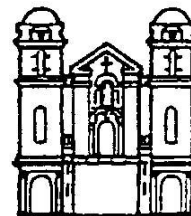


This week at the Church of
St James the Greater
 Leicester

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2nd NOVEMBER 2025
ALL SAINTS / ALL SOULS

Prayer for the Week

Almighty God,
 you have knit together your elect
 in one communion and fellowship
 in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord:
 grant us grace so to follow your blessed saints
 in all virtuous and godly living
 that we may come to those inexpressible joys
 that you have prepared for those who truly love you;
 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 : Caroline Beardsmore

Welcome to St James the Greater

08:30 Holy Communion in the Lady Chapel

Book of Common Prayer

President: The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar

Assisted by: Feby John

Churchwarden: Paul Jenkins

A card reader donation machine is available.

10.30 Choral Mattins

See order of service

Officiant: Mike Rule, Associate Minister

Sidesperson: David Pugh

Churchwardens: April Rule and Serge Mozota

Servers: Duduzile Chizema, Lucy Hutchinson and Charles Samuel

Thurifers: William Woolley and Vicky Roe

Please note that incense will be used at this service.

HYMN 308

Rejoice in God's saints, today and all days!

CONFESSION

see service card

PRECES

Forbes L'Estrange

VENITE

see music sheet

PSALM 84

see music sheet

FIRST LESSON Daniel 7.1-3, 15-18 *read by Ian Jones*

In the first year of King Belshazzar of Babylon, Daniel had a dream and visions of his head as he lay in bed. Then he wrote down the dream: ² I, Daniel, saw in my vision by night the four winds of heaven stirring up the great sea, ³ and four great beasts came up out of the sea, different from one another.

As for me, Daniel, my spirit was troubled within me, and the visions of my head terrified me. ¹⁶ I approached one of the attendants to ask him the truth concerning all this. So he said that he would disclose to me the interpretation of the matter: ¹⁷ 'As for these four great beasts, four kings shall arise out of the earth. ¹⁸ But the holy ones of the Most High shall receive the kingdom and possess the kingdom for ever—for ever and ever.'

TE DEUM

Sung by the Choir Stanford in B flat

SECOND LESSON Luke 6.20-31 read by Vicky Roe

Then he looked up at his disciples and said:

‘Blessed are you who are poor,
for yours is the kingdom of God.

‘Blessed are you who are hungry now,
for you will be filled.

‘Blessed are you who weep now,
for you will laugh.

‘Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you,
and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice on that day and leap for
joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did
to the prophets.

‘But woe to you who are rich,
for you have received your consolation.

‘Woe to you who are full now,
for you will be hungry.

‘Woe to you who are laughing now,
for you will mourn and weep.

‘Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the
false prophets.

‘But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you,
bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. If anyone strikes you on
the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not
withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone
takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. Do to others as you would
have them do to you.

JUBILATE DEO

Sung by the Choir - *Stanford in B flat*

Please remain seated but stand for the Gloria.

THE CREED

see service card

RESPONSES

Forbes L'Estrange

ANTHEM

Let all the world in every corner sing – Tomlins

PRAYERS

Mike Rule, Associate Minister

HYMN 300 (T. 147)

Glory to you, O God

SERMON

Mike Rule, Associate Minister

HYMN 296 (omit verses 4&5)

For all the saints

DISMISSAL *Plainsong*

The Lord be with you. **And with thy spirit.**

Let us bless the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

ORGAN VOLUNTARY Postlude on Sine Nomine - Denis Bédard

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

All Souls Requiem

See special order of service

President: The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar

Assisted by: William Woolley and Sheila Roberts, Associate Minister

Preacher: The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar

Prayers: Sheila Roberts, Associate Minister

Churchwardens: April Rule and Serge Mozota

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

Music: Requiem: G. Fauré

Soprano Soloist: Jess Gordon

Baritone Soloist: Phil Johnson

Collect for the Commemoration of the Faithful Departed

Eternal God, our Maker and Redeemer,
grant us, with all the faithful departed
the sure benefits of your Son's saving passion
and glorious resurrection
that, in the last day,
when you gather up all things in Christ,
we may with them enjoy the fullness of your promises,
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.

FIRST LESSON Ecclesiastes 3.1-13 *read by Caroline Beardsmore*

For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven:

² a time to be born, and a time to die;

a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted;

³ a time to kill, and a time to heal;

a time to break down, and a time to build up;

⁴ a time to weep, and a time to laugh;

a time to mourn, and a time to dance;

⁵ a time to throw away stones, and a time to gather stones together;

a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing;

⁶ a time to seek, and a time to lose;
a time to keep, and a time to throw away;
⁷ a time to tear, and a time to sew;
a time to keep silence, and a time to speak;
⁸ a time to love, and a time to hate;
a time for war, and a time for peace.

⁹ What gain have the workers from their toil? ¹⁰ I have seen the business that God has given to everyone to be busy with. ¹¹ He has made everything suitable for its time; moreover, he has put a sense of past and future into their minds, yet they cannot find out what God has done from the beginning to the end. ¹² I know that there is nothing better for them than to be happy and enjoy themselves as long as they live; ¹³ moreover, it is God's gift that all should eat and drink and take pleasure in all their toil.

GOSPEL John 11.17-27, 32-35

When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. ¹⁸ Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, ¹⁹ and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. ²⁰ When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. ²¹ Martha said to Jesus, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. ²² But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him.' ²³ Jesus said to her, 'Your brother will rise again.' ²⁴ Martha said to him, 'I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.' ²⁵ Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, ²⁶ and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?' ²⁷ She said to him, 'Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world.' ³² When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.' ³³ When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. ³⁴ He said, 'Where have you laid him?' They said to him, 'Lord, come and see.' ³⁵ Jesus began to weep.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

God of love,
may the death and resurrection of Christ,
which we have celebrated in this Eucharist
bring us, with all the faithful departed,
into the peace of your eternal home.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ,
our rock and our salvation,
to whom be glory for time and for eternity.

The Vicar Writes On this day we merge two festivals – All Saints and all Souls – so we celebrate and remember. Appropriately, as we mourn we may feel mingled emotions – sorrow at loss, but a deeper appreciation of all that has been given us by those we love who have died. It is sometimes right to weep, as even He who was the Resurrection did, but his triumph will be everlasting.



Sunday 10th November Remembrance Sunday



- 08:30 **Holy Communion** President: The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar
- 10:45 **Remembrance Service** Officiant: The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar
Readings: Micah 4.3-4 and Matthew 5.3-10
- 18.30 **Sung Eucharist (BCP)** President: The Reverend Canon Philip Norwood
Readings: 2 Thessalonians 2.1-5, 13-17 and Luke 20.27-38

The Week Ahead

Wednesday 5th

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 6th

12:30 **Holy Communion** Common Worship, Order 1 (Traditional)
President: The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar
Assisted by: Vicky Roe, Pastoral Assistant

Friday 7th

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

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

LEICESTER THEOLOGICAL SOCIETY The next lecture is called 'Encountering Julian of Norwich Today' and is given by Dr Claire Gilbert (Writer and Mentor). This is on Friday 14th November at 7.30pm in the Frassati Centre, Wellington Street. Please visit www.leicestertheologicalsociety.org.uk for more information.

STEWARDS FOR CONCERTS Help is needed with providing stewards for forthcoming concerts and schools events in December, to ensure the safety of those attending. In particular, volunteers are required for:

Saturday 15th November – 7.30 pm – City of Leicester Singers
Saturday 29th November – 7.30 pm – Leicester Bach Choir
Tuesday 2nd December – 7.00 pm – Leicester High School Carol Service
Monday 8th December – 6.00 pm – Mead Educational Trust Christmas Concert
Friday 12th December – 2.00 pm – Leicester Grammar School Carol Service
Saturday 13th December – 7.30 pm – Ratby Band/Fosse Singers Christmas Concert
Sunday 14th December – 7.30 pm – Community Carol Service
Tuesday 16th December – 7.00 pm – Ex Cathedra
Thursday 18th December – 7.30 pm – Leicester Philharmonic Choir Concert
Saturday 20th December – 7.30 pm – City of Leicester Singers Christmas Concert

STEWARDSHIP ENVELOPES Named boxes of envelopes for planned giving from December 2025 to November 2026 are on the tables at the back of church for collection by those using this scheme. If anyone else would like to join the scheme, please speak to Vicky Roe.

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 started up again. Our next meeting will be on Monday 17th November at 2.30 p.m. We would love to see more people there, so if you would like to ask more about it and want the Zoom link, 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 **today, 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

MONTHLY RECITAL SERIES HELPERS A sign-up sheet is at the back of church if you would be willing 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 would be welcomed. Please invite your friends, especially young people who might be interested in learning the organ!

If you can help on the day or want a hymn or piece of organ music played, then please sign up on the sheets at the back of church.

HEATING As we hope you noticed last week, the church heating is back on! In order to make our building more comfortable for worship, we estimate it will cost around £2,500 to heat the building for Sunday worship between now and the end of March (it cost just under £90 last week alone). As last year, any one-off donations towards the heating of the church or further consideration of any weekly giving would be appreciated for what is one of our most substantial costs each year.

RECITAL FOR REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY 9TH NOVEMBER - 3.00PM

We are holding a special concert for Remembrance Sunday in our 'Recitals at St James' series, given by our own Director of Music, Soprano Emma Trounson and Organist and Pianist Simon Headley. This will include the song cycle 'In Memoriam' by local composer Simon Mold, plus music by Bob Chilcott, Gabriel Fauré, Alexander L'Estrange and George Butterworth.

As always, the concert is 'Pay as you feel' and the proceeds will go to the church. 'In Memoriam' sung by Emma Trounson features on a CD of Simon Mold's music, and these will be available to purchase from Emma after the concert, for a reduced rate of £12 (cash only).

Refreshments will follow the concert as usual.

Church office opening hours:

Monday 3rd November 1.15pm - 4.14pm

Wednesday 5th November James working from home due to hospital appointment

Friday 7th November 1.15pm - 4.15pm

