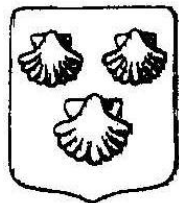
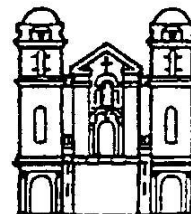


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**This week at the Church of
St James the Greater
Leicester**

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30th NOVEMBER 2025

ADVENT SUNDAY

Prayer for the Week

Almighty God,
give us grace to cast away the works of darkness
and to put on the armour of light,
now in the time of this mortal life,
in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility;
that on the last day,
when he shall come again in his glorious majesty
to judge the living and the dead,
we may rise to the life immortal;
through him 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

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: Lin Mawer

Churchwarden: Paul Jenkins

A card reader donation machine is available.

10:30 Sung Eucharist

President: The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar

Assisted by: William Woolley and Sheila Roberts, Associate Minister

Churchwardens: April Rule and Serge Mozota

Sidespeople: Vacant

Servers: William Woolley, Regina Santos-Merx and Tony Chizema

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HYMN 38

Hark, a thrilling voice is sounding

READING Isaiah 2.1-5 *read by Val Bailey*

In days to come

the mountain of the Lord's house

shall be established as the highest of the mountains,

and shall be raised above the hills;

all the nations shall stream to it.

Many peoples shall come and say,

'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,

to the house of the God of Jacob;

that he may teach us his ways

and that we may walk in his paths.'

For out of Zion shall go forth instruction,

and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.

He shall judge between the nations,

and shall arbitrate for many peoples;

they shall beat their swords into ploughshares,

and their spears into pruning-hooks;

nation shall not lift up sword against nation,

neither shall they learn war any more.

O house of Jacob,

come, let us walk

in the light of the Lord!

GRADUAL HYMN 36 Hark the glad sound!

GOSPEL Matthew 24.36-44

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

Sheila Roberts, Associate Minister

INTERCESSIONS

The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar

OFFERTORY HYMN 99 (omit vs 4) Hail to the Lord's Anointed

MOTET

Advent Message – How

POST COMMUNION HYMN 50 (Tune 602) The advent of our King

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 30 Come, thou long-expected Jesus

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.

18.30

Advent Procession

see order of service

Officiant: The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar
assisted by Mike Rule, Associate Minister (Cantor)

Churchwardens: April Rule and Serge Mozota

Servers: Rod Eynon-Baldock, Sara King, Phil Jones, Hazel Carlin, Hilary Rees,
Val Bailey and William Woolley



The Vicar Writes Christians talk a lot about following Jesus - trying to approach him more closely, and "coming to Jesus". But Advent is about him coming to us. We just have to wait... sort of. The waiting can be uncertain, even unsettling - but then we already knew that about life. Our job is to be prepared, waiting hopefully and faithfully.



Sunday 7th December **2nd Sunday of Advent**

08:30 BCP Holy Communion President: The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar

10:30 Sung Eucharist

President: The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar
Readings: Isaiah 11.1-10 and Matthew 3.1-12

18.30 Choral Evensong

Officiant: Sheila Roberts, Associate Minister
Readings: 1 Kings 18.17-39 and John 1.19-28

The Week Ahead

Monday 1st

10.30 **Small Sounds** in the Hall

Tuesday 2nd

09.00-12.00 **Leicester High School Rehearsal**
19.00-21.30 **Leicester High School Carol Service**

Wednesday 3rd

21:00 **Compline** via Zoom. To join, please use the link
<https://zoom.us/j/91012643324?pwd=Uy9ENUlPeVlvWERoelMzWi9BSnpRUT09>
Meeting ID: 910 1264 3324 Passcode: Compline

Thursday 4th

12:30 **Holy Communion** Common Worship, Order 1 (Traditional)
President: The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar
Assisted by: Sheila Roberts, Associate Minister

Friday 5th

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

Saturday 6th

10.30 **Saturday Coffee Morning and Worship**

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 <https://sites.google.com/view/leicester-theological-society/home?pli=1> 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.

CHRISTMAS STAMPS

Please save your stamps for the Interserve box at church. It helps if you can leave a small margin of paper around the stamp when cutting it off the envelope. Thank you to everyone who has brought stamps throughout the 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

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.

THE SHELL

Printed copies of the latest edition are available at the back of church. Please put donations in the box on the back wall.



SPECIAL SERVICES FOR CHRISTMAS 2025 and EPIPHANY 2026

Sunday 14 th December	7:00 pm Community Carol Service in aid of LOROS and St James the Greater, celebrating the message and meaning of Christmas, with the theme of local and national anniversaries. Reserve your free tickets at trybooking.com
Sunday 21 st December	6:30 pm Service of Nine Lessons and Carols
Wednesday 24 th December	3.00 pm Children's Service - 'No rehearsal Nativity', carols and crafts 11.30 pm Midnight Mass
Thursday 25th December	8.30 am Said Communion 10.30 am Family Service followed by Holy Communion
Sunday 11th January	6:30 pm Epiphany Carol Service
Sunday 1 st February	6.30 pm Candlemas Service

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
Advent Service from St John's College, Cambridge	Sunday at 3 pm	Radio 3
Compline for Advent I	Sunday at 10pm	Radio 3
Choral Vespers from Arundel Cathedral	Wednesday at 3pm	Radio 3

Online at www.churchofengland.org and www.leicestercathedral.org

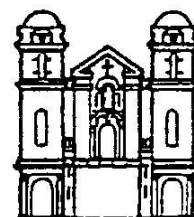
DAILY HOPE TELEPHONE SERVICE – 0345 646 2206 charged at landline rate

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



CONTACTING THE TEAM

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The Church Office can be contacted by E-mail at: office@stjamesthegreater.org.uk or by telephoning 0116 2542111 and leaving a message. Please do not hesitate to get in touch. Further details are on our website: www.stjamesthegreater.org.uk

Church office opening hours:
Monday 1st December 1.15pm – 4.15pm
Wednesday 3rd December 1.15pm – 4.14pm
Friday 5th December 1.15pm – 4.15pm