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

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**2nd FEBRUARY 2025
CANDLEMAS**

Prayer for the Week

Almighty and ever-living God,
clothed in majesty,
whose beloved Son was this day presented in the Temple,
in substance of our flesh:
grant that we may be presented to you
with pure and clean hearts,
by your Son Jesus Christ 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
Joan Thomas

The Commemorative Flowers this week have been kindly given
by Jeremy & Christine Josephs in memory of Sarah.

Welcome to St James the Greater

08:30 Holy Communion in the Lady Chapel

BCP Holy Communion

President: The Reverend Philip Norwood

Assisted by: Mike Rule, Associate Minister

Churchwarden: Paul Jenkins

A card reader donation machine is available.

10:30 Sung Eucharist

President: The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar

Assisted by: William Woolley and Sheila Roberts

Churchwarden: April Rule

Sidesperson: David Pugh

Servers: Charles Samuel, William Woolley and William Simpey

Setting: St Albans Setting - Archer

HYMN 95

Bethlehem, what greater city

GLORIA

Hebridean (hymn 414)

READING Malachi 3.1-5 *read by Vicky Roe*

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. ²But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; ³he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. ⁴Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

⁵ Then I will draw near to you for judgement; I will be swift to bear witness against the sorcerers, against the adulterers, against those who swear falsely, against those who oppress the hired workers in their wages, the widow, and the orphan, against those who thrust aside the alien, and do not fear me, says the Lord of hosts.

GRADUAL HYMN 52 (omit vs 2&3) The people that in darkness sat

GOSPEL Luke 2.22-40

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord ²³(as it is written in the law of the Lord, 'Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord'), ²⁴and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, 'a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons.'

²⁵ Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. ²⁶It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. ²⁷Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, ²⁸Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying,

²⁹ 'Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace,
according to your word;

³⁰ for my eyes have seen your salvation,

³¹ which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,

³² a light for revelation to the Gentiles
and for glory to your people Israel.'

³³ And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. ³⁴Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed ³⁵so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.'

³⁶ There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband for seven years after her marriage, ³⁷then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day. ³⁸At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

³⁹ When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. ⁴⁰The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.

SERMON

Sheila Roberts, Associate Minister

INTERCESSIONS

The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar

OFFERTORY HYMN 110

Hail to the Lord who comes

MOTET

Christ is the world's true light - Stanton

POST COMMUNION HYMN 396 Faithful vigil ended

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Lord, you fulfilled the hope of Simeon and Anna,
who lived to welcome the Messiah:
may we, who have received these gifts beyond words,
prepare to meet Christ Jesus when he comes
to bring us to eternal life;
for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

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

Candlemas Service

See order of service

Officiant: The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar

Churchwardens: Simon Edwards and April Rule

Sidespeople: Vacant

Servers: Charles Samuel, Duduzile Chizema, Tony Chizema and William Woolley

Thurifers: David Kibert and Lucy Hutchinson

One of the anthems is 'O nata lux' by Lauridsen.

O nata lux de lumine
Jesu redemptor saeculi
Dignare clemens supplicum
Laudes precesque sumere

Qui carne quondam contegi
Dignatus es pro perditis
Nos membra confer effici
Tui beati corporis

O born light from light,
Jesus redeemer of the world,
deign, merciful one, to accept the
praises and prayers of the supplicants.

You who once deigned to be covered
in flesh for the lost,
grant us to be made members
of your blessed body.

CONTACTING THE TEAM

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The Vicar Writes Today the celebrations that began on the 25th December (or even earlier!) come to an end. But as we look towards Lent next month and onwards through the Church year, we will be reminded that what looks like an ending, is through Christ, a wonderful new beginning.



The Week Ahead

Wednesday 5th

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

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81259880030?pwd=TG9JbmJzUW56VmFrMmJxdDJBTjBTFNQT09>

Meeting ID: 812 5988 0030 Passcode: u7iqca

Thursday 6th

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

Friday 7th

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

Sunday 9th February

4th Sunday before Lent

08:30 **Holy Communion** President: The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar
10:30 **Sung Eucharist** President: The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar
Readings: Isaiah 6.1-8 and Luke 5.1-11
15.00 **Recital** Ian Orr and Nikki Booth – Piano and Organ
18:30 **Choral Evensong** Officiant: The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar
Readings: Wisdom 6.1-21 and Colossians 3.1-22

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 3VD and at 7.30 pm in Stoneygate 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 Stoneygate 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.

EXAM SUCCESS We recently hosted RSCM Voice for Life exams at St James and entered four candidates from the Senior Choir. We are pleased to announce that Emily-Hafwen Davies, Jasmine Hutton and Regina Santos-Merx all passed their Gold medal exams and Harriet Hunt passed her Silver medal exam. Well done to all our candidates, we are so proud of them and look forward to seeing them receive their medals during a service soon! Special thanks to Guy for rehearsing and accompanying their performances in the exam and to Chiara for helping with the liturgy section. Preparation for the exams also takes place in weekly half hour 'Chorister Training' sessions with Emma, where the focus is on singing at sight and performing independently. Thank you to all who offered their encouragement and prayers for the candidates as they undertook these incredibly demanding exams.

THANK YOU FOR THE STAMPS Cherry Fulloway thanks all those who donated stamps after Christmas for Interserve. They filled a large carrier bag and were much appreciated. Please continue to bring stamps and place them in the box on the back table at church.

HONORARY CANON Pam Spokes, who attended St. James for many years and used to be Stewardship Secretary, is being installed as an Honorary Canon at Leicester Cathedral during the 3.30 pm Evensong on Sunday 9th February 2025. She invites any friends from St. James to attend the service, which is followed by light refreshments, but asks that you inform her in advance of your attendance, so she can give the Cathedral an idea of numbers. Please E-mail her on pam@spokes.biz

THE SHELL deadline is this 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

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!

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.

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 6th February at 12.30 pm. It will be followed by refreshments.

LEICESTER THEOLOGICAL SOCIETY The next meeting of the LTS is on Friday 14th February at 7.30 pm in the Frassati Centre at Holy Cross Priory. The subject this time is 'Amos – A Hebrew Poet for the Modern World' and will be presented by The Revd Dr Ian Paul, Managing Editor of Grove Books Ltd. For more information, please visit <https://sites.google.com/view/leicester-theological-society/home?pli=1>

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

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

Church Office The Church Office opening hours are generally Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 1.15pm until 4.15pm. These days/hours sometimes vary because our Administrator is also a professional musician and organist, and sometimes has to play for services elsewhere. Thank you for your patience and understanding.