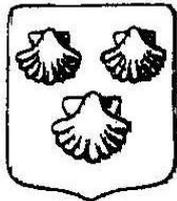


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St James the Greater Leicester



8th MARCH 2026
3rd SUNDAY OF LENT

Prayer for the Week

Almighty God,
whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain,
and entered not into glory before he was crucified:
mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross,
may find it none other than the way of life and peace;
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 :
Neill Addison-Gutteridge : Angela Finn

Rest in Peace
Mary Smith (mother of Annette Jones)

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

A card reader donation machine is available.

10.30

Choral Mattins

See order of service

Officiant: Mike Rule, Associate Minister

Sidesperson: Margaret Clarke

Churchwardens: April Rule and Serge Mozota

Servers: Emma Sutton and William Woolley

HYMN 608

Christ is our corner-stone

CONFESSION

see service card

PRECES

Forbes L'Estrange

VENITE

see music sheet

PSALM 40

see music sheet

FIRST LESSON Joshua 1.1-9 *read by William Woolley*

After the death of Moses the servant of the Lord, the Lord spoke to Joshua son of Nun, Moses' assistant, saying, ² 'My servant Moses is dead. Now proceed to cross the Jordan, you and all this people, into the land that I am giving to them, to the Israelites. ³ Every place that the sole of your foot will tread upon I have given to you, as I promised to Moses. ⁴ From the wilderness and the Lebanon as far as the great river, the river Euphrates, all the land of the Hittites, to the Great Sea in the west shall be your territory. ⁵ No one shall be able to stand against you all the days of your life. As I was with Moses, so I will be with you; I will not fail you or forsake you. ⁶ Be strong and courageous; for you shall put this people in possession of the land that I swore to their ancestors to give them. ⁷ Only be strong and very courageous, being careful to act in accordance with all the law that my servant Moses commanded you; do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left, so that you may be successful wherever you go. ⁸ This book of the law shall not depart out of your mouth; you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to act in accordance with all that is written in it. For then you shall make your way prosperous, and then you shall be successful. ⁹ I hereby command

you: Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.'

BENEDICITE Jackson in G

SECOND LESSON Ephesians 6.10-20 *read by Ian Jones*

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. ¹¹ Put on the whole armour of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. ¹² For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. ¹³ Therefore take up the whole armour of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. ¹⁴ Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. ¹⁵ As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. ¹⁶ With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. ¹⁷ Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

¹⁸ Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. ¹⁹ Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, ²⁰ for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

BENEDICTUS Stanford in B flat

THE CREED *see service card*

RESPONSES Forbes L'Estrange

ANTHEM O taste and see – Vaughan Williams

PRAYERS Mike Rule, Associate Minister

HYMN 621 **Dear Lord and Father of mankind**

SERMON Mike Rule, Associate Minister

HYMN 644 (Tune 671) **God is Love: let heav'n adore him**

DISMISSAL The Lord be with you. **And with thy spirit.**
Let us bless the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Please be aware of those remaining to listen

***Everyone is invited for refreshments after the service.
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18:30

Sung Eucharist

President: The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar

Assisted by: Lucy Hutchinson and Angela Jagger, Reader

Churchwardens: April Rule and Serge Mozota

Sidesperson: Julia Warner

Servers: William Woolley, Lucy Hutchinson and Duduzile Chizema

Setting: Missa Aeterna Christi Munera – Palestrina

HYMN 448 i I come with joy, a child of God

READING Exodus 17.1-7 *read by Caroline Beardsmore*

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. ²The people quarrelled with Moses, and said, 'Give us water to drink.' Moses said to them, 'Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?' ³But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?' ⁴So Moses cried out to the Lord, 'What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me.' ⁵The Lord said to Moses, 'Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. ⁶I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink.' Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. ⁷He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarrelled and tested the Lord, saying, 'Is the Lord among us or not?'

GRADUAL HYMN 825 Word of God, come down on earth

GOSPEL John 4.5-42

So he came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. ⁶Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

⁷ A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink'. ⁸ (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) ⁹ The Samaritan woman said to him, 'How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?' (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) ¹⁰ Jesus answered her, 'If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, "Give me a drink", you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.' ¹¹ The woman said to him, 'Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water?' ¹² Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?' ¹³ Jesus said to her, 'Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, ¹⁴ but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.' ¹⁵ The woman said to him, 'Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water.'

¹⁶ Jesus said to her, 'Go, call your husband, and come back.' ¹⁷ The woman answered him, 'I have no husband.' Jesus said to her, 'You are right in saying, "I have no husband"; ¹⁸ for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!' ¹⁹ The woman said to him, 'Sir, I see that you are a prophet. ²⁰ Our ancestors worshipped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem.' ²¹ Jesus said to her, 'Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. ²² You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. ²³ But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. ²⁴ God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.' ²⁵ The woman said to him, 'I know that Messiah is coming' (who is called Christ). 'When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us.' ²⁶ Jesus said to her, 'I am he, the one who is speaking to you.'

²⁷ Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, 'What do you want?' or, 'Why are you speaking with her?' ²⁸ Then the woman left her water-jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, ²⁹ 'Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?' ³⁰ They left the city and were on their way to him. ³¹ Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, 'Rabbi, eat something.' ³² But he said to them, 'I have food to eat that you do not know about.' ³³ So the disciples said to one another, 'Surely no one has brought him something to eat?' ³⁴ Jesus said to them, 'My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. ³⁵ Do you not say, "Four months more, then comes the harvest"? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. ³⁶ The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. ³⁷ For here the saying holds true, "One sows and

another reaps.”³⁸ I sent you to reap that for which you did not labour. Others have laboured, and you have entered into their labour.’

³⁹ Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman’s testimony, ‘He told me everything I have ever done.’⁴⁰ So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there for two days. ⁴¹ And many more believed because of his word. ⁴² They said to the woman, ‘It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Saviour of the world.’

SERMON

The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar

INTERCESSIONS

Angela Jagger, Reader

OFFERTORY HYMN 120 ii Forgive us when our deeds ignore

MOTET

Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace - Wesley

POST COMMUNION HYMN 127 (Tune 398) Lord Jesus, think on me

Post Communion Prayer

Merciful Lord,

grant your people grace to withstand the temptations
of the world, the flesh and the devil,

and with pure hearts and minds to follow you, the only God;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

RECESSIONAL HYMN 580 Judge eternal, throned in splendour

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

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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.

The Vicar Writes The search for extraterrestrial life is essentially the search for water on other planets. Water is essential for life, and more than that cleanses and refreshes, and from a trickling brook to the mighty ocean is a thing of beauty. Christ gives us the living water, sustaining, refreshing, washing away our grubby dissembling, and baptizing us into eternal life.



Sunday 15th March 2026

4th Sunday of Lent / Mothering Sunday

08:30 Holy Communion	President: The Reverend Canon Philip Norwood
10:30 All Age Eucharist	President: The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar Readings: Exodus 2.1-10 and John 19.25-27
18:30 Choral Evensong	Officiant: Angela Jagger, Reader Readings: 1 Samuel 16.1-13 and Ephesians 5.8-14

The Week Ahead

Monday 9th

10:30 **Small Sounds** in the Hall: Free drop-in music sessions for babies & preschoolers (and their grown-ups!)

Wednesday 11th

19.00 **Compline** in Church
Officiant: Sheila Roberts, Associate Minister
This will be live-streamed. If you'd like to watch, here are joining details:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81259880030?pwd=TG9JbmJzUW56VmFrMmJxdDJBTHFNQT09>

Meeting ID: 812 5988 0030 Passcode: u7iqca

Thursday 12th

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

13.00 **Lent Course** in the Vicarage

19.00 **Lent Course** via Zoom

Friday 13th

16.30 **Junior Choir rehearsal**

19.00 **Senior Choir rehearsal**

Saturday 14th

10.30 **Fosse Singers Concert**

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.

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: Environmental Crisis

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.

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.

MAUNDY THURSDAY FOOT WASHING There is a list at the back of church to sign up if you are willing to have a foot washed by the Vicar during the Maundy Thursday evening service. We need twelve volunteers before the day.

LEICESTER THEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

The next lecture is called 'Why the Philosophy of Religion matters' and is given by Dr Simon Hewitt (Associate Professor of Theology, University of Leeds). This is on Friday 13th March 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.

RECITALS AT ST JAMES

This afternoon at 3.00pm we are delighted to welcome Laurence Caldecote from All Saints', Northampton to play a great variety of organ music by J.S. Bach, Herbert Howells, Henry Smart, Stephen Burtonwood, Frederick Bridge, Antony Baldwin and an improvised piece! Pay as you feel and refreshments afterwards. Laurence will also be staying on as guest organist to accompany our Sung Eucharist in the evening.

CONCERT DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

Sunday 8th March – 3pm – Organ Recital by Laurence Caldecote

Saturday 14th March – 7.30pm – Fosse Singers Concert

Saturday 21st March – 7.30pm – Leicester Bach Choir Concert

A programme of beautifully contemplative works with two stunning portrayals of the Dona Nobis Pacem at its heart. Soprano April Fredrick, Baritone Jon Stainsby, Pianist Jennifer Carter and the Bach Camerata Strings, led by Shulah Oliver-Smith join us for what is sure to be an exceptional concert.

Tickets pre-purchase £20. On the door £23. Concessions available.

Saturday 28th March – 7.00pm – Leicester Philharmonic Choir

Tickets on sale NOW!!! Bach - Mass in B Minor 7pm

Conductor: Stephen Bullamore Orchestra: Musica Donum Dei.

Tickets £22 (U25 £5)



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 March 26 - Lawrence Caldecote - Organ

Assistant Organist - All Saints', Northampton

12th April 26 - Guy Steed - Organ

St James the Greater & St Andrew's Aylestone



10th May 26 - Choristers of St James the Greater

Choral and solo items from our choristers and organists

14th June 26 - Nicholas Friedesdorff - Organ

Organ Scholar - St James the Greater

12th July 26 - Ebano Ensemble - Clarinet

Portugal

9th August 26 - Fr David Price - Organ

Thailand - part of his UK tour



30th August 26 - Castle Baroque Players (extra date)

Chamber ensemble led by Seb Carrington

13th September 26 - Ricardus Consort

Choir and instrumental ensemble led by Simon Mold

11th October 26 - Serenity Flutes

Flutes: Julie Dearden, Ann Wright; Piano: Fergus Black



8th November 26 - The Juliet Consort

*Soprano: Emma Trounson, Anna Jane Davies; Countertenor: Mark Trounson;
Tenor: Jeremy Goldsmith; Bass & Violoncello: David Bean; Lute: Chris Susans*

No recital in December due to carol services

ΟΤΑΝ ΟΧΡΙΣΟΣ ΕΛΑΛΕΙ
ΜΕΤΑ ΤΗΣ ΣΑΜΑΡΕΙΤΙΔΑΣ



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
Compline for Lent	Sunday at 10 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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Church office opening hours this week:

Wednesday 11th March 1.15 pm -4.15 pm

Friday 13th March 1.15 pm – 4.15 pm

