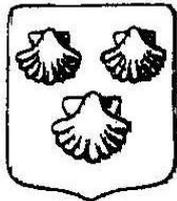


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St James the Greater Leicester



22nd MARCH 2026
5th SUNDAY OF LENT / PASSION SUNDAY

Prayer for the Week

Most merciful God,
who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ
delivered and saved the world:
grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross
we may triumph in the power of his victory;
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 : Anne Sylvester 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 :
Caroline Hough : Margo Woolhouse : Diane Allen :
Neill Addison-Gutteridge

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 Canon Philip Norwood

Assisted by: William Woolley

Churchwarden: Paul Jenkins

A card reader donation machine is available.

10:30

Sung Eucharist

See order of service

President: The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar

Assisted by: David Kibert and Mike Rule, Associate Minister

Churchwardens: April Rule and Serge Mozota

Sidespeople: Sue Ingle and Rachel Pratt

Servers: David Kibert, Lucy Hutchinson and Charles Samuel

Setting: Mass of the Quiet Hour - Oldroyd

HYMN 156

We sing the praise of him who died

READING Ezekiel 37.1-14 *read by Mark Trounson*

The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. ² He led me all round them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. ³ He said to me, 'Mortal, can these bones live?' I answered, 'O Lord God, you know.' ⁴ Then he said to me, 'Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. ⁵ Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. ⁶ I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the Lord.'

⁷ So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. ⁸ I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. ⁹ Then he said to me, 'Prophecy to the breath, prophecy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.' ¹⁰ I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

¹¹ Then he said to me, 'Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, "Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely." ¹² Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. ¹³ And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. ¹⁴ I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act, says the Lord.'

Gradual Hymn 236

Breathe on me, Breath of God

GOSPEL John 11.1-45

Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. ² Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. ³ So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, 'Lord, he whom you love is ill.' ⁴ But when Jesus heard it, he said, 'This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it.' ⁵ Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, ⁶ after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was.

⁷ Then after this he said to the disciples, 'Let us go to Judea again.' ⁸ The disciples said to him, 'Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?' ⁹ Jesus answered, 'Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble, because they see the light of this world. ¹⁰ But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them.' ¹¹ After saying this, he told them, 'Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him.' ¹² The disciples said to him, 'Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right.' ¹³ Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. ¹⁴ Then Jesus told them plainly, 'Lazarus is dead. ¹⁵ For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him.' ¹⁶ Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow-disciples, 'Let us also go, that we may die with him.'

¹⁷ When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. ¹⁸ Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, ¹⁹ and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. ²⁰ When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. ²¹ Martha said to Jesus, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. ²² But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him.' ²³ Jesus said to her, 'Your brother will rise again.' ²⁴ Martha said to him, 'I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.' ²⁵ Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, ²⁶ and everyone who lives and

believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?' ²⁷ She said to him, 'Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world.' ²⁸ When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, 'The Teacher is here and is calling for you.' ²⁹ And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. ³⁰ Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. ³¹ The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. ³² When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.' ³³ When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. ³⁴ He said, 'Where have you laid him?' They said to him, 'Lord, come and see.' ³⁵ Jesus began to weep. ³⁶ So the Jews said, 'See how he loved him!' ³⁷ But some of them said, 'Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?' ³⁸ Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. ³⁹ Jesus said, 'Take away the stone.' Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, 'Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead for four days.' ⁴⁰ Jesus said to her, 'Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?' ⁴¹ So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upwards and said, 'Father, I thank you for having heard me. ⁴² I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.' ⁴³ When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, 'Lazarus, come out!' ⁴⁴ The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, and let him go.' ⁴⁵ Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

SERMON

The Reverend Andrew Quigley

INTERCESSIONS

Mike Rule, Associate Minister

OFFERTORY HYMN 147 (omit verse 4)

My song is love unknown

MOTET

Beneath Thy Cross

Music: Simon Mold

Words: Christina Rossetti

*Am I a stone, and not a sheep,
That I can stand, O Christ, beneath Thy cross,
To number drop by drop Thy blood's slow loss,
And yet not weep?*

*Not so those women loved
Who with exceeding grief lamented Thee;
Not so fallen Peter, weeping bitterly;
Not so the thief was moved;*

*Not so the Sun and Moon
Which hid their faces in a starless sky,
A horror of great darkness at broad noon –
I, only I.*

*Yet give not o'er,
But seek Thy sheep, true Shepherd of the flock;
Greater than Moses, turn and look once more
And smite a rock.*

POST COMMUNION HYMN 140 All ye who seek for sure relief

Post Communion Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ,
you have taught us
that what we do for the least of our brothers and sisters
we do also for you:
give us the will to be the servant of others
as you were the servant of all,
and gave up your life and died for us,
but are alive and reign, now and for ever.

HYMN 135 Take up thy cross, the Saviour said

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Please be aware of those remaining to listen.

***Everyone is invited for refreshments after the service.
A card reader donation machine is available at the back of church.***

18:30

Taizé Service

See special order of service

Officiant: Sheila Roberts,

Churchwardens: April Rule and Serge Mozota

Sidespeople: Colin and Angela Stray

Servers: Sara King and Rod Eynon-Baldock

FIRST LESSON Lamentations 3.17-33

read by Val Bailey

¹⁷ My soul is bereft of peace;

I have forgotten what happiness is;

¹⁸ so I say, 'Gone is my glory,

and all that I had hoped for from the Lord.'

¹⁹ The thought of my affliction and my homelessness

is wormwood and gall!

²⁰ My soul continually thinks of it

and is bowed down within me.

²¹ But this I call to mind,
and therefore I have hope:

²² The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases,
his mercies never come to an end;

²³ they are new every morning;
great is your faithfulness.

²⁴ ‘The Lord is my portion,’ says my soul,
‘therefore I will hope in him.’

²⁵ The Lord is good to those who wait for him,
to the soul that seeks him.

²⁶ It is good that one should wait quietly
for the salvation of the Lord.

²⁷ It is good for one to bear
the yoke in youth,

²⁸ to sit alone in silence
when the Lord has imposed it,

²⁹ to put one’s mouth to the dust
(there may yet be hope),

³⁰ to give one’s cheek to the smiter,
and be filled with insults.

³¹ For the Lord will not
reject for ever.

³² Although he causes grief, he will have compassion
according to the abundance of his steadfast love;

³³ for he does not willingly afflict
or grieve anyone.

SECOND LESSON Luke 23.26-33

read by Jennifer Clegg

As they led him away, they seized a man, Simon of Cyrene, who was coming from the country, and they laid the cross on him, and made him carry it behind Jesus. ²⁷ A great number of the people followed him, and among them were women who were beating their breasts and wailing for him. ²⁸ But Jesus turned to them and said, ‘Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. ²⁹ For the days are surely coming when they will say, “Blessed are the barren, and the wombs that never bore, and the breasts that never nursed.” ³⁰ Then they will begin to say to the mountains, “Fall on us”; and to the hills, “Cover us.” ³¹ For if they do this when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?’ ³² Two others also, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. ³³ 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.

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Sunday 29th March 2026 Palm Sunday

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

10:20 **Sung Eucharist starting
with Palm Sunday Procession** President: The Reverend Andrew Quigley
Reading: Mark 14.32-15.41

18:30 **The Crucifixion by
Sir John Stainer** Officiant: The Reverend Andrew Quigley

The Week Ahead

Monday 23rd

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

Wednesday 25th

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=TG9JbmJzUWV56VmFrMmJxdDJBTHFNQT09>

Meeting ID: 812 5988 0030 Passcode: u7iqca

Thursday 26th

12:30 **Holy Communion** Common Worship, Order 1 (Traditional)
President: The Reverend Canon Philip Norwood
Assisted by: Sheila Roberts, Associate Minister

13.00 **Lent Course** in the Vicarage

19.00 **Lent Course** via Zoom

Friday 27th

16.30 **Junior Choir rehearsal**
19.00 **Senior Choir rehearsal**

Saturday 28th

19.30 **Leicester Philharmonic Choir Concert**

The Vicar Writes “Can these bones live?” Not just the question that pierces Ezekiel’s vision, or that which cuts into the grief of Lazarus’ sisters, but one at the centre of our faith. As we approach Holy Week and the looming darkness of Good Friday, as well as living with the shadow of so much death and destruction in our world today, it is the question of our time? Is their hope after death? Is love stronger than hate? Can these bones live?



PALM SUNDAY The Sung Eucharist will begin in church at 10.20 when those who are able will process around the block led by the choir, re-entering church at about 10.30.

HOLY WEEK ORGAN MEDITATION

Wednesday 1st April 6pm

Phil Johnson will be giving an Organ Meditation on the theme of the “Seven Last Words” before Compline on Wednesday 1st April. This is an opportunity to come and sit in quiet reflection before the last Compline of Lent. Music by Bach, Howells, Franck and others, each selected to compliment the Bible passages of Christ’s last words from the Cross.

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.



LENTEN READING

We would draw your attention to the fact that our church has a small library at the back of church. There is a selection of books to borrow on the table and more in our library.

LENT COURSE

This year's Lent Course continues 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 have been 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: Euthanasia

COME AND SING SHOW SONGS Today from 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.

There is a short informal performance of all of the songs at 4.30pm. All are welcome to come and watch!

CONCERT DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

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 Friedersdorff - 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

SIMCHA

Lincoln's Klezmer Band



Kinderttransport – the concert documentary

Great Meeting Unitarian Chapel
45 East Bond Street, Leicester LE1 4SX

Saturday 11 April 2026, 7.30pm

Tickets: Adults: £10 | Under 16s: £5

Book now: [wegottickets.com/event/690813](https://www.wegottickets.com/event/690813)

Enquiries: 07944 907051



The Kinder Transport Documentary performed by Lincoln Klezmer band Simcha offers a highly effective way into this topic by bringing to life the story of Jewish children saved from death by the famous initiative of Nicholas Winton. The documentary also traces the background rise of Nazism through contemporary reports, journalism and literature with accompanying specially composed music and audio-visual material. We hear the voices of political leaders, eyewitnesses and ordinary men, women and children of that era, while seeing the scenes that accompanied these unfolding dramatic events.

A special and unique strength of the show is the way it follows the real-life story of the family of one band member, Close friend of Caroline Beardsmore, bringing history vividly to life and making it particularly approachable.

This moving and revealing show lasts for approximately 45 minutes and after an interval is followed by a concert of exciting klezmer music and songs from that time, performed by an experienced and accomplished 8-piece band.

The venue is the beautiful and welcoming Great Meeting Unitarian Chapel in central Leicester.

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 1.30 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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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 this week:

Monday 23rd March – 1.15 pm – 4.15 pm

Wednesday 25th March 1.15 pm -4.15 pm

Friday 27th March 1.15 pm – 4.15 pm

