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This week at the Church of
St James the Greater
Leicester

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19th JANUARY 2025
2nd SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY

Prayer for the Week

Almighty God,
in Christ you make all things new:
transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace,
and in the renewal of our lives
make known your heavenly glory;
through Jesus Christ your Son 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 : 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

Rest in peace
Kathleen Butler (Tricia Dean's sister)
Judith Smith

The Commemorative Flowers this week have been kindly given
by Margo and Rex Woolhouse in memory of their parents Mary & Arthur Birley
and George & Ada Woolhouse.

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: Sheila Roberts

Churchwarden: Paul Jenkins

A card reader donation machine is available.

10:30 Sung Eucharist

President: The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar

Assisted by: Margaret Sharman and Mike Rule

Churchwarden: April Rule

Sidesperson: David Sharman

Servers: William Simpey, Duduzile Chizema and William Woolley

Setting: Little Organ Mass - Haydn

HYMN 99

GLORIA

Hail to the Lord's Anointed

Little Organ Mass - Haydn

READING Isaiah 62.1-5 *read by Ian Jones*

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,
and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest,
until her vindication shines out like the dawn,
and her salvation like a burning torch.

² The nations shall see your vindication,
and all the kings your glory;

and you shall be called by a new name
that the mouth of the Lord will give.

³ You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord,
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

⁴ You shall no more be termed Forsaken,
and your land shall no more be termed Desolate;
but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her,
and your land Married;

for the Lord delights in you,
and your land shall be married.

⁵ For as a young man marries a young woman,
so shall your builder marry you,

and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride,
so shall your God rejoice over you.

GRADUAL HYMN 93 Arise, shine out, your light has come

GOSPEL John 2.1-11

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. ²Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. ³When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' ⁴And Jesus said to her, 'Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.' ⁵His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' ⁶Now standing there were six stone water-jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. ⁷Jesus said to them, 'Fill the jars with water.' And they filled them up to the brim. ⁸He said to them, 'Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.' So they took it. ⁹When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom ¹⁰and said to him, 'Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.' ¹¹Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

SERMON

Mike Rule, Associate Minister

INTERCESSIONS

The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar

OFFERTORY HYMN 104

Songs of thankfulness and praise

MOTET

O sacrum convivium - Messiaen

POST COMMUNION HYMN 439 Dearest Jesu, we are here

Post Communion Prayer

God of glory,
you nourish us with your Word
who is the bread of life:
fill us with your Holy Spirit
that through us the light of your glory
may shine in all the world.

We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

RECESSIONAL HYMN 96 I

**Brightest and best of the sons of the
morning**

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.

18.30

Choral Evensong

See order of service

Officiant: The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar

Churchwardens: April Rule and Simon Edwards

Sidesperson: Vacant

Servers: Sara King and Rod Eynon-Baldock

HYMN 95

PRECES

PSALM 96

Bethlehem, what greater city

Smith

(See music sheet)

FIRST LESSON 1 Samuel 3.1-20 *read by Jennifer Smith*

Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the Lord under Eli. The word of the Lord was rare in those days; visions were not widespread.

² At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; ³the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the Lord, where the ark of God was. ⁴Then the Lord called, 'Samuel! Samuel!' and he said, 'Here I am!' ⁵and ran to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' But he said, 'I did not call; lie down again.' So he went and lay down. ⁶The Lord called again, 'Samuel!' Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' But he said, 'I did not call, my son; lie down again.' ⁷Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. ⁸The Lord called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' Then Eli perceived that the Lord was calling the boy. ⁹Therefore Eli said to Samuel, 'Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, "Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening."' So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

¹⁰ Now the Lord came and stood there, calling as before, 'Samuel! Samuel!' And Samuel said, 'Speak, for your servant is listening.' ¹¹Then the Lord said to Samuel, 'See, I am about to do something in Israel that will make both ears of anyone who hears of it tingle. ¹²On that day I will fulfil against Eli all that I have spoken concerning his house, from beginning to end. ¹³For I have told him that I am about to punish his house for ever, for the iniquity that he knew, because his sons were blaspheming God, and he did not restrain them. ¹⁴Therefore I swear to the house

of Eli that the iniquity of Eli's house shall not be expiated by sacrifice or offering for ever.'

¹⁵ Samuel lay there until morning; then he opened the doors of the house of the Lord. Samuel was afraid to tell the vision to Eli. ¹⁶But Eli called Samuel and said, 'Samuel, my son.' He said, 'Here I am.' ¹⁷Eli said, 'What was it that he told you? Do not hide it from me. May God do so to you and more also, if you hide anything from me of all that he told you.' ¹⁸So Samuel told him everything and hid nothing from him. Then he said, 'It is the Lord; let him do what seems good to him.'

¹⁹ As Samuel grew up, the Lord was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground. ²⁰And all Israel from Dan to Beer-sheba knew that Samuel was a trustworthy prophet of the Lord.

MAGNIFICAT

Sunsion in A

Please remain seated but stand for the Gloria

SECOND LESSON Ephesians 4.1-16 *read by Regina Santos-Merx*

I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, ²with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, ³making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. ⁴There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, ⁵one Lord, one faith, one baptism, ⁶one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

⁷ But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. ⁸Therefore it is said,

'When he ascended on high he made captivity itself a captive; he gave gifts to his people.'

⁹(When it says, 'He ascended', what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? ¹⁰He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things.) ¹¹The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, ¹²to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, ¹³until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. ¹⁴We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. ¹⁵But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, ¹⁶from whom the whole body, joined and knitted together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.

NUNC DIMITTIS

Chanted

RESPONSES Smith
ANTHEM Blessed be the God and Father - Wesley
PRAYERS Mike Rule, Associate Minister
HYMN 238 i **Come down, O Love Divine**
SERMON The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar
HYMN 714 (Tune 713) **Lord of all power, I give you my will**

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Please be aware of those remaining to listen.

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The Vicar Writes The theme this week is “transformation” – water into wine, “the poverty of our nature”. This is more than a new image or a makeover, but a profound change in essence. This change is not just for party beverages, but for all God’s people.



The Week Ahead

Monday 20th

14.30 **House Group (see notice in Bulletin)**

Wednesday 22nd

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 23rd

12:30 **Holy Communion** Common Worship, Order 1 (traditional)
President: The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar
Assisted by: Vicky Roe

Friday 24th

16.30 Junior Choir. 18.30 Chorister Training. 19.00 Full Choir Rehearsal.

Sunday 26th January

3rd Sunday of Epiphany

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

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

Readings: Nehemiah 8.1-3, 5-6, 8-10 and Luke 4.14-21

18:30 **Choral Evensong** Officiant: Angela Jagger, Reader

Readings: Numbers 9.15-23 and I Corinthians 7.17-24

JOHN RUDD A recording of John Rudd's Funeral, which took place at Great Glen at the beginning of January, is now available online. David Rudd has sent the details for this so that anyone from St. James who had been unable to attend can still view this until early February. Please contact Sheila Roberts on smrfv@sheilaroberts.org.uk who can give you the online passcode.

CHURCH HEATING COSTS As you can probably imagine, heating the church, even to modest temperatures, is a mammoth cost. In addition to the standing plea to consider your giving, we're making a special request for help with the heating bills. In the mean-time, please wrap up warm for church!

HOUSE GROUP ZOOM MEETING The next Zoom House Group Session will be on Monday 20th January at 2.30pm when we will be looking at some paintings depicting Epiphany. Everyone is welcome to join. We usually meet fortnightly (depending on availability) and discuss a variety of topics. For more information, please contact Angela Jaggar or just join using the log on details:
Meeting ID:404 935 5092
Passcode: 6Hyy6R

THE SHELL deadline is Sunday 2nd February for contributions to the next edition. Please send content to the church office by post or to Paul Jenkins at editor@stjamesthegreater.org.uk

STEWARDS FOR SUNDAY CONCERTS Help is needed with providing stewards for forthcoming Sunday recitals to ensure the safety and enjoyment of those attending. Refreshments are served afterwards. If you can help on 9th February or 9th March, please sign up on the list at the back of church.

THURSDAY HOLY COMMUNION Please note that this service now takes place at **12.30 pm**. The next Thursday Holy Communion will take place on Thursday 23rd January at 12.30 pm. It will be followed by refreshments.

CHRISTMAS STAMPS FOR CHARITY Please save Christmas stamps by cutting them out surrounded by a border of paper and put them in the box provided to help raise money for Inter Care.

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.

PLANNED GIVING St. James relies on donations for funding. The Parish Giving Scheme enables donations directly from your bank account and adds Gift Aid for the church, if you are a taxpayer. Information packs are on the table at the back of church. Alternatively, boxes of envelopes for cash donations for each Sunday from 1st December 2024 to 30th November 2025 can be provided. If you would like to have a box, please see Vicky Roe, leave a message for her at the church office (0116 2542111) or send an E-mail to:

pastoral.assistant@sthamesthegreater.org.uk

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 1.30 pm BBC 1

Choral Evensong Sunday and Wednesday at 3 pm Radio 3

Online at www.churchofengland.org and 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

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
2. How to support Daily Hope
3. Chair exercises
4. One-minute sermons by J. John
5. Weekly Church of England Service
6. Sleep Well with Daily Hope
7. Daily Prayers

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