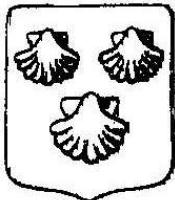
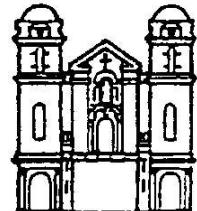


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St James the Greater Leicester



**8th FEBRUARY 2026
2nd SUNDAY BEFORE LENT**

Prayer for the Week

Almighty God,
you have created the heavens and the earth
and made us in your own image:
teach us to discern your hand in all your works
and your likeness in all your children;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns supreme over all things,
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 :
Neill Addison-Gutteridge : Angela Finn

Rest in peace

John Finn – John's funeral will be at Great Glen Crematorium on Wednesday 11th
February at 11.30am.

This week's chancel steps flowers are sponsored by
Amarjit Kaur in remembrance of her parents, brother & niece.

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: Feby John

Churchwarden: Paul Jenkins

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10:30

Sung Eucharist

President: The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar

Assisted by: Lucy Hutchinson and Vicky Roe, Pastoral Assistant

Churchwardens: April Rule and Serge Mozota

Sidesperson: Margaret Clarke

Servers: Charles Samuel, Duduzile Chizema, and Lucy Hutchinson

Setting: Sumsion in F

HYMN 541 (Tune 345) Lord of beauty, thine the splendour

GLORIA

Bath and Wells Setting - Archer

READING Genesis 1.1-2.3 *read by Mark Trounson*

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth,² the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters.³ Then God said, 'Let there be light'; and there was light.⁴ And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness.⁵ God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

⁶ And God said, 'Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.'⁷ So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so.⁸ God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

⁹ And God said, 'Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear.' And it was so.¹⁰ God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good.¹¹ Then God said, 'Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it.' And it was so.¹² The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and

trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. ¹³ And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

¹⁴ And God said, 'Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, ¹⁵ and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth.' And it was so. ¹⁶ God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. ¹⁷ God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, ¹⁸ to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. ¹⁹ And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

²⁰ And God said, 'Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky.' ²¹ So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. ²² God blessed them, saying, 'Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.' ²³ And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

²⁴ And God said, 'Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind.' And it was so. ²⁵ God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

²⁶ Then God said, 'Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.'

²⁷ So God created humankind in his image,

in the image of God he created them;
male and female he created them.

²⁸ God blessed them, and God said to them, 'Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.' ²⁹ God said, 'See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. ³⁰ And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.' And it was so. ³¹ God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

2 Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. **2** And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. **3** So God blessed the seventh day

and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.

GRADUAL HYMN 220 Word that formed creation

GOSPEL Matthew 6.25-34

‘Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? ²⁶ Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? ²⁷ And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? ²⁸ And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, ²⁹ yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. ³⁰ But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? ³¹ Therefore do not worry, saying, “What will we eat?” or “What will we drink?” or “What will we wear?” ³² For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. ³³ But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. ³⁴ ‘So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today’s trouble is enough for today.

SERMON
INTERCESSIONS

The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar
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OFFERTORY HYMN 538 Gracious God, in adoration

MOTET

O God of hosts - Mold

POST COMMUNION HYMN 797 (Tune 633 ii) The Lord is King! He sets the stars in space

Post Communion Prayer

God our creator,
by your gift

the tree of life was set at the heart of the earthly paradise,
and the bread of life at the heart of your Church:
may we who have been nourished at your table on earth
be transformed by the glory of the Saviour’s cross
and enjoy the delights of eternity;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

RECESSATIONAL HYMN 638 *Give me joy in my heart, keep me praising*

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Please be aware of those remaining to listen.

Please stay for refreshments at the end of the service.

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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: Julia Warner

Servers: William Woolley and Hilary Rees

HYMN 698 i

King of glory, King of peace

PRECES

Rule

PSALM 148

See music sheet

FIRST LESSON Proverbs 8.1, 22-31 *read by Paul Jenkins*

Does not wisdom call,

and does not understanding raise her voice?

²² The Lord created me at the beginning of his work,
the first of his acts of long ago.

²³ Ages ago I was set up,
at the first, before the beginning of the earth.

²⁴ When there were no depths I was brought forth,
when there were no springs abounding with water.

²⁵ Before the mountains had been shaped,
before the hills, I was brought forth—

²⁶ when he had not yet made earth and fields,
or the world's first bits of soil.

²⁷ When he established the heavens, I was there,
when he drew a circle on the face of the deep,

²⁸ when he made firm the skies above,
when he established the fountains of the deep,

²⁹ when he assigned to the sea its limit,

so that the waters might not transgress his command,
when he marked out the foundations of the earth,
³⁰ then I was beside him, like a master worker;
and I was daily his delight,
rejoicing before him always,
³¹ rejoicing in his inhabited world
and delighting in the human race.

MAGNIFICAT

Stanford in C

Please remain seated but stand for the Gloria

SECOND LESSON Revelation 4 *read by Caroline Beardsmore*

After this I looked, and there in heaven a door stood open! And the first voice, which I had heard speaking to me like a trumpet, said, 'Come up here, and I will show you what must take place after this.' ² At once I was in the spirit, and there in heaven stood a throne, with one seated on the throne! ³ And the one seated there looks like jasper and cornelian, and around the throne is a rainbow that looks like an emerald. ⁴ Around the throne are twenty-four thrones, and seated on the thrones are twenty-four elders, dressed in white robes, with golden crowns on their heads. ⁵ Coming from the throne are flashes of lightning, and rumblings and peals of thunder, and in front of the throne burn seven flaming torches, which are the seven spirits of God; ⁶ and in front of the throne there is something like a sea of glass, like crystal.

Around the throne, and on each side of the throne, are four living creatures, full of eyes in front and behind: ⁷ the first living creature like a lion, the second living creature like an ox, the third living creature with a face like a human face, and the fourth living creature like a flying eagle. ⁸ And the four living creatures, each of them with six wings, are full of eyes all around and inside. Day and night without ceasing they sing,

'Holy, holy, holy,
the Lord God the Almighty,
 who was and is and is to come.'

⁹ And whenever the living creatures give glory and honour and thanks to the one who is seated on the throne, who lives for ever and ever, ¹⁰ the twenty-four elders fall before the one who is seated on the throne and worship the one who lives for ever and ever; they cast their crowns before the throne, singing,

"'You are worthy, our Lord and God,
 to receive glory and honour and power,
for you created all things,
 and by your will they existed and were created.'

NUNC DIMITTIS

Stanford in C

Please remain seated but stand for the Gloria

RESPONSES

Rule

ANTHEM

Hymn to the Trinity - Tchaikovsky

PRAYERS

Sheila Roberts, Associate Minister

HYMN 362

Come, let us join our cheerful songs

SERMON

Sheila Roberts, Associate Minister

HYMN 676

Immortal, invisible, God only wise

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

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Sunday 15th February 2026
Sunday next before Lent

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

10:30 Choral Mattins Officiant: The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar
Readings: Ecclesiasticus 48.1-10 and Matthew 17.9-23

18:30 Sung Eucharist President: The Reverend Canon Philip Norwood
Readings: Exodus 24.12-18 and Matthew 17.1-9

The Vicar Writes

With a little over a week to Lent, this Sunday we go back to the beginning, getting down to fundamentals. The creation story reminds us how God makes everything, while in the Gospel we are told of the futility of worrying over superficial things. Everything comes from God, and we rely on him for all that is good. Anything else is superfluous.



The Week Ahead

Monday 9th

10.30 **Small Sounds** in the Hall

Wednesday 11th

21:00 **Compline** via Zoom. To join, please use the link

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/75984858232?pwd=sXK193zlo5Vj4WApP0aKUmTjrXEX0O.I>

Meeting ID: 759 8485 8232 Passcode: L6WRmc

Thursday 12th

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

19.30 **St James Singers Rehearsal**

Friday 13th

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

COME AND SING EVENSONG

All are welcome to sing Evensong on Sunday 22nd February, led by our Director of Music: Emma Trounson. Rehearsal is 4.30pm, service is 6.30pm as usual. It is a free event with sheet music provided. Refreshments will be served between the rehearsal and the service.

Music to include:

Forbes-L'Estrange Preces & Responses

Walmisley in Dm Magnificat & Nunc Dimittis

The Lord is my Shepherd - Goodall

Please register at trybooking.com/uk/FWQA or speak to Emma and she will register you.

LEICESTER THEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

The next lecture is called 'Science and Faith – Conflicting or Complementary?' and is given by Revd Dr Ed Bampton (Parish Priest, Area Dean and former Research Neuroscientist). This is on Friday 13th February 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.

LEICESTER MUSICFEST This local music festival of competitions, workshops, masterclasses and performance is taking place Saturday 14th - Sunday 15th February at English Martyrs School, Anstey Lane. To celebrate their 10th anniversary, all the events are free, although you may wish to make a donation. They have an excellent cafe - with hot drinks, cakes, salads and samosas. You are sure to recognise some familiar faces from our choir and organist team taking part! For more information, please visit their website: leicestermusicfest.com

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER is celebrated in over 146 countries. This year the service has been prepared by the Christian women of Nigeria on the theme, "I will give you rest, come." Services will be held on Friday 6th March at 2 pm in St. Thomas More Church, 75 Knighton Road, LE2 3HN and at 7.30 pm in the Friends Meeting House, 15 Queens Road, LE2 1WP. All are welcome to attend. St. James the Greater Church needs to provide people to read the part of Beatrice at the afternoon and evening services. There will be a rehearsal for this at 2 pm on Thursday 5th March at St. Thomas More Church and at 7 pm on Friday 6th March at the Friends Meeting House. If you would be willing to do this at either service, please contact Vicky Roe in person or by E-mail on pastoral.assistant@stjamesthegreater.org.uk

ST JAMES SINGERS are an important and valued part of our church's choral offering, 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 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 12th February as we are 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.

JUNIOR CHOIR

Our Junior Choir meets on Fridays 4.30 pm-5.30 pm and welcomes children of primary age. They will sing roughly once a month at Sunday services to begin with, for which they will even earn a bit of pocket money! The choir is free to join, there are no auditions and the boys and girls will sing in our supportive and inclusive church environment. Being a chorister means getting a free music education. From the moment they start school onwards children can be part of

an organisation where they will improve their singing voice, learn to read music, develop their confidence, work as a team with other children, perform at a high level with teenagers and adults and make friends for life. If you know of a child of primary school age who might be interested, or you are willing to help at the choir, please get in touch with Emma Trounson: DoM@stjamesthegreater.org.uk.



Upcoming 2026 Retreats at Launde Abbey

- Flowers Appear on the Earth: Springtime with the Song of Songs -
Led by Revd Catherine Williams **Monday 2nd March - Thursday 5th March 2026**
- Standing Near the Cross: A Lenten Retreat in the Company of Julian of Norwich - Led by Gail and Ian Adams - **Monday 2nd March - Thursday 5th March 2026**
- Living with Loss - Led by Abi May **Monday 23rd March - Thursday 26th March 2026**
- The Journey Into Oneness: Meditation and the Wisdom of the Cloud of Unknowing – A Weekend Silent Retreat **Friday 27th March - Sunday 29th March 2026**
- Look at the Birds: A Birdwatching Retreat - Led by Revd Dale Hanso **Tuesday 7th April - Friday 10th April 2026**
- Women in the Bible - Led by Bishop Graham Kings **Tuesday 5th May - Friday 8th May 2026**
- Unmaking Mary: Shattering the Myth of Perfect Motherhood - Led by Chine McDonald **Monday 27th July - Wednesday 29th July 2026**

Visit www.laundeabbey.org.uk for more information

There is much to look forward to in the year ahead, and we hope that you will continue to be part of the life of Launde Abbey, whether through retreats, quiet days, visits to the café, or time spent walking the grounds.

Recitals at St James



Second Sundays at 3.00pm

Pay as you feel, refreshments served

St James the Greater Church, London Rd, Leicester, LE2 1NE.

8th February - Dominic Remedios - Organ

Former Organ Scholar - Downing College, Cambridge

8th March - Lawrence Caldecote - Organ

Assistant Organist - All Saints', Northampton



12th April - Guy Steed - Organ

St James the Greater & St Andrew's Aylestone

10th May - Choristers of St James the Greater

Choral and solo items from our choristers and organists

14th June - Nicholas Friedesdorff - Organ

Organ Scholar - St James the Greater



12th July - Ebano Ensemble - Clarinet

Portugal

9th August - Fr David Price - Organ

Thailand

30th August - Castle Baroque Players (extra date)

Chamber ensemble led by Seb Carrington

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 www.bbc.co.uk/television

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b006wzfs>

Sunday Worship Sunday at 8.10 am Radio 4

Songs of Praise Sunday at 11.30 am 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. Spiritual Wellbeing Reflections with Pam Rhodes
4. One minute sermons by J. John
5. Prayers for the season
6. Sleep Well with Daily Hope

CONTACTING THE TEAM

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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 this week:

Monday 9th February 1.15 pm -4.15 pm

Wednesday 11th February 9.00 am – 12 noon

Friday | 3rd February | 1.15 pm – 4.15 pm

