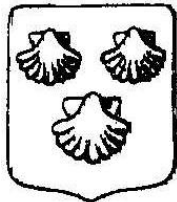
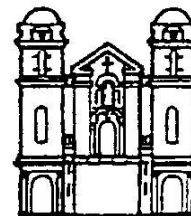


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# St James the Greater Leicester



**12<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2026**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER**

## **Prayer for the Week**

Almighty Father,  
you have given your only Son to die for our sins  
and to rise again for our justification:  
grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness  
that we may always serve you  
in pureness of living and truth;  
through the merits of your Son Jesus Christ 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 : Stephanie Crapper : Caroline Hough  
Diane Allen : Neill Addison-Gutteridge

### **Rest in peace**

We pray for the family and friends of Anna Rees (mother of Rachel Jackson) who  
died on 12<sup>th</sup> March.

# 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: Feby John

Churchwarden: Paul Jenkins

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## 10:30 Sung Eucharist

President: The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar

Assisted by: Lucy Hutchinson and Sheila Roberts, Associate Minister

Churchwarden: Serge Mozota

Sidesperson: Margaret Clarke

Servers: Lucy Hutchinson, Regina Santos-Merx and William Woolley

Setting: A People's Eucharist - Greening

**HYMN 216**

**The day of resurrection!**

**GLORIA**

**Hebridean (Hymn 414)**

**READING** Acts 2.14, 22-32 *read by Val Bailey*

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: 'Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say.

<sup>22</sup> 'You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know— <sup>23</sup> this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. <sup>24</sup> But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. <sup>25</sup> For David says concerning him,

"I saw the Lord always before me,

for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken;

<sup>26</sup> therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced;

moreover, my flesh will live in hope.

<sup>27</sup> For you will not abandon my soul to Hades,

or let your Holy One experience corruption.

<sup>28</sup> You have made known to me the ways of life;  
you will make me full of gladness with your presence.”

<sup>29</sup> ‘Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. <sup>30</sup> Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. <sup>31</sup> Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying,

“He was not abandoned to Hades,  
nor did his flesh experience corruption.”

<sup>32</sup> This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.

## **GRADUAL HYMN 217 The strife is o’er, the battle done**

### **GOSPEL John 20.19-31**

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, ‘Peace be with you.’ <sup>20</sup> After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup> Jesus said to them again, ‘Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.’ <sup>22</sup> When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, ‘Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup> If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.’

<sup>24</sup> But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup> So the other disciples told him, ‘We have seen the Lord.’ But he said to them, ‘Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.’

<sup>26</sup> A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, ‘Peace be with you.’ <sup>27</sup> Then he said to Thomas, ‘Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.’ <sup>28</sup> Thomas answered him, ‘My Lord and my God!’ <sup>29</sup> Jesus said to him, ‘Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.’

<sup>30</sup> Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. <sup>31</sup> But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

SERMON

Sheila Roberts, Associate Minister

INTERCESSIONS

The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar

**OFFERTORY HYMN 200 i (omit v.4&5) Christ the Lord is risen again**

MOTET

Christians shout for joy and gladness – J.S. Bach

**POST COMMUNION HYMN 467    The Son of God proclaim**

**Post Communion Prayer**

Lord God our Father,  
through our Saviour Jesus Christ  
you have assured your children of eternal life  
and in baptism have made us one with him:  
deliver us from the death of sin  
and raise us to new life in your love,  
in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,  
by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**RECESSIONAL HYMN 207            Jesus lives! thy terrors now**

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.*

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**18.30**

**Evening Prayer with Hymns**

*See order of service*

Officiant: Angela Jagger, Reader

Churchwardens: April Rule and Serge Mozota

Sidesperson: Julia Warner

Server: Duduzile Chizema

**HYMN 203**

**Good Christians all, rejoice and sing!**

**PRECES**

**Ferial**

**PSALM 30.1-5**

**(See music sheet)**

FIRST LESSON Daniel 6.6-23            *read by Andrew Curry*

So the presidents and satraps conspired and came to the king and said to him, 'O King Darius, live for ever! <sup>7</sup> All the presidents of the kingdom, the prefects and the satraps, the counsellors and the governors, are agreed that the king should establish an ordinance and enforce an interdict, that whoever prays to anyone, divine or human, for thirty days, except to you, O king, shall be thrown into a den

of lions. <sup>8</sup> Now, O king, establish the interdict and sign the document, so that it cannot be changed, according to the law of the Medes and the Persians, which cannot be revoked.' <sup>9</sup> Therefore King Darius signed the document and interdict. <sup>10</sup> Although Daniel knew that the document had been signed, he continued to go to his house, which had windows in its upper room open towards Jerusalem, and to get down on his knees three times a day to pray to his God and praise him, just as he had done previously. <sup>11</sup> The conspirators came and found Daniel praying and seeking mercy before his God. <sup>12</sup> Then they approached the king and said concerning the interdict, 'O king! Did you not sign an interdict, that anyone who prays to anyone, divine or human, within thirty days except to you, O king, shall be thrown into a den of lions?' The king answered, 'The thing stands fast, according to the law of the Medes and Persians, which cannot be revoked.' <sup>13</sup> Then they responded to the king, 'Daniel, one of the exiles from Judah, pays no attention to you, O king, or to the interdict you have signed, but he is saying his prayers three times a day.'

<sup>14</sup> When the king heard the charge, he was very much distressed. He was determined to save Daniel, and until the sun went down he made every effort to rescue him. <sup>15</sup> Then the conspirators came to the king and said to him, 'Know, O king, that it is a law of the Medes and Persians that no interdict or ordinance that the king establishes can be changed.'

<sup>16</sup> Then the king gave the command, and Daniel was brought and thrown into the den of lions. The king said to Daniel, 'May your God, whom you faithfully serve, deliver you!' <sup>17</sup> A stone was brought and laid on the mouth of the den, and the king sealed it with his own signet and with the signet of his lords, so that nothing might be changed concerning Daniel. <sup>18</sup> Then the king went to his palace and spent the night fasting; no food was brought to him, and sleep fled from him.

<sup>19</sup> Then, at break of day, the king got up and hurried to the den of lions. <sup>20</sup> When he came near the den where Daniel was, he cried out anxiously to Daniel, 'O Daniel, servant of the living God, has your God whom you faithfully serve been able to deliver you from the lions?' <sup>21</sup> Daniel then said to the king, 'O king, live for ever! <sup>22</sup> My God sent his angel and shut the lions' mouths so that they would not hurt me, because I was found blameless before him; and also before you, O king, I have done no wrong.' <sup>23</sup> Then the king was exceedingly glad and commanded that Daniel be taken up out of the den. So Daniel was taken up out of the den, and no kind of harm was found on him, because he had trusted in his God.

## **MAGNIFICAT**

## **Chanted**

SECOND LESSON Mark 15.45-16.8 *read by Caroline Beardsmore*

Then Joseph bought a linen cloth, and taking down the body, wrapped it in the linen cloth, and laid it in a tomb that had been hewn out of the rock. He then

rolled a stone against the door of the tomb. <sup>47</sup> Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joses saw where the body was laid.

**16** When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. <sup>2</sup> And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. <sup>3</sup> They had been saying to one another, 'Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?' <sup>4</sup> When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. <sup>5</sup> As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. <sup>6</sup> But he said to them, 'Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. <sup>7</sup> But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you.' <sup>8</sup> So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

**NUNC DIMITTIS**

**Chanted**

**RESPONSES**

**Ferial**

PRAYERS

Angela Jagger, Reader

**HYMN 199**

**Christ is alive! Let Christians sing**

SERMON

Angela Jagger, Reader

**HYMN 197**

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord**

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

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**The Vicar Writes** Imagine locking yourself in a dark room and missing the wonderful spring weather we had last week. Imagine being away and missing the visit of the person who you had longed to see. Happily, locked doors and missed opportunities are no barrier to the risen Christ – barriers of fear and circumstance cannot block his power.



# Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> April

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter

- 08:30 **Holy Communion** President: Fr Johannes Arens SMMS
- 10:30 **Choral Mattins** Officiant: Mike Rule, Associate Minister  
Readings: Haggai 1.13-2.9 and I Corinthians 3.10-17
- 18:30 **Sung Eucharist** President: The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar  
Readings: Acts 2.14, 36-41 and Luke 24.13-35
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## The Week Ahead

### Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup>

21:00 **Compline** via Zoom. To join, please use the link  
<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/75984858232?pwd=sXKI93zlo5Vj4WApP0aKUmTjrXEX0O.l>  
Meeting ID: 759 8485 8232 Passcode: L6WRmc

### Thursday 16<sup>th</sup>

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

### Friday 17<sup>th</sup>

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

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**THE ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING** will be held on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> May after the morning service.

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**PCC MEMBERSHIP** We are looking for new PCC members and Deputy Churchwardens. Perhaps you have served in the past or in another church, or perhaps it would be a brave new world! Either way, it is an important way of serving the church, and hopefully more rewarding than onerous - only 5 or 6 meetings a year – for 1, 2 or 3 years. Please consider and pray about this before new members are elected at the APCM. Nomination forms will be available at the back of church soon. Please talk to the Vicar, Churchwardens or other members of the PCC if you'd like more information. As a Charity sponsoring work with



children and young people, PCC members are required to have a DBS check and undertake Safeguarding Training provided by the Church of England.

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**THE SHELL** deadline is Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 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](mailto:editor@stjamesthegreater.org.uk)

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**EX CATHEDRA CONCERT STEWARDS** Help is needed for the Rachmaninov Vespers concert on 16<sup>th</sup> May, to check tickets, sell programmes, direct concert-goers and serve refreshments at the interval. Stewards will need to arrive by 6.15 pm as the concert starts at 7 pm. If you are able to help, please sign up on the list at the back of church. Thank you.

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## **CONCERT DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES**

**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> April – 3.00 pm – Organ Recital by Guy Steed**

**Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> April – 7.30 pm – City of Leicester Singers Concert**  
Including Sir John Rutter's 'Requiem' and Poulenc's 'Gloria'.  
Tickets £12. Under 16s free.

**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> April – 3.00 pm - Knighton Chamber Orchestra Concert**  
A Concert of English Favourites, including music by Vaughan Williams and Elgar.

**Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> May – 7.00 pm – Ex Cathedra Concert**  
A performance of the Rachmaninov Vespers.





He is  
**RISEN**



# 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.

8<sup>th</sup> March 26 - Lawrence Caldecote - Organ

*Assistant Organist - All Saints', Northampton*

12<sup>th</sup> April 26 - Guy Steed - Organ

*St James the Greater & St Andrew's Aylestone*



10<sup>th</sup> May 26 - Choristers of St James the Greater

*Choral and solo items from our choristers and organists*

14<sup>th</sup> June 26 - Nicholas Friedersdorff - Organ

*Organ Scholar - St James the Greater*

12<sup>th</sup> July 26 - Ebano Ensemble - Clarinet

*Portugal*

9<sup>th</sup> August 26 - Fr David Price - Organ

*Thailand - part of his UK tour*



30<sup>th</sup> August 26 - Castle Baroque Players (extra date)

*Chamber ensemble led by Seb Carrington*

13<sup>th</sup> September 26 - Ricardus Consort

*Choir and instrumental ensemble led by Simon Mold*

11<sup>th</sup> October 26 - Serenity Flutes

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



8<sup>th</sup> 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**





# CALLING FOR EVERYONE

**How can I live out my faith more fully?**

**What could God be calling me to?**

**What opportunities are there for me to serve?**

this day is open to anyone curious about these questions.

**Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> April**

St Andrew's Church

Hinckley Road, Leicester Forest East, LE3 3PF

**Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> May**

St Wilfrid's Church

Church Road, Kibworth, LE8 0NB

**Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> June**

venue TBC

*all events from 10am to 3pm*

*with refreshments available from 9.30, bring a packed lunch*



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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>

Songs of Praise	Sunday 11.50 am	BBC 1
Choral Evensong	Sunday 6 pm	Radio 3
Choral Evensong	Wednesday 3 pm	Radio 3
Sunday Worship	Sundays 8.10 am	Radio 4

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

Andrew can be contacted by E-mail at: [revdaquigley@gmail.com](mailto:revdaquigley@gmail.com) or 0116 2544113.  
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:

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> April 1.15 pm - 4.15 pm

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> April 1.15 pm - 4.15 pm

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> April 9.00 am – 12 noon

