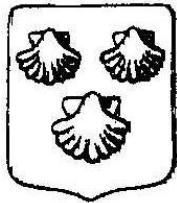
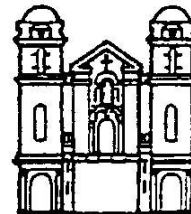


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**This week at the Church of
St James the Greater
Leicester**

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**16th NOVEMBER 2025
2ND SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT**

Prayer for the Week

Heavenly Father,
whose blessed Son was revealed
to destroy the works of the devil
and to make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life:
grant that we, having this hope,
may purify ourselves even as he is pure;
that when he shall appear in power and great glory
we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom;
where he 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
Chris & Kathryn Morfey in memory of their son Thomas.

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: Sheila Roberts, Associate Minister

Churchwarden: Paul Jenkins

A card reader donation machine is available.

10:30 Sung Eucharist

President: The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar

Assisted by: Margaret Sharman and Vicky Roe, Pastoral Assistant

Churchwardens: April Rule and Serge Mozota

Sidesperson: David Sharman

Servers: Charles Samuel, Tony Chizema and William Woolley

Setting: Kleine Orgel Messe - Haydn

HYMN 7

This is the day the Lord hath made

GLORIA

Kleine Orgel Messe - Haydn

READING 2 Thessalonians 3.6-13 *read by William Woolley*

Now we command you, beloved, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from believers who are living in idleness and not according to the tradition that they received from us. For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not idle when we were with you, and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it; but with toil and labour we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you. This was not because we do not have that right, but in order to give you an example to imitate. For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: Anyone unwilling to work should not eat. For we hear that some of you are living in idleness, mere busybodies, not doing any work. Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

GRADUAL HYMN 657

Help us to help each other, Lord

GOSPEL Luke 21.5-19

When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, he said, 'As for these things that you see, the

days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down.'

They asked him, 'Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?' And he said, 'Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, "I am he!" and, "The time is near!" Do not go after them.

'When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately.' Then he said to them, 'Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.

'But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. This will give you an opportunity to testify. So make up your minds not to prepare your defence in advance; for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. You will be hated by all because of my name. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your souls.

SERMON

INTERCESSIONS

OFFERTORY HYMN 648 ii

MOTET

POST COMMUNION HYMN 455

The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar

The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar

God of grace and God of glory

Tantum Ergo - Duruflé

My God, and is thy table spread

Post Communion Prayer

Gracious Lord,

in this holy sacrament you give substance to our hope:

bring us at the last

to that fullness of life for which we long;

through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

RECESSIONAL HYMN 652

Guide me, O thou great Redeemer

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

Choral Evensong

See order of service

Officiant: Sheila Roberts, Associate Minister
Churchwardens: April Rule and Serge Mozota
Sidesperson: Vacant
Servers: Phil Jones and Val Bailey

HYMN 17

PRECES

PSALM 97

Hail, gladdening Light

Rule

See music sheet

FIRST LESSON

Daniel 6

read by Phil Jones

It pleased Darius to set over the kingdom one hundred and twenty satraps, stationed throughout the whole kingdom, and over them three presidents, including Daniel; to these the satraps gave account, so that the king might suffer no loss. Soon Daniel distinguished himself above all the other presidents and satraps because an excellent spirit was in him, and the king planned to appoint him over the whole kingdom. So the presidents and the satraps tried to find grounds for complaint against Daniel in connection with the kingdom. But they could find no grounds for complaint or any corruption, because he was faithful, and no negligence or corruption could be found in him. The men said, 'We shall not find any ground for complaint against this Daniel unless we find it in connection with the law of his God.'

So the presidents and satraps conspired and came to the king and said to him, 'O King Darius, live for ever! All the presidents of the kingdom, the prefects and the satraps, the counsellors and the governors, are agreed that the king should establish an ordinance and enforce an interdict, that whoever prays to anyone, divine or human, for thirty days, except to you, O king, shall be thrown into a den of lions. Now, O king, establish the interdict and sign the document, so that it cannot be changed, according to the law of the Medes and the Persians, which cannot be revoked.' Therefore King Darius signed the document and interdict. Although Daniel knew that the document had been signed, he continued to go to his house, which had windows in its upper room open towards Jerusalem, and to get down on his knees three times a day to pray to his God and praise him, just as he had done previously. The conspirators came and found Daniel praying and seeking mercy before his God. Then they approached the king and said concerning the interdict, 'O king! Did you not sign an interdict, that anyone who prays to anyone, divine or human, within thirty days except to you, O king, shall be thrown into a den of lions?' The king answered, 'The thing stands fast, according to the law of the Medes and Persians, which cannot be revoked.' Then they responded to the king, 'Daniel, one of the exiles from Judah, pays no attention to you, O king, or to the interdict you have signed, but he is saying his prayers three times a day.'

When the king heard the charge, he was very much distressed. He was determined to save Daniel, and until the sun went down he made every effort to rescue him. Then the conspirators came to the king and said to him, 'Know, O king, that it is a law of the Medes and Persians that no interdict or ordinance that the king establishes can be changed.'

Then the king gave the command, and Daniel was brought and thrown into the den of lions. The king said to Daniel, 'May your God, whom you faithfully serve, deliver you!' A stone was brought and laid on the mouth of the den, and the king sealed it with his own signet and with the signet of his lords, so that nothing might be changed concerning Daniel. Then the king went to his palace and spent the night fasting; no food was brought to him, and sleep fled from him.

Then, at break of day, the king got up and hurried to the den of lions. When he came near the den where Daniel was, he cried out anxiously to Daniel, 'O Daniel, servant of the living God, has your God whom you faithfully serve been able to deliver you from the lions?' Daniel then said to the king, 'O king, live for ever! My God sent his angel and shut the lions' mouths so that they would not hurt me, because I was found blameless before him; and also before you, O king, I have done no wrong.' Then the king was exceedingly glad and commanded that Daniel be taken up out of the den. So Daniel was taken up out of the den, and no kind of harm was found on him, because he had trusted in his God. The king gave a command, and those who had accused Daniel were brought and thrown into the den of lions—they, their children, and their wives. Before they reached the bottom of the den the lions overpowered them and broke all their bones in pieces.

Then King Darius wrote to all peoples and nations of every language throughout the whole world: 'May you have abundant prosperity! I make a decree, that in all my royal dominion people should tremble and fear before the God of Daniel:

For he is the living God,
enduring for ever.

His kingdom shall never be destroyed,
and his dominion has no end.

He delivers and rescues,
he works signs and wonders in heaven and on earth;

for he has saved Daniel
from the power of the lions.'

So this Daniel prospered during the reign of Darius and the reign of Cyrus the Persian.

MAGNIFICAT

Sumsion in A

Please remain seated but stand for the Gloria

SECOND LESSON Matthew 13.1-9, 18-23*read by Andrew Curry*

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the lake. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: 'Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen!'

'Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.'

NUNC DIMITTIS

Sumsion in A

Please remain seated but stand for the Gloria**RESPONSES****Ferial**

ANTHEM

Hail, gladd'ning light - Wood

PRAYERS

Sheila Roberts, Associate Minister

HYMN 387**Rise and hear! The Lord is speaking**

SERMON

Sheila Roberts, Associate Minister

HYMN 610**Christ is the world's true light****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 So many of us will have come to faith as children, and children are a major focus of our mission through music. As Advent and Christmas draw closer more children are likely to share with us in the anticipation and excitement of the season. So on this Safeguarding Sunday we give thanks for the work of those who strive to keep the vulnerable safe in our church, particularly Vicky our Safeguarding Officer, and pray for the welcome and nurture of our church.



Sunday 23rd November

Christ the King

- 08:30 Holy Communion** President: The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar
- 10:30 Sung Eucharist** President: The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar
Readings: Colossians 1.11-20 and Luke 23.33-43
- 18.30 Choral Evensong** Officiant: Angela Jagger, Reader
Readings: 1 Samuel 8.4-20 and John 18.33-37
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The Week Ahead

Monday 17th

10.30 **Small Sounds** in the Hall

Wednesday 19th

21:00 **Compline** via Zoom. To join, please use the link
<https://zoom.us/j/91012643324?pwd=Uy9ENUlPeVlvVERoeIMzWi9BSnpRUT09>
Meeting ID: 910 1264 3324 Passcode: Compline

Thursday 20th

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

Friday 21st

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

Saturday 22nd

10.00 **Organ Open Day**

ST JAMES 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.

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.

Community Carol Service - Peace On Earth?

On Sunday 14th December 7.00pm-8.30pm, all are invited to our annual Leicester Community Carol Service at St James the Greater, with a collection in aid of LOROS - Hospice Care for Leicester, Leicestershire & Rutland, & St James the Greater Church. In the presence of and with readings read by the Lord-Lieutenant of Leicestershire, the Lord Mayor of Leicester, the High Sheriff of Leicestershire & the Chairman of Leicestershire County Council. Readings & poems from local celebrities telling the Christmas story with a theme of Peace. Join in with your favourite carols led by the Junior & Senior choirs of St James the Greater, organ & brass band, and listen to professional soloists and vocal groups performing a mix of traditional and popular music - there's something for everyone! Followed by festive refreshments. Please book your free tickets asap to avoid disappointment, as this service is usually very busy: trybooking.com/uk/FKHE or call the church office: 0116 254 2111 and leave a message.



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 29th November – 7.30 pm – Leicester Bach Choir
Tuesday 2nd December – 7.00 pm – Leicester High School Carol Service
Friday 12th December – 2.00 pm – Leicester Grammar School Carol Service
Sunday 14th December – 7.00 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

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.

HEATING As we hope you noticed, 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.

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

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.

SMALL SOUNDS

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.



A survivor's prayer for Safeguarding Sunday

Written by Cerys Morgan, a victim and survivor of church-based abuse.

Father,

Thank you that as your church you entrust to us your work here on earth.

We pray that through your Spirit, you will empower us to do the right thing for the benefit of those suffering abuse and injustice.

That we will not fear to be bringers of your justice. That we will be your voice for those whose voices are silenced.

That when your light shines into dark areas of abuse we will have courage as your representatives, to face our fears, and to show forth your heart of compassion and justice, and to speak your words of life and freedom into broken hearts.

Teach us as a Church to be your body fully knitted together and working in unity. To care for one another with extra care and dignity.

Enable us to be instruments of your love, that chains will be broken and broken hearts restored.

That we will teach everyone how precious they are to you.

That they will know you are a God who sees and feels their pain.

We pray that through your Spirit and your church fully trusting in your word, victims will become victors and their mess become a precious message of your love and restoration in their lives.

We ask this in your name and for your glory.

Amen

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:
Monday 17th November 1.15pm – 4.15pm
Wednesday 19th November 1.15pm – 4.14pm
Friday 21st November 1.15pm – 4.15pm

