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

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**17<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2024**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT**

**Prayer for the Week**

Heavenly Father,  
whose blessed Son was revealed  
to destroy the works of the devil  
and to make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life:  
grant that we, having this hope,  
may purify ourselves even as he is pure;  
that when he shall appear in power and great glory  
we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom;  
where he 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 : 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 : Mandy Stephensen :  
Mollie Drake : Revd Jane Sharp : Michael Molloy : Chris Jones :  
Revd David Clark

The Commemorative Flowers this week have been kindly given  
by The Brunning Family 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: Sheila Roberts

Churchwarden: Paul Jenkins

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## 10:30 Sung Eucharist

President: The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar

Assisted by: Margaret Sharman and Mike Rule, Associate Minister

Churchwarden: April Rule

Sidesperson: David Sharman

Servers: Duduzile Chizema, William Woolley and Hazel Carlin

Setting: Sumsion in F

### **HYMN 608**

GLORIA

### **Christ is our corner-stone**

Lécot

**READING** Hebrews 10.11-25 *read by Caroline Beardsmore*

And every priest stands day after day at his service, offering again and again the same sacrifices that can never take away sins. <sup>12</sup>But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, 'he sat down at the right hand of God', <sup>13</sup>and since then has been waiting 'until his enemies would be made a footstool for his feet.' <sup>14</sup>For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are sanctified. <sup>15</sup>And the Holy Spirit also testifies to us, for after saying,

<sup>16</sup> 'This is the covenant that I will make with them

after those days, says the Lord:

I will put my laws in their hearts,

and I will write them on their minds',

<sup>17</sup>he also adds,

'I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more.'

<sup>18</sup>Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin.

<sup>19</sup> Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, <sup>20</sup>by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), <sup>21</sup>and since we have a great priest over the house of God, <sup>22</sup>let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. <sup>23</sup>Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for

he who has promised is faithful. <sup>24</sup>And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, <sup>25</sup>not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

**GRADUAL HYMN 686**

**Jesu our hope, our heart's desire**

**GOSPEL** Mark 13.1-8

As he came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, 'Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!' <sup>2</sup>Then Jesus asked him, 'Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down.'

<sup>3</sup> When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, <sup>4</sup>'Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?' <sup>5</sup>Then Jesus began to say to them, 'Beware that no one leads you astray. <sup>6</sup>Many will come in my name and say, "I am he!" and they will lead many astray. <sup>7</sup>When you hear of wars and rumours of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. <sup>8</sup>For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birth pangs.

SERMON

The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar

INTERCESSIONS

Mike Rule, Associate Minister

**OFFERTORY HYMN 635**

**For the healing of the nations**

MOTET

And I saw a new heaven - Bainton

**POST COMMUNION HYMN 424** **Author of life divine**

**Post Communion Prayer**

Gracious Lord,  
in this holy sacrament  
you give substance to our hope:  
bring us at the last  
to that fullness of life for which we long;  
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

**RECESSIONAL HYMN 652** **Guide me, O thou great Redeemer**

## ORGAN VOLUNTARY

*Please be aware of those remaining to listen.*

*Please stay for refreshments at the end of the service.*

*A card reader donation machine is available at the back of church.*

*Please take this leaflet away with you at the end of the Service.*

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**18.30**

### **Choral Evensong**

*See order of service*

Officiant: Sheila Roberts, Associate Minister  
Churchwardens: April Rule and Simon Edwards  
Sidesperson: Vacant  
Servers: Rod Eynon-Baldock and Sara King

**HYMN 17**

PRECES

**PSALM 95**

**Hail, gladdening light**

Smith

**(See music sheet)**

FIRST LESSON      Daniel 3.13-30      *read by Andy Judge*

Then Nebuchadnezzar in furious rage commanded that Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego be brought in; so they brought those men before the king. <sup>14</sup>Nebuchadnezzar said to them, 'Is it true, O Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, that you do not serve my gods and you do not worship the golden statue that I have set up? <sup>15</sup>Now if you are ready when you hear the sound of the horn, pipe, lyre, trigon, harp, drum, and entire musical ensemble to fall down and worship the statue that I have made, well and good. But if you do not worship, you shall immediately be thrown into a furnace of blazing fire, and who is the god that will deliver you out of my hands?'

<sup>16</sup> Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego answered the king, 'O Nebuchadnezzar, we have no need to present a defence to you in this matter. <sup>17</sup>If our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the furnace of blazing fire and out of your hand, O king, let him deliver us. <sup>18</sup>But if not, be it known to you, O king, that we will not serve your gods and we will not worship the golden statue that you have set up.'

<sup>19</sup> Then Nebuchadnezzar was so filled with rage against Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego that his face was distorted. He ordered the furnace to be heated up seven times more than was customary, <sup>20</sup>and ordered some of the strongest guards in his army to bind Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego and to throw them into the furnace of blazing fire. <sup>21</sup>So the men were bound, still wearing their tunics, their trousers, their hats, and their other garments, and they were thrown into the furnace of blazing fire. <sup>22</sup>Because the king's command was urgent and the furnace was so overheated, the raging flames killed the men who lifted Shadrach,

Meshach, and Abednego. <sup>23</sup>But the three men, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, fell down, bound, into the furnace of blazing fire.

<sup>24</sup> Then King Nebuchadnezzar was astonished and rose up quickly. He said to his counsellors, 'Was it not three men that we threw bound into the fire?' They answered the king, 'True, O king.' <sup>25</sup>He replied, 'But I see four men unbound, walking in the middle of the fire, and they are not hurt; and the fourth has the appearance of a god.' <sup>26</sup>Nebuchadnezzar then approached the door of the furnace of blazing fire and said, 'Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, servants of the Most High God, come out! Come here!' So Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego came out from the fire. <sup>27</sup>And the satraps, the prefects, the governors, and the king's counsellors gathered together and saw that the fire had not had any power over the bodies of those men; the hair of their heads was not singed, their tunics were not harmed, and not even the smell of fire came from them. <sup>28</sup>Nebuchadnezzar said, 'Blessed be the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, who has sent his angel and delivered his servants who trusted in him. They disobeyed the king's command and yielded up their bodies rather than serve and worship any god except their own God. <sup>29</sup>Therefore I make a decree: Any people, nation, or language that utters blasphemy against the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego shall be torn limb from limb, and their houses laid in ruins; for there is no other god who is able to deliver in this way.' <sup>30</sup>Then the king promoted Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego in the province of Babylon.

MAGNIFICAT

Gibbons Short Service

**Please remain seated but stand for the Gloria**

SECOND LESSON Matthew 13.24-30, 36-43 *read by Andrew Curry*

He put before them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; <sup>25</sup>but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. <sup>26</sup>So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. <sup>27</sup>And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, "Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?" <sup>28</sup>He answered, "An enemy has done this." The slaves said to him, "Then do you want us to go and gather them?" <sup>29</sup>But he replied, "No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. <sup>30</sup>Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn." '

<sup>36</sup> Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, 'Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.' <sup>37</sup>He answered, 'The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; <sup>38</sup>the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, <sup>39</sup>and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of

the age, and the reapers are angels. <sup>40</sup>Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. <sup>41</sup>The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, <sup>42</sup>and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. <sup>43</sup>Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!

## **NUNC DIMITTIS**

**Chanted**

RESPONSES

Smith

ANTHEM

Lord let me know mine end - Greene

PRAYERS

Sheila Roberts, Associate Minister

**HYMN 653**

**Happy are they, they that love God**

SERMON

Sheila Roberts, Associate Minister

**HYMN 644**

**God is Love: let heav'n adore him**

## ORGAN VOLUNTARY

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**The Vicar Writes** Today is Safeguarding Sunday. In this last week we have had a terrible reminder of the weakness and fallibility of human religious institutions, and our Gospel emphasizes this too. We are also warned against those who would lead people astray. Let us strive to build a Church as Christ would want it.



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## **The Week Ahead**

### **Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup>**

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

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81259880030?pwd=TG9JbmJzUW56VmFrMmJxdDJBTHFNQT09>

Meeting ID: 812 5988 0030      Passcode: u7iqca

### **Thursday 21<sup>st</sup>**

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

President: The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar

Assisted by Vicky Roe, Pastoral Assistant.

11:00 **Coffee Drop-In**

### **Friday 22<sup>nd</sup>**

16.30 Junior Choir. 18.15 Chorister Training. 18.45 Full Choir Rehearsal.

## Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> November - Christ the King

08:30 Holy Communion

10:30 Sung Eucharist

18.30 Choral Evensong

President: The Reverend Philip Norwood

President: The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar

Readings: Revelation 1.4b-8 and John 18.33-37

Officiant: The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar

Readings: Daniel 5 and John 6.1-15

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**THANK YOU** Unfortunately with a lot of thought and sadness – owing to mobility difficulties, I am now stepping down from all my church duties. Catch up with me in the next edition of the 'Shell'. Janet Burton

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**TOY SALE** On Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December, whilst we hold our monthly coffee morning, we will also be holding a tabletop toy sale, aiming to provide toys at low prices for local people at a time when living costs are high. Christmas cards will also be on sale. If you have any children's toys, board games etc at home which are no longer in use, we would be very grateful for donations. Please leave any toys in the box next to the food bank donation crate.

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### CONCERT DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> November 3.00 pm

Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November 7.30 pm

Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December 7.00 pm

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December 3.00 pm

Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> December 7.30 pm

Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December 7.00 pm

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December 7.30 pm

Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> December 7.00 pm

Juliet Consort

Leicester Bach Choir

Ex Cathedra

Organ Recital with Guy Steed

Ratby Band/Fosse Singers Concert

Community Carol Service

Leicester Philharmonic Choir

City of Leicester Singers

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**RECITALS AT ST JAMES** We are starting monthly concerts on Sundays at 3.00 pm. These are free with a retiring collection. On Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> November, we have the Juliet Consort (vocal quintet and lute) and on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December, Guy Steed will give an organ recital.

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**THURSDAY HOLY COMMUNION** From December we will be moving the time of this service from 10.30 to 12.30. If you haven't experienced our midweek worship perhaps this is the time to try it - the service lasts about 30 minutes and should fit conveniently into a lunch time break.

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**ANNIVERSARY COMMUNITY CAROL SERVICE** We are hosting a Community Carol Service in collaboration with Dave Andrews DL and in the presence of the Lord-Lieutenant of Leicestershire, the Lord Mayor of Leicester, the Chairman of Leicestershire County Council and the High Sheriff of Leicestershire. With choirs, organ, brass band, soloists and celebrity readers, we will be telling the Christmas story through the theme of local and national anniversaries. There's something for everyone with a variety of styles of music and well known carols to sing along with, so invite your family, friends and neighbours! This year, it is **Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2024** from 7.00pm-8.30pm. Our chosen charity this year is LOROS and there will be festive refreshments after the service. Free tickets are available from: [trybooking.com/uk/DVGO](https://trybooking.com/uk/DVGO) You can scan the QR code on your smart phone to find this page, or call the church office.



**STEWARDSHIP ENVELOPES** Named boxes of envelopes for planned giving from December 2024 to November 2025 are on the table at the back of church for collection by those using this scheme. If you would like to join the scheme, please see Vicky Roe, who can arrange for you to have your own box of envelopes.

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**STEWARDS FOR CONCERTS** Help is needed with providing stewards for forthcoming concerts in November and December, to ensure the safety of those attending.  
**PLEASE SIGN UP ON THE FORM AT THE BACK OF CHURCH – THANK YOU**

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**ARCHIVES** The Church archives in the south tower are currently in a rather disorganised state. William Woolley is planning to sort and catalogue them and will be delighted to hear from anyone with surplus bookshelves, cupboards, filing cabinets etc which could be donated to the project.

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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	Sunday and Wednesday at 3 pm	Radio 3
Compline	Sunday at 9.30 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.

The options available from a telephone keypad are:

1. Hymns we love – reflections on favourite hymns
2. How to support Daily Hope
3. One-minute sermon from J, John
4. Morning and Evening Prayers
5. Weekly Church of England Service
6. Sleep Well with Daily Hope
7. An interview with R. T. Kendall

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