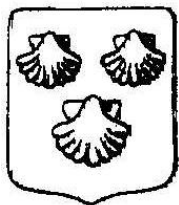
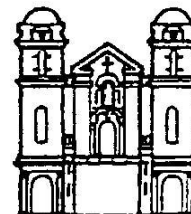


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St James the Greater Leicester



18th JANUARY 2026
2nd SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY

Prayer for the Week

Almighty God,
in Christ you make all things new:
transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace,
and in the renewal of our lives
make known your heavenly glory;
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 : Chris Jones : Kathryn Haynes : Jean Warren : Stephanie Crapper :
Polly Taylor : Caroline Hough : Margo Woolhouse : Anne Sylvester : Diane Allen :
John Finn : Neill Addison-Gutteridge : Angela Finn

Rest in peace

Michael Molloy
Dean Ashley Poyser

The Commemorative Flowers this week have been kindly given
by Margo Woolhouse in memory of Rex and their parents Mary & Arthur Birley
and George & Ada Woolhouse.

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: 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

Churchwarden: Serge Mozota

Sidesperson: David Sharman

Servers: William Woolley, Charles Samuel and Tony Chizema

Setting: Darke in F

HYMN 102

GLORIA

Jesus, come! for we invite you

Darke in F

READING Isaiah 49.1-7 *read by Mark Trounson*

Listen to me, O coastlands,

pay attention, you peoples from far away!

The Lord called me before I was born,

while I was in my mother's womb he named me.

² He made my mouth like a sharp sword,

in the shadow of his hand he hid me;

he made me a polished arrow,

in his quiver he hid me away.

³ And he said to me, 'You are my servant,

Israel, in whom I will be glorified.'

⁴ But I said, 'I have laboured in vain,

I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity;

yet surely my cause is with the Lord,

and my reward with my God.'

⁵ And now the Lord says,

who formed me in the womb to be his servant,

to bring Jacob back to him,

and that Israel might be gathered to him,

for I am honoured in the sight of the Lord,
and my God has become my strength—
⁶ he says,
‘It is too light a thing that you should be my servant
to raise up the tribes of Jacob
and to restore the survivors of Israel;
I will give you as a light to the nations,
that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.’
⁷ Thus says the Lord,
the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One,
to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations,
the slave of rulers,
‘Kings shall see and stand up,
princes, and they shall prostrate themselves,
because of the Lord, who is faithful,
the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.’

GRADUAL HYMN 391 (Tune 51) The prophets spoke in days of old

GOSPEL John 1.29-42

The next day he saw Jesus coming towards him and declared, ‘Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!’ ³⁰ This is he of whom I said, “After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.” ³¹ I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.’ ³² And John testified, ‘I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him.’ ³³ I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, “He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.” ³⁴ And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God.’

³⁵ The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, ³⁶ and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, ‘Look, here is the Lamb of God!’ ³⁷ The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. ³⁸ When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, ‘What are you looking for?’ They said to him, ‘Rabbi’ (which translated means Teacher), ‘where are you staying?’ ³⁹ He said to them, ‘Come and see.’ They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o’clock in the afternoon. ⁴⁰ One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. ⁴¹ He first found his brother Simon and said to him, ‘We have found the Messiah’ (which is translated Anointed). ⁴² He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, ‘You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas’ (which is translated Peter

SERMON
INTERCESSIONS

The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar
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OFFERTORY HYMN 104 **Songs of thankfulness and praise**

MOTET Tu es Petrus - Duruflé

POST COMMUNION HYMN 439 **Dearest Jesu, we are here**

Post Communion Prayer

God of glory,
you nourish us with your Word
who is the bread of life:
fill us with your Holy Spirit
that through us the light of your glory
may shine in all the world.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

RECESSIONAL HYMN 96 i **Brightest and best of the sons of the morning**

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

Assisted by Mike Rule, Associate Minister

Churchwarden: April Rule

Sidesperson: Vacant

Servers: Sara King and Rod Eynon-Baldock

HYMN 95

Bethlehem, what greater city

PRECES

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PSALM 96

See music sheet

FIRST LESSON

Ezekiel 2.1-3.4

read by Paul Jenkins

He said to me: O mortal, stand up on your feet, and I will speak with you. ² And when he spoke to me, a spirit entered into me and set me on my feet; and I heard him speaking to me. ³ He said to me, Mortal, I am sending you to the people of Israel, to a nation of rebels who have rebelled against me; they and their ancestors have transgressed against me to this very day. ⁴ The descendants are impudent and stubborn. I am sending you to them, and you shall say to them, 'Thus says the Lord God.' ⁵ Whether they hear or refuse to hear (for they are a rebellious house), they shall know that there has been a prophet among them. ⁶ And you, O mortal, do not be afraid of them, and do not be afraid of their words, though briars and thorns surround you and you live among scorpions; do not be afraid of their words, and do not be dismayed at their looks, for they are a rebellious house. ⁷ You shall speak my words to them, whether they hear or refuse to hear; for they are a rebellious house.

⁸ But you, mortal, hear what I say to you; do not be rebellious like that rebellious house; open your mouth and eat what I give you. ⁹ I looked, and a hand was stretched out to me, and a written scroll was in it. ¹⁰ He spread it before me; it had writing on the front and on the back, and written on it were words of lamentation and mourning and woe.

³ He said to me, O mortal, eat what is offered to you; eat this scroll, and go, speak to the house of Israel. ² So I opened my mouth, and he gave me the scroll to eat. ³ He said to me, Mortal, eat this scroll that I give you and fill your stomach with it. Then I ate it; and in my mouth it was as sweet as honey.

⁴ He said to me: Mortal, go to the house of Israel and speak my very words to them.

MAGNIFICAT

Murrill in E

Please remain seated but stand for the Gloria

SECOND LESSON

Galatians 1.11-24

read by Jennifer Smith

For I want you to know, brothers and sisters, that the gospel that was proclaimed by me is not of human origin; ¹² for I did not receive it from a human source, nor was I taught it, but I received it through a revelation of Jesus Christ.

¹³ You have heard, no doubt, of my earlier life in Judaism. I was violently persecuting the church of God and was trying to destroy it. ¹⁴ I advanced in Judaism beyond many among my people of the same age, for I was far more zealous for the traditions of my ancestors. ¹⁵ But when God, who had set me apart before I was born and called me through his grace, was pleased ¹⁶ to reveal his Son to me, so that I might proclaim him among the Gentiles, I did not confer with any human being, ¹⁷ nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were already apostles

before me, but I went away at once into Arabia, and afterwards I returned to Damascus.

¹⁸ Then after three years I did go up to Jerusalem to visit Cephas and stayed with him for fifteen days; ¹⁹ but I did not see any other apostle except James the Lord's brother. ²⁰ In what I am writing to you, before God, I do not lie! ²¹ Then I went into the regions of Syria and Cilicia, ²² and I was still unknown by sight to the churches of Judea that are in Christ; ²³ they only heard it said, 'The one who formerly was persecuting us is now proclaiming the faith he once tried to destroy.' ²⁴ And they glorified God because of me.

NUNC DIMITTIS

Murrill in E

Please remain seated but stand for the Gloria

RESPONSES

Tallis

ANTHEM

Jesu, joy of man's desiring – J S Bach

PRAYERS

Mike Rule, Associate Minister

HYMN 807

Thine for ever! God of love

SERMON

Angela Jagger, Reader

HYMN 238 i

Come down, O Love divine

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

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Sunday 25th January 2026

3rd Sunday of Epiphany / Conversion of St Paul

08:30 Holy Communion

President: The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar

10:30 Sung Eucharist

President: The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar
Readings: Isaiah 9.1-4 and Matthew 4.12-23

18:30 Choral Evensong
(Conversion of St Paul)

Officiant: Mike Rule, Associate Minister
Readings: Jeremiah 4.1-10 and Acts 9.1-22

The Vicar Writes The week brings one of my favourite collects, and this prayer reminds us that the season of Epiphany shows us not only the revelation of Christ, but the transformation of ourselves: John's recognition of Jesus as the Lamb of God is paralleled with Jesus' recognition of Peter as the Rock.



The Week Ahead

Monday 19th

10.30 **Small Sounds** in the Hall

Wednesday 21st

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: L6VRmc

Thursday 22nd

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

Friday 23rd

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

HELP NEEDED

There is a need for stewards and helpers for the Sunday afternoon Recitals and for Small Sounds on a Monday morning. You will find a sign-up sheet at the back of church. Please consider helping at these events.

THE SHELL deadline is Sunday 1st February for contributions to the next edition. Please send content such as articles, book reviews or recommendations, recipes, notices, etc., to the church office by post or to Paul Jenkins at editor@stjamesthegreater.org.uk

CHRISTMAS STAMPS

Please save your stamps for the InterCare 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.

ST JAMES SINGERS are an important and valued part of our church's choral offer, rehearsing once a month and singing a service a month, or two services on the Sunday of a school holiday.

We are looking for singers of all voice parts to join us who like to sing church music but may not be able to commit to the traditional pattern of weekly rehearsals and services.

Our next rehearsal is on Thursday 22nd January at 7.30pm and we are singing for the morning service on Sunday 1st February. After that we are rehearsing on Thursday 12th February and singing both services on Sunday 15th February. If you would like to know more, join us, or just sit in on a rehearsal, please contact Mike via the Church Office email address (office@stjamesthegreater.org.uk) or catch him after a 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

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

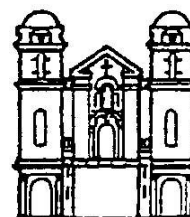
Funded by the charity 'Faith in Later Life', which welcomes donations for the service at:

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. Festive One minute sermons by J. John
4. Reflections on Hark! the herald angels sing
5. Prayers for the season
6. Sleep Well with Daily Hope



CONTACTING THE TEAM

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Church office opening hours this week:

Monday 19th January 1.15 pm - 4.15 pm

Wednesday 21st January 1.15 pm – 4.15 pm

Friday 23rd January 1.15 pm – 4.15 pm