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This week at the Church of
St James the Greater
Leicester

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26th JANUARY 2025
3rd SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY

Prayer for the Week

Almighty God,
whose Son revealed in signs and miracles
the wonder of your saving presence:
renew your people with your heavenly grace,
and in all our weakness
sustain us by your mighty power;
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)

The Commemorative Flowers this week have been kindly given
by Lin Mawer in memory of her husband 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: Lin Mawer

Churchwarden: Paul Jenkins

A card reader donation machine is available.

10:30 Sung Eucharist

President: The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar

Assisted by: David Kibert and Sheila Roberts

Churchwarden: April Rule

Sidespeople: Sue Ingle and Rachel Pratt

Servers: David Kibert, Tony Chizema and Charles Samuel

Setting: Leighton in D

HYMN 102

Jesus come! for we invite you

GLORIA

Lécot

READING Nehemiah 8.1-3, 5-6, 8-10 *read by David Kibert*

All the people gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the Lord had given to Israel. ²Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. ³He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. ⁵And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. ⁶Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people answered, 'Amen, Amen', lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshipped the Lord with their faces to the ground. ⁸So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.

⁹ And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, 'This day is holy to the Lord your God; do not mourn or weep.' For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. ¹⁰Then he said to them, 'Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is

prepared, for this day is holy to our Lord; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength.'

GRADUAL HYMN 387 Rise and hear! The Lord is speaking

GOSPEL Luke 4.14-21

Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. ¹⁵He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

¹⁶ When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, ¹⁷and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

¹⁸ 'The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to bring good news to the poor.

He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives
and recovery of sight to the blind,
to let the oppressed go free,

¹⁹ to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour.'

²⁰And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. ²¹Then he began to say to them, 'Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.'

SERMON

The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar

INTERCESSIONS

Sheila Roberts, Associate Minister

OFFERTORY HYMN 781

Son of God, eternal Saviour

MOTET

Listen sweet dove - Ives

POST COMMUNION HYMN 430 i Bread of heaven, on thee we feed

Post Communion Prayer

Almighty Father,

whose Son our Saviour Jesus Christ is the light of the world:

may your people,

illumined by your word and sacraments,

shine with the radiance of his glory,

that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed

to the ends of the earth;

for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

RECESSIONAL HYMN 795**'The kingdom is upon you!'****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: Angela Jagger, Reader

Churchwardens: April Rule and Simon Edwards

Sidespeople: Colin and Angela Stray

Servers: Hilary Rees and Hazel Carlin

HYMN 649**God of mercy, God of grace**

PRECES

Rose

PSALM 33**(See music sheet)****FIRST LESSON****Numbers 9.15-23***read by Colin Stray*

On the day the tabernacle was set up, the cloud covered the tabernacle, the tent of the covenant; and from evening until morning it was over the tabernacle, having the appearance of fire. ¹⁶It was always so: the cloud covered it by day and the appearance of fire by night. ¹⁷Whenever the cloud lifted from over the tent, then the Israelites would set out; and in the place where the cloud settled down, there the Israelites would camp. ¹⁸At the command of the Lord the Israelites would set out, and at the command of the Lord they would camp. As long as the cloud rested over the tabernacle, they would remain in camp. ¹⁹Even when the cloud continued over the tabernacle for many days, the Israelites would keep the charge of the Lord, and would not set out. ²⁰Sometimes the cloud would remain for a few days over the tabernacle, and according to the command of the Lord they would remain in camp; then according to the command of the Lord they would set out. ²¹Sometimes the cloud would remain from evening until morning; and when the cloud lifted in the morning, they would set out, or if it continued for a day and a night, when the cloud lifted they would set out. ²²Whether it was two days, or a month, or a longer time, that the cloud continued over the tabernacle, resting upon it, the Israelites would remain in camp and would not set out; but when it lifted they would set out. ²³At the command of the Lord they would camp, and at the command of the Lord they would set out. They kept the charge of the Lord, at the command of the Lord by Moses.

MAGNIFICAT

Bairstow in D

Please remain seated but stand for the Gloria

SECOND LESSON I Corinthians 7.17-24 *read by Angela Stray*

However that may be, let each of you lead the life that the Lord has assigned, to which God called you. This is my rule in all the churches. ¹⁸Was anyone at the time of his call already circumcised? Let him not seek to remove the marks of circumcision. Was anyone at the time of his call uncircumcised? Let him not seek circumcision. ¹⁹Circumcision is nothing, and uncircumcision is nothing; but obeying the commandments of God is everything. ²⁰Let each of you remain in the condition in which you were called.

²¹ Were you a slave when called? Do not be concerned about it. Even if you can gain your freedom, make use of your present condition now more than ever. ²²For whoever was called in the Lord as a slave is a freed person belonging to the Lord, just as whoever was free when called is a slave of Christ. ²³You were bought with a price; do not become slaves of human masters. ²⁴In whatever condition you were called, brothers and sisters, there remain with God.

NUNC DIMITTIS

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RESPONSES

Rose

ANTHEM

Tantum Ergo - Duruflé

PRAYERS

Mike Rule, Associate Minister

HYMN 702

Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us

SERMON

Angela Jagger, Reader

HYMN 586

All praise to Christ, our Lord and King divine

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

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The Vicar Writes Challenging preachers sometimes make the news, especially if they are a Bishop in Washington and President Trump is in the congregation. We do not know the name of anyone in the synagogue where Jesus preached, far from centres of political power, but he does not just make the news, he makes all things new.



The Week Ahead

Wednesday 29th

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

<https://zoom.us/j/91012643324?pwd=Uy9ENUlPeVlvVVERoelMzWi9BSnpRUT09>

Meeting ID: 910 1264 3324 Passcode: Compline

Thursday 30th

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

President: The Reverend Philip Norwood

Assisted by: Lin Mawer

Friday 31st

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

Sunday 2nd February

Candlemas

08:30 **BCP Holy Communion** President: The Reverend Philip Norwood

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

Readings: Malachi 3.1-5 and Luke 2.22-40

18:30 **Candlemas Service** Officiant: The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER is celebrated in over 146 countries. This year the service has been prepared by the Christian women of the Cook Islands on the theme, "I made you wonderful." Services will be held on Friday 7th March at 2 pm in St. Mary Magdalen Church, Brinsmead Road, LE2 3WD and at 7.30 pm in Stonegate Baptist Church, 315 London Road, LE2 3ND. All are welcome to attend.

St. James the Greater Church need to provide people to read the part of Mii, a woman from the Cook Islands, at the afternoon and evening services. There will be a rehearsal for this at 2 pm on Thursday 6th March at St. Mary Magdalen Church and at 7 pm on Friday 7th March at Stonegate Baptist Church. If you would be willing to do this at either service, please contact Vicky Roe in person or by E-mail on pastoral.assistant@stjamesthegreater.org.uk

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.

ELECTORAL ROLL RENEWAL: 2025 marks the 6-yearly renewal of the Electoral Roll of our church. The Electoral Roll is a list of those who regularly worship at our church and/or those who consider St James their 'home church'. You must be on the Roll should you wish to vote at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting or stand for election to the PCC. Electoral Roll forms are available at the back of church - you must fill in a form even if you've been on the Roll previously as this is a complete revision. For further details talk to April Rule.

CHURCH HEATING COSTS As you can probably imagine, heating the church, even to modest temperatures, is a mammoth cost. In addition to the ongoing 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!

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

ST JAMES CHORAL PROJECT CONCERTS This month we are hosting 'Choral bootcamps' for local school groups. The theme is 'Around the World in Song' and the children will perform a short concert (20-30 mins) of the global songs they've learnt throughout the day. You are invited to please support these, the first of which is given by Overdale Junior School Choir on Tuesday 4th February at 2.30pm.

RECITALS AT ST JAMES

The next of our recitals will take place on Sunday 9th February 2025 at 3pm and is given by Ian Orr and Nikki Booth. They are playing a programme of piano and organ duets and piano solos, featuring music by Leicester composers: Ben Burrows, Jack Griffin and Frederic Allt.

COME AND SING EVENSONG

The next Come and Sing event will be Choral Evensong on Sunday 23rd February 2025, rehearsal 4.30pm, service 6.30pm. Sheet music is provided. Refreshments will be served between the rehearsal and the service. Music to include: Ayleward Preces and Responses, Stanford Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis in Bb and For the beauty of the earth - Rutter. Please register via trybooking.com/uk/EIKY



QR code for the Come and Sing Evensong 23/2/25

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 30th January at 12.30 pm. It will be followed by refreshments.

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.

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 1.15 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