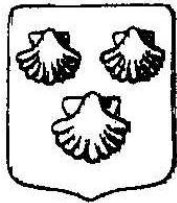
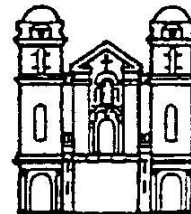


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**This week at the Church of
St James the Greater
Leicester**

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**23rd NOVEMBER 2025
CHRIST THE KING**

Prayer for the Week

Eternal Father,
whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven
that he might rule over all things as Lord and King:
keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit
and in the bond of peace,
and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet;
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 : Neill Addison-Gutteridge

This week's Chancel Steps flowers are sponsored by
Jo & Pete Durham in loving memory of Suzanne, greatly missed Mum and wife.

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: Vicky Roe, Pastoral Assistant

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 Mike Rule, Associate Minister

Churchwardens: April Rule and Serge Mozota

Sidespeople: Sue Ingle and Rachel Pratt

Servers: Tony Chizema, David Kibert and Phil Jones

Setting: Festive Eucharist - Rawsthorne

HYMN 227

GLORIA

Crown him with many crowns

Bath and Wells Service - Archer

READING Colossians 1.11-20 *read by Mark Trounson*

May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully ¹² giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. ¹³ He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, ¹⁴ in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

¹⁵ He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; ¹⁶ for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. ¹⁷ He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸ He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. ¹⁹ For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰ and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

GRADUAL HYMN 691 i Jesus shall reign where'er the sun

GOSPEL Luke 23.33-43

When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. ³⁴ Then Jesus said, 'Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.' And they cast lots to divide his clothing. ³⁵ And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, 'He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!' ³⁶ The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, ³⁷ and saying, 'If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!' ³⁸ There was also an inscription over him, 'This is the King of the Jews.'

³⁹ One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, 'Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!' ⁴⁰ But the other rebuked him, saying, 'Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation?' ⁴¹ And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.' ⁴² Then he said, 'Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.' ⁴³ He replied, 'Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.'

SERMON

Mike Rule, Associate Minister

INTERCESSIONS

The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar

OFFERTORY HYMN 489

From heaven you came, helpless babe

MOTET

Lift up your heads, O ye gates - Mathias

POST COMMUNION HYMN 358 i Be still, for the presence of the Lord

Post Communion Prayer

Stir up, O Lord,
the wills of your faithful people;
that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may by you be
plenteously rewarded;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

RECESSIONAL HYMN 612

Christ triumphant, ever reigning

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: Angela Jagger, Reader

Churchwardens: April Rule and Serge Mozota

Sidespeople: Colin and Angela Stray

Servers: Hilary Rees and William Woolley

HYMN 769

Rejoice! The Lord is king

PRECES

Leighton

PSALM 72

See music sheet

FIRST LESSON

I Samuel 8.4-20

read by Paul Jenkins

Then all the elders of Israel gathered together and came to Samuel at Ramah, ⁵ and said to him, 'You are old and your sons do not follow in your ways; appoint for us, then, a king to govern us, like other nations.' ⁶ But the thing displeased Samuel when they said, 'Give us a king to govern us.' Samuel prayed to the Lord, ⁷ and the Lord said to Samuel, 'Listen to the voice of the people in all that they say to you; for they have not rejected you, but they have rejected me from being king over them. ⁸ Just as they have done to me, from the day I brought them up out of Egypt to this day, forsaking me and serving other gods, so also they are doing to you. ⁹ Now then, listen to their voice; only—you shall solemnly warn them, and show them the ways of the king who shall reign over them.'

¹⁰ So Samuel reported all the words of the Lord to the people who were asking him for a king. ¹¹ He said, 'These will be the ways of the king who will reign over you: he will take your sons and appoint them to his chariots and to be his horsemen, and to run before his chariots; ¹² and he will appoint for himself commanders of thousands and commanders of fifties, and some to plough his ground and to reap his harvest, and to make his implements of war and the equipment of his chariots. ¹³ He will take your daughters to be perfumers and cooks and bakers. ¹⁴ He will take the best of your fields and vineyards and olive orchards and give them to his courtiers. ¹⁵ He will take one-tenth of your grain and of your vineyards and give it to his officers and his courtiers. ¹⁶ He will take your male and female slaves, and the best of your cattle and donkeys, and put them to his work. ¹⁷ He will take one-tenth of your flocks, and you shall be his slaves. ¹⁸ And in that day you will cry out because of your king, whom you have chosen for yourselves; but the Lord will not answer you in that day.'

¹⁹ But the people refused to listen to the voice of Samuel; they said, 'No! but we are determined to have a king over us, ²⁰ so that we also may be like other nations, and that our king may govern us and go out before us and fight our battles.'

MAGNIFICAT

St Paul's Service - Howells

Please remain seated but stand for the Gloria

SECOND LESSON John 18.33-37

read by Jennifer Smith

Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, 'Are you the King of the Jews?' ³⁴ Jesus answered, 'Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?' ³⁵ Pilate replied, 'I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?' ³⁶ Jesus answered, 'My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here.' ³⁷ Pilate asked him, 'So you are a king?' Jesus answered, 'You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.'

NUNC DIMITTIS

St Paul's Service - Howells

Please remain seated but stand for the Gloria

RESPONSES

Leighton

ANTHEM

Let all the world in every corner sing – Vaughan Williams

PRAYERS

Angela Jagger, Reader

HYMN 698 i

King of glory, King of peace

SERMON

Angela Jagger, Reader

HYMN 586

All praise to Christ, our Lord and king divine

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 This year has seen a number of protests in the USA under the banner "No Kings", demonstrating against a certain litigious president. However, as we celebrate the true and eternal King, the contrast between Christ and earthly rulers is highlighted, in service and suffering, rather than pride and power. He gives his life in love for all.



Sunday 30th November

Ist Sunday of Advent

- 08:30 **Holy Communion** President: The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar
- 10:30 **Sung Eucharist** President: The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar
Readings: Isaiah 2.1-5 and Matthew 24.36-44
- 18.30 **Advent Procession** Officiant: The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar
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The Week Ahead

Monday 24th

10.30 **Small Sounds** in the Hall

Wednesday 26th

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 27th

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

President: The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar

Assisted by: Lin Mawer

19.30 **St James Singers Rehearsal**

Friday 28th

09.00-17.00 **Organ Tuning for most of the day**

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

Saturday 29th

19.30 **Leicester Bach Choir Concert**

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.

LEICESTER THEOLOGICAL SOCIETY The next lecture is called 'Thomas More, William Tyndale and the struggle for the soul of England' and is given by The Revd Dr Jonathan Dean (Chair of the London Methodist District). This is on Friday 12th December at 7.30pm in the Frassati Centre, Wellington Street. Please visit www.leicestertheologicalsociety.org.uk for more information.

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

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

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.

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 24th November 1.15pm – 4.15pm
Wednesday 26th November 1.15pm -4.14pm
Friday 28th November 1.15pm – 4.15pm

