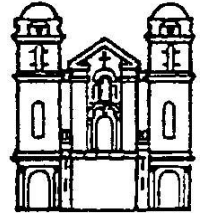


St James the Greater Leicester



**24th MAY 2026
PENTECOST**

Prayer for the Week

God, who as at this time
taught the hearts of your faithful people
by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit:
grant us by the same Spirit
to have a right judgement in all things
and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort;
through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour,
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:

Recently Confirmed at Leicester Cathedral
Charlene Ciza

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

This week's Chancel Steps flowers are sponsored by
Janet Felstead in memory of David.

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: Vicky Roe, Pastoral Assistant

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 Angela Jagger, Reader

Churchwardens: April Rule and Serge Mozota

Sidespeople: Sue Ingle and Rachel Pratt

Servers: Tony Chizema, David Kibert and Charles Samuel

Thurifers: William Woolley and Lucy Hutchinson

Setting: German Mass - Schubert

Please note: Incense will be used during this service

READING Acts 2.1-21

read by Moira Bartlett

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. ²And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

⁵ Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. ⁷Amazed and astonished, they asked, 'Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?' ⁸And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? ⁹Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power.' ¹²All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, 'What does this mean?' ¹³But others sneered and said, 'They are filled with new wine.'

¹⁴ 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. ¹⁵Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. ¹⁶No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

¹⁷ "In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams.

¹⁸ Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy.

¹⁹ And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

²⁰ The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.

²¹ Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

GOSPEL John 20.19-23

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.' ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' ²² When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'

SERMON

The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar

INTERCESSIONS

Angela Jagger, Reader

MOTET

Spirit of God, unseen as the wind – arr. Miller

Post Communion Prayer

Faithful God,
who fulfilled the promises of Easter
by sending us your Holy Spirit
and opening to every race and nation
the way of life eternal:
open our lips by your Spirit,

that every tongue may tell of your glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

***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.***

18.30 Evening Prayer with Hymns

See order of service

Officiant: The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar

Churchwardens: April Rule and Serge Mozota

Sidespeople: Colin and Angela Stray

Servers: Rod Eynon-Baldock, Sara King and Hilary Rees

HYMN 236

Breathe on me, Breath of God

PRECES

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PSALM 67 / 133

(See music sheet)

FIRST LESSON Joel 2.21-32 *read by Mike Rule*

Do not fear, O soil;

be glad and rejoice,

for the Lord has done great things!

²² Do not fear, you animals of the field,

for the pastures of the wilderness are green;

the tree bears its fruit,

the fig tree and vine give their full yield.

²³ O children of Zion, be glad

and rejoice in the Lord your God;

for he has given the early rain for your vindication,

he has poured down for you abundant rain,

the early and the later rain, as before.

²⁴ The threshing-floors shall be full of grain,

the vats shall overflow with wine and oil.

²⁵ I will repay you for the years

that the swarming locust has eaten,

the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter,

my great army, which I sent against you.

²⁶ You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied,

and praise the name of the Lord your God,

who has dealt wondrously with you. And my people shall never again be put to

shame.

²⁷ You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel,
and that I, the Lord, am your God and there is no other.

And my people shall never again
be put to shame.

²⁸ Then afterwards
I will pour out my spirit on all flesh;
your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
your old men shall dream dreams,
and your young men shall see visions.

²⁹ Even on the male and female slaves,
in those days, I will pour out my spirit.

³⁰ I will show portents in the heavens and on the earth, blood and fire and columns
of smoke. ³¹ The sun shall be turned to darkness, and the moon to blood, before
the great and terrible day of the Lord comes. ³² Then everyone who calls on the
name of the Lord shall be saved; for in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there shall be
those who escape, as the Lord has said, and among the survivors shall be those
whom the Lord calls.

MAGNIFICAT

Chanted

SECOND LESSON Acts 2.14-21 *read by April Rule*

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. ¹⁵ Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the
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NUNC DIMITTIS

Chanted

RESPONSES

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PRAYERS

The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar

HYMN 262

Spirit of mercy, truth, and love

SERMON

The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar

HYMN 238 i

Come down, O Love divine

Please be aware of those remaining to listen.

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Sunday 31st May

Trinity Sunday

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

10:30 Sung Eucharist President: The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar
Readings: Isaiah 40.12-17, 27-31 and Matthew 28.16-20

**18:30 Come and Sing
Choral Evensong** Officiant: Sheila Roberts, Associate Minister
Readings: Isaiah 6.1-8 and John 16.5-15

The Week Ahead

Wednesday 27th

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 28th

12:30 **Holy Communion** Common Worship, Order 1 (Traditional)

President: The Reverend Canon Philip Norwood

Assisted by: Vicky Roe, Pastoral Assistant

The Vicar Writes Being Christian is more than going to church (although it is good to do this). It is more than believing the right thing, or even doing the right thing (and these are good too!) – it is in some manner and measure receiving the Holy Spirit – being open to the strange and wonderful gifts and promptings of God that should make those around us marvel, or perhaps wonder if we are drunk.



THE ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING will be held **TODAY** 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.

Come and Sing Evensong

Our next event will be on Trinity Sunday (31st May 2026). Arrive in church for a 4.30pm rehearsal start.

The music will be: Preces & Responses: Reading; Psalm: 150 (Elgar); Canticles: Brewer in D; Anthem: Love divine – Goodall.

If you would like more information and to register, please visit:

<https://www.trybooking.com/uk/GJYB>

Or scan the QR code:



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 1.15 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 27th May 1.15 pm – 4.15 pm

Friday 29th May 1.15 pm - 4.15 pm

