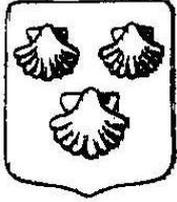
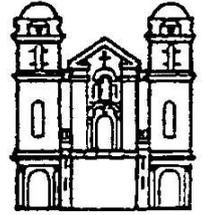


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# St James the Greater Leicester



**1<sup>st</sup> MARCH 2026**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT**

## **Prayer for the Week**

Almighty God,  
you show to those who are in error the light of your truth,  
that they may return to the way of righteousness:  
grant to all those who are admitted  
into the fellowship of Christ's religion,  
that they may reject those things  
that are contrary to their profession,  
and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same;  
through our Lord Jesus Christ,  
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 :  
Neill Addison-Gutteridge : Angela Finn : Margaret Clarke

# Welcome to St James the Greater

## 08:30 Holy Communion in the Lady Chapel

### Book of Common Prayer

President: The Reverend Canon Philip Norwood

Assisted by: Phil Jones

Churchwarden: Julia Walker

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## 10:30 Sung Eucharist

President: The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar

Assisted by: Charles Samuel and Sheila Roberts, Associate Minister

Churchwarden: Serge Mozota

Sidesperson: David Pugh

Servers: Phil Jones, Charles Samuel and Duduzile Chizema

Setting: Noble in B minor

## **HYMN 641 i**                      **Glorious things of thee are spoken**

**READING** Genesis 12.1-4                      *read by Vicky Roe*

Now the Lord said to Abram, 'Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. <sup>2</sup>I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. <sup>3</sup>I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.'

<sup>4</sup>So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran.

## **GRADUAL HYMN 655**                      **Have faith in God, my heart**

**GOSPEL** John 3.1-17

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. <sup>2</sup>He came to Jesus by night and said to him, 'Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.' <sup>3</sup>Jesus answered him, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.' <sup>4</sup>Nicodemus said to him, 'How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?' <sup>5</sup>Jesus answered, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. <sup>6</sup>What is born

of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. <sup>7</sup> Do not be astonished that I said to you, "You must be born from above." <sup>8</sup> The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.' <sup>9</sup> Nicodemus said to him, 'How can these things be?' <sup>10</sup> Jesus answered him, 'Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

<sup>11</sup> 'Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. <sup>12</sup> If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? <sup>13</sup> No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. <sup>14</sup> And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, <sup>15</sup> that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

<sup>16</sup> 'For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

<sup>17</sup> 'Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

SERMON

Sheila Roberts, Associate Minister

INTERCESSIONS

The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar

**OFFERTORY HYMN 806**

**There's a wideness in God's mercy**

MOTET

God so loved the world - Chilcott

**POST COMMUNION HYMN 140    All ye who seek for sure relief**

**Post Communion Prayer**

Almighty God,

you see that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves:

keep us both outwardly in our bodies,

and inwardly in our souls;

that we may be defended from all adversities

which may happen to the body,

and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul;

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**RECESSIONAL HYMN 629 ii    Father, hear the prayer we offer**

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

***Please be aware of those remaining to listen.  
Do join us for refreshments at the back of church.  
A card reader donation machine is available.  
Please take this leaflet away with you at the end of the Service.***

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**18.30**

## **Choral Evensong**

***See order of service***

Officiant: The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar

Churchwardens: April Rule and Serge Mozota

Sidesperson: Andrew Curry

Servers: William Woolley and Hazel Carlin

**HYMN 128 i**

**Jesu, lover of my soul**

**PRECES**

Leighton

**PSALM 135**

**(See music sheet)**

FIRST LESSON Numbers 21.4-9 *read by Andrew Curry*

From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. <sup>5</sup> The people spoke against God and against Moses, 'Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food.' <sup>6</sup> Then the Lord sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. <sup>7</sup> The people came to Moses and said, 'We have sinned by speaking against the Lord and against you; pray to the Lord to take away the serpents from us.' So Moses prayed for the people. <sup>8</sup> And the Lord said to Moses, 'Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live.' <sup>9</sup> So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

**MAGNIFICAT**

Noble in B minor

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

SECOND LESSON Luke 14.27-33 *read by Jennifer Smith*

Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. <sup>28</sup> For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? <sup>29</sup> Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, <sup>30</sup> saying, "This fellow began to build and was not able to finish." <sup>31</sup> Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and

consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? <sup>32</sup> If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. <sup>33</sup> So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.

NUNC DIMITTIS

Noble in B minor

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

RESPONSES

Leighton

ANTHEM

Thou knowest Lord the secrets of our hearts - Purcell

PRAYERS

The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar

**HYMN 620 ii**

**Dear Christ, uplifted from the earth**

SERMON

The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar

**HYMN 813 (Tune 499)**

**Through the night of doubt and sorrow**

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

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**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2026**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent**

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

**10:30 Choral Mattins** Officiant: Mike Rule, Associate Minister  
Readings: Joshua 1.1-9 and Ephesians 6.10-20

**18:30 Sung Eucharist** President: The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar  
Readings: Exodus 17.1-7 and John 4.5-42

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## The Week Ahead

### Monday 2<sup>nd</sup>

10:30

**Small Sounds** in the Hall:

Free drop-in music sessions for babies & preschoolers (and their grown-ups!)

### Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup>

19.00

**Compline** in Church

Officiant: The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar

This will be live-streamed. If you'd like to watch, here are joining details:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81259880030?pwd=TG9JbmJzUW56VmFrMmJxdDJBTjBTHFNQT09>

Meeting ID: 812 5988 0030

Passcode: u7iqca

### Thursday 5<sup>th</sup>

12:30

**Holy Communion** Common Worship, Order 1 (Traditional)

President: The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar

Assisted by: Sheila Roberts, Associate Minister

13.00

**Lent Course** in the Vicarage

19.00

**Lent Course** via Zoom

### Friday 6<sup>th</sup>

14.00

World Day of Prayer Service - St. Thomas More Church

16.30

**Junior Choir rehearsal**

19.00

**Senior Choir rehearsal**

19.30

World Day of Prayer Service - Friends Meeting House

### Saturday 7<sup>th</sup>

10.30

**Coffee Morning and Worship**

### Sunday 8<sup>th</sup>

15.00

**Recital: Laurence Caldecote – All Saints', Northampton**

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**The Vicar Writes** In the discipline of Lent we are encouraged with the promise of new birth, new creation, and new life. Jesus gives his life to bring these things to the whole world, and whenever we struggle it is good to hold fast to this hope.



## **LENTEN READING**

We would draw your attention to the fact that our church has a small library at the back of church. If you would like inspiration for spiritual reading during Lent there is a selection of books to borrow on the table and more in our library.

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## **LENT COURSE**

This year's Lent Course will run on Thursdays with options to join either in person or online: 1pm (after the 12.30 Eucharist) at the Vicarage, or 7pm by Zoom. The theme is ***It's not the end of the world***. We shall be looking at challenges to human dignity and existence from war, the extreme right-wing, global heating, euthanasia, and AI. No need to sign up, and you can switch from in person to zoom as it suits you.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88180511464?pwd=Q2ZNRDYrNkoxTjZhdkJhdW43VlRqUT09>

Meeting ID: 881 8051 1464

Passcode: 445752

**Theme this week: The Far Right**

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**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 6<sup>th</sup> 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.

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## **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.

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**COME AND SING SHOW SONGS** on Sunday 22nd March 2.00pm-5.00pm - this is an All-Age event so the whole family can come along and enjoy it! Featuring a mix of songs from Wicked, The Lion King, Les Misérables, The Sound of Music and more... Please visit <https://www.trybooking.com/uk/FXZH> for more info and to book.

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## 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>

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| 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 |
| Compline for Lent | Sunday at 10 pm              | Radio 3 |

Online at [www.churchofengland.org](http://www.churchofengland.org) and [www.leicestercathedral.org](http://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](http://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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The Church Office can be contacted by E-mail at: [office@stjamesthegreater.org.uk](mailto: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](http://www.stjamesthegreater.org.uk)

### Church office opening hours this week:

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 1.15 pm -4.15 pm  
Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March 1.15 pm -4.15 pm  
Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March 1.15 pm – 4.15 pm

