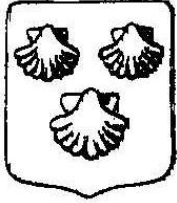
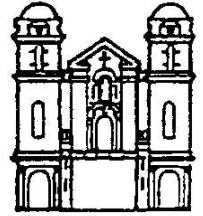


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St James the Greater Leicester



3rd MAY 2026
5th SUNDAY OF EASTER

Prayer for the Week

Almighty God,
who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ
have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life:
grant that, as by your grace going before us
you put into our minds good desires,
so by your continual help
we may bring them to good effect;
through Jesus Christ our risen 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 : Kathryn Haynes : Stephanie Crapper : Caroline Hough
Diane Allen : Neill Addison-Gutteridge : Revd Canon Philip Norwood

Rest in peace

We pray for the family and friends of Chris Jones (father of Phil Jones) who died
on 19th April.

Welcome to St James the Greater

08:30 Holy Communion in the Lady Chapel

Book of Common Prayer

President: The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar

Assisted by: Vicky Roe, Pastoral Assistant

Churchwarden: Paul Jenkins

A card reader donation machine is available.

10:30 Sung Eucharist

President: The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar

Assisted by: Charles Samuel and Vicky Roe, Pastoral Assistant

Churchwarden: Serge Mozota

Sidesperson: David Pugh

Servers: Charles Samuel, Lucy Hutchinson and Emma Sutton

Setting: A Little Jazz Mass – Bob Chilcott

HYMN 532

All creatures of our God and King

GLORIA

A Little Jazz Mass – Bob Chilcott

READING Acts 7.55-60 read by Mike Rule, Associate Minister

But filled with the Holy Spirit, he gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. ⁵⁶ 'Look,' he said, 'I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!' ⁵⁷ But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. ⁵⁸ Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. ⁵⁹ While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, 'Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.' ⁶⁰ Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, 'Lord, do not hold this sin against them.' When he had said this, he died.

GRADUAL HYMN 220 Word that formed creation

GOSPEL John 14.1-14

'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. ² In my Father's house there are many dwelling-places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? ³ And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be

also. ⁴ And you know the way to the place where I am going.' ⁵ Thomas said to him, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?' ⁶ Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷ If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.'

⁸ Philip said to him, 'Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.' ⁹ Jesus said to him, 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, "Show us the Father"? ¹⁰ Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. ¹¹ Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. ¹² Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. ¹³ I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴ If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

SERMON

The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar

INTERCESSIONS

The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar

OFFERTORY HYMN 546 O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder

MOTET How deep the Father's love for us – Townend arr. Ouvry-Johns
Please join in with singing this. It's number 144 in the hymn books.

Then we join and sing together the following:

Hakuna wakaita sa Jesu Hakuna wakaita sa ye
Hakuna wakaita sa Jesu Haku, haku-china

Nda mhanya, mhanya kwese, kwese
Nda tenderera kwese, kwese
Nda chvaga, chvaga kwese, kwese
Haku, haku-china

Translation: There is no God like you. I've walked everywhere, I've turned everywhere, There isn't, nor will there ever be! I've searched everywhere. There isn't, nor will there ever be!

Post Communion Prayer

Eternal God,
whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life:
grant us to walk in his way,
to rejoice in his truth,
and to share his risen life;
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

RECESSIONAL HYMN 218 **Thine be the glory**

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: Angela Jagger, Reader

Churchwardens: April Rule and Serge Mozota

Sidesperson: Andrew Curry

Servers: Hazel Carlin and Hilary Rees

HYMN 203

Good Christians all, rejoice and sing!

PRECES

Forbes L'Estrange

PSALM 147.1-12

See music sheet

FIRST LESSON

Zechariah 4.1-10

read by Mike Rule, Associate Minister

The angel who talked with me came again, and wakened me, as one is wakened from sleep. ² He said to me, 'What do you see?' And I said, 'I see a lampstand all of gold, with a bowl on the top of it; there are seven lamps on it, with seven lips on each of the lamps that are on the top of it. ³ And by it there are two olive trees, one on the right of the bowl and the other on its left.' ⁴ I said to the angel who talked with me, 'What are these, my lord?' ⁵ Then the angel who talked with me answered me, 'Do you not know what these are?' I said, 'No, my lord.' ⁶ He said to me, 'This is the word of the Lord to Zerubbabel: Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, says the Lord of hosts. ⁷ What are you, O great mountain? Before

Zerubbabel you shall become a plain; and he shall bring out the top stone amid shouts of “Grace, grace to it!”

⁸ Moreover, the word of the Lord came to me, saying, ⁹ ‘The hands of Zerubbabel have laid the foundation of this house; his hands shall also complete it. Then you will know that the Lord of hosts has sent me to you. ¹⁰ For whoever has despised the day of small things shall rejoice, and shall see the plummet in the hand of Zerubbabel.

‘These seven are the eyes of the Lord, which range through the whole earth.’

MAGNIFICAT

Sumsion in A

Please remain seated but stand for the Gloria

SECOND LESSON Revelation 21.1-14 *read by Caroline Beardsmore*

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ² And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³ And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

‘See, the home of God is among mortals.

He will dwell with them;

they will be his peoples,

and God himself will be with them;

⁴ he will wipe every tear from their eyes.

Death will be no more;

mourning and crying and pain will be no more,

for the first things have passed away.’

⁵ And the one who was seated on the throne said, ‘See, I am making all things new.’ Also he said, ‘Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.’ ⁶ Then

he said to me, ‘It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of

life. ⁷ Those who conquer will inherit these things, and I will be their God and they will be my children. ⁸ But as for the cowardly, the faithless, the polluted, the

murderers, the fornicators, the sorcerers, the idolaters, and all liars, their place will be in the lake that burns with fire and sulphur, which is the second death.’

⁹ Then one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls full of the seven last plagues came and said to me, ‘Come, I will show you the bride, the wife of the

Lamb.’ ¹⁰ And in the spirit he carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God. ¹¹ It has

the glory of God and a radiance like a very rare jewel, like jasper, clear as crystal. ¹² It has a great, high wall with twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels,

and on the gates are inscribed the names of the twelve tribes of the Israelites; ¹³ on the east three gates, on the north three gates, on the south three

gates, and on the west three gates. ¹⁴ And the wall of the city has twelve

foundations, and on them are the twelve names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

NUNC DIMITTIS

Sung in A

Please remain seated but stand for the Gloria

RESPONSES

Forbes L'Estrange

ANTHEM

And I saw a new heaven - Bainton

PRAYERS

Angela Jagger, Reader

HYMN 613

City of God, how broad and far

SERMON

Angela Jagger, Reader

HYMN 506 (omit verse 3) The church's one foundation

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

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Sunday 10th May **6th Sunday of Easter**

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

10:30 Sung Eucharist President: The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar
Readings: Acts 17.22-31 and John 14.15-21

18:30 Choral Evensong Officiant: The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar
Readings: Zechariah 8.1-13 and Revelation 21.22-22.5

The Vicar Writes In today's readings we see "before and after", or since the Gospel is always last, "After and before". Jesus tries to explain the transformation of death through him from a journey into darkness and fear, to a longed-for return home. In Acts we see Stephen face martyrdom as one who knows that reality, and so no longer fears death.



The Week Ahead

Wednesday 6th

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

<https://zoom.us/j/91012643324?pwd=Uy9ENUlPeVlvWERoeIMzWi9BSnpRUT09>

Meeting ID: 910 1264 3324 Passcode: Compline

Thursday 7th

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

Friday 8th

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

Sunday 10th

15.00 **Recital – Choristers of St James the Greater**

THE ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING will be held on Sunday 24th May after the morning service.

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 are available at the back of church. 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.

THE SHELL deadline is **TODAY** 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

EX CATHEDRA CONCERT STEWARDS Help is needed for the Rachmaninov Vespers concert on 16th 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.

CONCERT DATE FOR YOUR DIARIES

Saturday 16th May – 7.00 pm – Ex Cathedra Concert

A performance of the Rachmaninov Vespers.



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Martha McLorinan mezzo soprano
James Robinson tenor
Simone Rebello bells

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Sat 16 May 2026, 7pm

St Martin-in-the-Fields, London
Thu 28 May 2026, 7.30pm

Lichfield Festival
Fri 10 July 2026, 7.30pm

Three Choirs Festival, Gloucester
Sun 26 July 2026

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MAY FESTIVAL

Mass with procession in honour of Our Lady.

Celebrant and Preacher:

**The Right Revd Michael Igrave
Bishop of Lichfield**

11TH MAY | 7PM

**MASS &
PROCESSION**

**FOLLOWED BY
REFRESHMENTS**

MAY FESTIVAL PROGRAMME

- 6pm** Children's Workshops
in the Parish Room
- 6:30pm** Dhol Drummers Start
- 7pm** Festival Mass with Procession
Procession to start around 7:30pm
- 8:30pm** Celebration in the Parish Hall
Samosas, Bhajjis and Buffer Food
Dance and Musical Performances



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CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES FROM 6PM

Rosary Workshop (Ages 4 - 10)
Make your own rosary! All materials provided.

Banner Workshop (All Ages)
Make our children's processional banner for
the May Festival and for the National Pilgrimage
to Walsingham on Monday 25th May.

Procession

Join the procession and scatter
rose petals in front of Our Lady.

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



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 25th April

St Andrew's Church

Hinckley Road, Leicester Forest East, LE3 3PF

Saturday 16th May

St Wilfrid's Church

Church Road, Kibworth, LE8 0NB

Saturday 6th June

Frisby Chapel

Main Street, Frisby on the Wreake, LE14 2NJ

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>

Sunday Worship Sundays 8.10 am Radio 4
Songs of Praise Sunday 2.15 pm BBC 1
Choral Evensong Sunday 6 pm Radio 3
Choral Evensong Sunday 6 pm Wednesday 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:

Wednesday 6th May 1.15 pm - 4.15 pm

Friday 8th May 1.15 pm - 4.15 pm

