come down, O Love divine

HYMN 238 i

DISMISSAL

The Lord be with you. **And with thy spirit.**
Let us bless the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Carillon *Herbert Murrill*

Please be aware of those remaining to listen

Everyone is invited for refreshments after the service.

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

18:30

Sung Eucharist

President: The Reverend Canon Dr Stephen Foster

Assisted by: William Woolley and Angela Jagger, Reader

Churchwardens: April Rule and Serge Mozota

Sidesperson: Vacant

Servers: Rod Eynon-Baldock, Sara King and William Woolley

Setting: St Alban's Mass - Archer

HYMN 362

Come, let us join our cheerful songs

GLORIA

Hebridean (hymn 414)

READING 2 Timothy 3.14-4.5 *read by Paul Jenkins*

But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it ¹⁵ and how from childhood you have known sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶ All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, ¹⁷ so that the person of God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

4 In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: ² proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favourable or unfavourable; convince, rebuke, and encourage with the utmost patience in teaching. ³ For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound teaching, but, having their ears tickled, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires ⁴ and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. ⁵ As for you, be sober in everything, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

GRADUAL HYMN 387

Rise and hear! The Lord is speaking

GOSPEL Luke 18.1-8

Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. ² He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. ³ In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him

and saying, 'Grant me justice against my accuser.' ⁴ For a while he refused, but later he said to himself, 'Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, ⁵ yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.' " ⁶ And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. ⁷ And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? ⁸ I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

SERMON

The Reverend Canon Dr Stephen Foster

INTERCESSIONS

The Reverend Canon Dr Stephen Foster

OFFERTORY HYMN 448 i I come with joy, a child of God

MOTET

Psalm 121 – Walford Davies

POST COMMUNION HYMN 455 My God, and is thy table spread

Post Communion Prayer

We praise and thank you, O Christ, for this sacred feast:
for here we receive you,
here the memory of your passion is renewed,
here our minds are filled with grace,
and here a pledge of future glory is given,
when we shall feast at that table where you reign
with all your saints for ever.

RECESSIONAL HYMN 456 ii Now let us from this table rise

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Trumpet Tune in D

David Johnson

Please be aware of those remaining to listen

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The Vicar Writes

I have heard the reading from 2 Timothy read to a group of Christians of differing views, with both parties nodding and feeling vindicated, assuming it is the other side that has "wandered away to myths." Too often people come to scripture with a view to using it as a tool or a weapon. Too often we are unwilling to be challenged ourselves, preferring to have our ears tickled!



Sunday 26th October

Bible Sunday

08:30 **Holy Communion** President: The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar
10:30 **Sung Eucharist** President: The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar
Readings: Romans 15.1-6 and Luke 4.16-24
18:30 **Choral Evensong** President: The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar
Readings: Jeremiah 36.9-32 and Romans 10.5-17

The Week Ahead

Monday 20th Zoom House Group To join, please use the link
<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/4049355092?pwd=ZU5aZ2JaTWlBK0V3aHZUTlp4bGVVGUT09&omn=72896351161>
Meeting ID: 404 935 5092 Passcode: 6Hyy6R

Wednesday 22nd
No Compline this week

Thursday 23rd
12:30 **Holy Communion** Common Worship, Order 1 (Traditional)
President: The Reverend Canon Philip Norwood
Assisted by: Vicky Roe, Pastoral Assistant

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

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.

ST JAMES'S ZOOM HOUSE GROUP Ever since Covid a group has been meeting approximately once a fortnight online for discussion and fellowship. After a long 'summer' break, we are planning to start up again with our first meeting on Monday 20th October at 2.00 p.m. We would love to see more people there so if you would like the link or to ask more about it, please contact Val Bailey or Angela Jagger (A.F.Jagger@dunelm.org.uk)
We are planning this autumn to look at some of the readings set for Evensong, but you don't need to be a regular Evensong person to enjoy this, and we are very open to future suggestions for topics. Do think about coming along.

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
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.

ORGAN OPEN DAY Saturday 22nd November 10.00am - 4.00pm.
Join us to hear and play our wonderful pipe organ - the King of Instruments. All are welcome to this event where our organist team and guests will be playing a variety of music and hymns throughout the day.
There will be opportunities to learn about and play the organ, as well as hear about the many musical activities at St. James the Greater. Donations to support our musical activities. Please invite your friends, especially young people who might be interested in learning the organ!

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, took place last Monday and was great success. Small Sounds is a national initiative by the Cathedral Music Trust and we are fortunate to have been chosen to take part in the current cohort of churches and Cathedrals. We meet each Monday in the Church Hall in the 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.

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

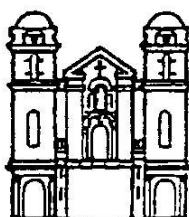
It is helpful to have the telephone on speakerphone to avoid having to hold the handset.

The options available from a telephone keypad are:

1. Hymns we love
2. Chair exercises
3. Hope in the everyday things of life
4. One minute sermons by J. John
5. Daily Prayers
6. Sleep Well with Daily Hope

Church office opening hours:

Please note that, due to annual leave, the Church Office is closed from Monday 20th October and will re-open on Monday 27th October. Please contact the Vicar or Churchwardens if needed.



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