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This week at the Church of  
**St James the Greater**  
Leicester

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**25<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 2024**  
**13<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**

**Prayer for the Week**

Almighty God,  
who called your Church to bear witness  
that you were in Christ reconciling the world to yourself:  
help us to proclaim the good news of your love,  
that all who hear it may be drawn to you;  
through him who was lifted up on the cross,  
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 : Anne Sylvester : Nina French : Anthony Green :  
Gillian Boorne : Josephine Chizema : Ann Blanchard  
and all those currently unable to attend services.

**Those who are unwell and who are recovering**  
Rex Woolhouse : Penny Judge : Mark Sadler : Nicola Shilton : Andrew King :  
Mandy Stephensen : Revd David Clark : Mollie Drake : Sara King :  
Revd Jane Sharp : Michael Molloy

The Commemorative Flowers this week have been kindly given  
by Michael Molloy in memory of his parents, Michael & Hilda.

# Welcome to St James the Greater

**08:30**

## Holy Communion in the Lady Chapel

Common Worship Order I (Traditional)

President: The Reverend Philip Norwood

Assisted by: William Woolley

Churchwarden: Paul Jenkins

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**10:30**

## Sung Eucharist

President: The Reverend Philip Norwood

Assisted by: David Kibert and Angela Jagger

Churchwardens: April Rule and Janet Burton

Sidespeople: Sue Ingle and Rachel Pratt

Servers: Charles Samuel, David Kibert and Tony Chizema

Setting: Mass of St Thomas - Thorne

**OPENING HYMN 394**      **Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!**

**GLORIA**                                      **Mass of St Thomas - Thorne**

**READING** Joshua 24.1-2a, 14-18                      *read by Phil Jones*

Then Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. <sup>2</sup>And Joshua said to all the people, 'Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: Long ago your ancestors—Terah and his sons Abraham and Nahor—lived beyond the Euphrates and served other gods.

<sup>14</sup> 'Now therefore revere the Lord, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. <sup>15</sup>Now if you are unwilling to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.'

<sup>16</sup> Then the people answered, 'Far be it from us that we should forsake the Lord to serve other gods; <sup>17</sup>for it is the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; <sup>18</sup>and the Lord drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the Lord, for he is our God.'

**GRADUAL HYMN 607 (Tune 621) Christ be the Lord of all our days**

**GOSPEL** John 6.56-69

Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. <sup>57</sup>Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. <sup>58</sup>This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live for ever.' <sup>59</sup>He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum.

<sup>60</sup> When many of his disciples heard it, they said, 'This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?' <sup>61</sup>But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, 'Does this offend you?' <sup>62</sup>Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? <sup>63</sup>It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. <sup>64</sup>But among you there are some who do not believe.' For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. <sup>65</sup>And he said, 'For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father.'

<sup>66</sup> Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. <sup>67</sup>So Jesus asked the twelve, 'Do you also wish to go away?' <sup>68</sup>Simon Peter answered him, 'Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. <sup>69</sup>We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God.'

SERMON

Angela Jagger

**CREED HYMN 403**

**We believe in God the Father**

INTERCESSIONS

The Reverend Philip Norwood

**OFFERTORY HYMN 740**

**O changeless Christ, for ever new**

**COMMUNION HYMN 434 ii**

**Christ bids us break the bread**

**Post Communion Prayer**

God our creator,  
you feed your children with the true manna,  
the living bread from heaven:  
let this holy food sustain us through our earthly pilgrimage  
until we come to that place  
where hunger and thirst are no more;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**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.***

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**18:30**

**Taizé Service**

***See special order of service***

Officiant: Sheila Roberts

Churchwarden: Simon Edwards and April Rule

Sidespeople: Colin and Angela Stray

Server: Hazel Carlin

FIRST LESSON Ecclesiasticus 39.1-10

*read by Paul Jenkins*

He seeks out the wisdom of all the ancients,  
and is concerned with prophecies;

<sup>2</sup> he preserves the sayings of the famous  
and penetrates the subtleties of parables;

<sup>3</sup> he seeks out the hidden meanings of proverbs  
and is at home with the obscurities of parables.

<sup>4</sup> He serves among the great  
and appears before rulers;

he travels in foreign lands  
and learns what is good and evil in the human lot.

<sup>5</sup> He sets his heart on rising early  
to seek the Lord who made him,  
and to petition the Most High;

he opens his mouth in prayer  
and asks pardon for his sins.

<sup>6</sup> If the great Lord is willing,  
he will be filled with the spirit of understanding;

he will pour forth words of wisdom of his own  
and give thanks to the Lord in prayer.

<sup>7</sup> The Lord will direct his counsel and knowledge,  
as he meditates on his mysteries.

<sup>8</sup> He will show the wisdom of what he has learned,  
and will glory in the law of the Lord's covenant.

<sup>9</sup> Many will praise his understanding;

it will never be blotted out.  
His memory will not disappear,  
and his name will live through all generations.  
<sup>10</sup> Nations will speak of his wisdom,  
and the congregation will proclaim his praise.

*SECOND LESSON 1 Corinthians 4.9-15*

*read by Andrew Curry*

For I think that God has exhibited us apostles as last of all, as though sentenced to death, because we have become a spectacle to the world, to angels and to mortals. <sup>10</sup>We are fools for the sake of Christ, but you are wise in Christ. We are weak, but you are strong. You are held in honour, but we in disrepute. <sup>11</sup>To the present hour we are hungry and thirsty, we are poorly clothed and beaten and homeless, <sup>12</sup>and we grow weary from the work of our own hands. When reviled, we bless; when persecuted, we endure; <sup>13</sup>when slandered, we speak kindly. We have become like the rubbish of the world, the dregs of all things, to this very day.

<sup>14</sup> I am not writing this to make you ashamed, but to admonish you as my beloved children. <sup>15</sup>For though you might have ten thousand guardians in Christ, you do not have many fathers. Indeed, in Christ Jesus I became your father through the gospel.

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**The Vicar Writes** It may shock you to read this, but the Church is not perfect. In fact it is full of flaws, as any human institution will be. But just as the Church is not merely human, nor are these flaws the whole story. It is still the best way into God's fellowship, to receive his nourishment, and to be part of his story. To whom else can we go?



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## Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> September 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity

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

10:30 **Sung Eucharist** President: The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar

18:30 **Choral Evensong** Officiant: Sheila Roberts

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## The Week Ahead

### Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup>

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 29<sup>th</sup>

10:30 **Holy Communion** Common Worship, Order 1 (traditional)

President: The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar Assisted by: Vicky Roe

11:00 **Coffee Drop-In**

19:30 **Standing Committee**

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**THE RT REV TIMOTHY DUDLEY-SMITH** The death was announced last week - at the grand age of 97 - of Bishop Timothy Dudley-Smith, hymn writer extraordinaire. The 1960s saw an explosion of more up-to-date hymnody and Bishop Timothy - a lover of poetry who often tried his hand at writing religious verse - was persuaded that some of his poems might make good hymns. Over the next decades, more than 450 hymns flowed from his pen. He had no musical gifts, but adopted well known existing tunes, thus making them eminently singable. Here at St James our hymn book contains no fewer than 41 of his hymns, many of which we use in our worship. As a tribute to him, and in gratitude for his immense contribution to the worldwide Church - and in particular its hymnody - all our hymns, together with the Creed, at our Sung Eucharist today were written by him.

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Please join us this evening at 6.30pm for a **TAIZÉ-STYLE EVENING SERVICE** led by Sheila Roberts. This reflective service has a mixture of repeated chants, readings and prayers based upon the worship of the Ecumenical Community founded by Brother Roger in Burgundy, France.

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We are grateful to **ST JAMES SINGERS** who have been leading our singing during the summer holiday, enabling us to keep our choral worship alive. It has been much appreciated. If you or anyone you know may be interested in joining St James Singers, please chat to Mike Rule or a member of the choir to find out more.

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### **RIDE AND STRIDE**

This takes place on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> September. If you would like to take part in this year's sponsored event, forms are on the back table. If you require further information, go to <https://www.lhct.org.uk/ride-and-stride/>

If you can volunteer on the day for an hour or two to help welcome people coming to St. James between 10 am and 6 pm, please **sign up on the sheet at the back of church. Please feel free to sign up to more than one slot.**

**JOURNEY IN FAITH COURSE** There is still time to sign up for the **Journey in Faith** course beginning in September. This is a 3-term course that provides the time and space for people to:

- ◆ Grow in knowledge of the Christian faith,
- ◆ Deepen their relationship with God,
- ◆ Explore how to live out faith in the whole of life.

Introductory session: Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> September 9.30am-12.30pm at St. Martin's House. Who can join? It is open to anyone - there is some reading to do between sessions, but you don't need to have done any studying before. Is there a cost? £40 per term to cover venue hire and materials, but speak to us if this is a barrier. Find more information on the Diocesan website. Mike Rule has completed the course, if you want to know more about it.

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## **NATIONAL HOLOCAUST CENTRE VISIT**

The Council of Christians and Jews Leicester invite you to join a group visit to the

National Holocaust Centre & Museum

Acre Edge Road  
Laxton  
Nottinghamshire  
NG22 0PA

Including a tour of the exhibition and talk by Holocaust Survivor  
Dr Martin Stern

September 26th, 2024, 10.30 – 14.30 p.m.  
Meet at the Centre

All Welcome

Charge £10 plus optional lunch which can be pre-booked

We plan to car share. (Offers of lifts welcome)  
To book a place contact

ccjleic@gmail.com

## Leicester Theological Society

Friday October 11<sup>th</sup>

7.30pm – The Frassati Centre (Holy Cross Priory)  
Wellington Street

### Public Theology, Public Faith, Public Building:

#### Exploring the public nature of Cathedral

The Very Revd Karen Rooms, Dean of Leicester

Followed by discussion

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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                      Sunday at 8.10 am                      Radio 4

Songs of Praise                      Sunday at 1.15 pm                      BBC 1

Choral Evensong                      Wednesday at 3 pm                      Radio 3

Online at [www.churchofengland.org](http://www.churchofengland.org) and [www.leicestercathedral.org](http://www.leicestercathedral.org)

### DAILY HOPE TELEPHONE SERVICE - Freephone 0800 804 8044

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)

The options available from a telephone keypad are:

It is helpful to have the telephone on speakerphone to avoid having to hold the handset.

1. Hymns we love – reflections on favourite hymns
2. How to support Daily Hope
3. Holiday at home on the phone
4. Morning and Evening Prayers
5. Weekly Church of England Service
6. Sleep Well with Daily Hope

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