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

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**16<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2025**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY BEFORE LENT**

**Prayer for the Week**

Almighty God,  
who alone can bring order  
to the unruly wills and passions of sinful humanity:  
give your people grace  
so to love what you command  
and to desire what you promise,  
that, among the many changes of this world,  
our hearts may surely there be fixed  
where true joys are to be found;  
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**

Tony Geary (former Chorister & Server)  
Funeral at Loughborough Crematorium on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February at 9.30am  
Valera Walker

The Commemorative Flowers this week have been kindly given by Margaret Terry

# 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

*A card reader donation machine is available.*

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10.30

## Choral Mattins

*See order of service*

Officiant: Sheila Roberts, Associate Minister

Sidesperson: Vacant

Churchwarden: April Rule

Server: Michael Bull

**HYMN 765**

**Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation**

**CONFESSION**

*see service card*

**PRECES**

**Ferial**

**VENITE**

**see music sheet**

**PSALM 6**

**see music sheet**

FIRST LESSON Wisdom 11.21-12.11 *read by Val Bailey*

For it is always in your power to show great strength,  
and who can withstand the might of your arm?

<sup>22</sup> Because the whole world before you is like a speck that tips the scales,  
and like a drop of morning dew that falls on the ground.

<sup>23</sup> But you are merciful to all, for you can do all things,  
and you overlook people's sins, so that they may repent.

<sup>24</sup> For you love all things that exist,  
and detest none of the things that you have made,  
for you would not have made anything if you had hated it.

<sup>25</sup> How would anything have endured if you had not willed it?  
Or how would anything not called forth by you have been preserved?

<sup>26</sup> You spare all things, for they are yours, O Lord, you who love the living.

**12** For your immortal spirit is in all things.

<sup>2</sup> Therefore you correct little by little those who trespass,  
and you remind and warn them of the things through which they sin,  
so that they may be freed from wickedness and put their trust in you, O Lord.

<sup>3</sup> Those who lived long ago in your holy land  
<sup>4</sup> you hated for their detestable practices,  
their works of sorcery and unholy rites,  
<sup>5</sup> their merciless slaughter of children,  
and their sacrificial feasting on human flesh and blood.  
These initiates from the midst of a heathen cult,  
<sup>6</sup> these parents who murder helpless lives,  
you willed to destroy by the hands of our ancestors,  
<sup>7</sup> so that the land most precious of all to you  
might receive a worthy colony of the servants of God.  
<sup>8</sup> But even these you spared, since they were but mortals,  
and sent wasps as forerunners of your army  
to destroy them little by little,  
<sup>9</sup> though you were not unable to give the ungodly into the hands of the righteous  
in battle,  
or to destroy them at one blow by dread wild animals or your stern word.  
<sup>10</sup> But judging them little by little you gave them an opportunity to repent,  
though you were not unaware that their origin was evil  
and their wickedness inborn,  
and that their way of thinking would never change.  
<sup>11</sup> For they were an accursed race from the beginning,  
and it was not through fear of anyone that you left them unpunished for their sins.

TE DEUM

Sung by the Choir Dyson in C

SECOND LESSON Galatians 4.8-20 *read by Michael Bull*

Formerly, when you did not know God, you were enslaved to beings that by nature are not gods. <sup>9</sup>Now, however, that you have come to know God, or rather to be known by God, how can you turn back again to the weak and beggarly elemental spirits? How can you want to be enslaved to them again? <sup>10</sup>You are observing special days, and months, and seasons, and years. <sup>11</sup>I am afraid that my work for you may have been wasted.

<sup>12</sup> Friends, I beg you, become as I am, for I also have become as you are. You have done me no wrong. <sup>13</sup>You know that it was because of a physical infirmity that I first announced the gospel to you; <sup>14</sup>though my condition put you to the test, you did not scorn or despise me, but welcomed me as an angel of God, as Christ Jesus. <sup>15</sup>What has become of the goodwill you felt? For I testify that, had it been possible, you would have torn out your eyes and given them to me. <sup>16</sup>Have I now become your enemy by telling you the truth? <sup>17</sup>They make much of you, but for no good purpose; they want to exclude you, so that you may make much of them. <sup>18</sup>It

is good to be made much of for a good purpose at all times, and not only when I am present with you. <sup>19</sup>My little children, for whom I am again in the pain of childbirth until Christ is formed in you, <sup>20</sup>I wish I were present with you now and could change my tone, for I am perplexed about you.

## **JUBILATE DEO**

**Chanted**

## **THE CREED RESPONSES**

*see service card*

ANTHEM

**Ferial**

PRAYERS

Blessed are they – S.S. Wesley  
Sheila Roberts, Associate Minister

**HYMN 635**

**For the healing of the nations**

SERMON

Sheila Roberts, Associate Minister

**HYMN 644**

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

DISMISSAL

The Lord be with you. **And with thy spirit.**  
Let us bless the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

## ORGAN VOLUNTARY

*Please be aware of those remaining to listen.*

*Everyone is invited for refreshments after the service.*

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

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**18:30**

## **Sung Eucharist**

President: The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar

Assisted by: Margaret Sharman and Angela Jagger, Reader

Churchwardens: April Rule and Simon Edwards

Sidesperson: Vacant

Servers: William Woolley, Duduzile Chizema and Hazel Carlin

Setting: St Albans Setting - Archer

**HYMN 448 i**

**I come with joy, a child of God**

**GLORIA**

**Hebridean (hymn 414)**

**READING** Jeremiah 17.5-10      *read by Jennifer Clegg*

Thus says the Lord:

Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals  
and make mere flesh their strength,  
whose hearts turn away from the Lord.

<sup>6</sup> They shall be like a shrub in the desert,  
and shall not see when relief comes.

They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness,  
in an uninhabited salt land.

<sup>7</sup> Blessed are those who trust in the Lord,  
whose trust is the Lord.

<sup>8</sup> They shall be like a tree planted by water,  
sending out its roots by the stream.

It shall not fear when heat comes,  
and its leaves shall stay green;  
in the year of drought it is not anxious,  
and it does not cease to bear fruit.

<sup>9</sup> The heart is devious above all else;  
it is perverse—  
who can understand it?

<sup>10</sup> I the Lord test the mind  
and search the heart,  
to give to all according to their ways,  
according to the fruit of their doings.

**GRADUAL HYMN 580**      **Judge eternal, throned in splendour**

**GOSPEL** Luke 6.17-26

He came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. <sup>18</sup>They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. <sup>19</sup>And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them.

<sup>20</sup> Then he looked up at his disciples and said:

‘Blessed are you who are poor,  
for yours is the kingdom of God.

<sup>21</sup> ‘Blessed are you who are hungry now,  
for you will be filled.

‘Blessed are you who weep now,  
for you will laugh.

<sup>22</sup> 'Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. <sup>23</sup>Rejoice on that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.

<sup>24</sup> 'But woe to you who are rich,  
for you have received your consolation.

<sup>25</sup> 'Woe to you who are full now,  
for you will be hungry.

'Woe to you who are laughing now,  
for you will mourn and weep.

<sup>26</sup> 'Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.

SERMON

Angela Jagger, Reader

INTERCESSIONS

The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar

**OFFERTORY HYMN 269**

**Can we by searching find out God**

MOTET

Let all mortal flesh - Cleobury

### **Post Communion Prayer**

Merciful Father,

who gave Jesus Christ to be for us the bread of life,

that those who come to him should never hunger:

draw us to the Lord in faith and love,

that we may eat and drink with him

at his table in the kingdom,

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

**RECESSIONAL HYMN 569 i**

**The kingdom of God is justice and joy**

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

***Please be aware of those remaining to listen.***

***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.***

**The Vicar Writes** The Collects (our weekly "gathering" prayer) have been spot on recently. The "unruly wills of sinful humanity" and "the many changes of the world" have been all too evident. Equally, the solution is set out clearly in fixing our hearts where true joy and peace are to be found.



## Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday before Lent

08:30 **Holy Communion** President: The Reverend Philip Norwood  
10:30 **Sung Eucharist** President: The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar  
Readings: Genesis 2.4b-9, 15-24 and Luke 8.22-25  
18:30 **Choral Evensong** Officiant: Mike Rule, Associate Minister  
Readings: Genesis 1.1-2.3 and Matthew 6.25-34

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### The Week Ahead

#### Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup>

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

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81259880030?pwd=TG9JbmJzUW56VmFrMmJxdDJBTjBTHFNQT09>

Meeting ID: 812 5988 0030 Passcode: u7iqca

#### Thursday 20<sup>th</sup>

12:30 **Holy Communion** Common Worship, Order 1 (Traditional)  
President: The Reverend Philip Norwood  
Assisted by: Lin Mawer

#### Friday 21<sup>st</sup>

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

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**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.

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**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 7<sup>th</sup> 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.

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**ST JAMES CHORAL PROJECT CONCERT** The next workshop and performance day in our Schools' Choral Bootcamp series "Around the world in song" will be performed by pupils from Uplands Junior School. The short informal concert will be on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> February at 2.15pm-2.45pm in church. Please support this endeavour by attending as an audience member, or contacting Emma if you can help with stewarding: [dom@stjamesthegreater.org.uk](mailto:dom@stjamesthegreater.org.uk)

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**RECITALS AT ST JAMES** The next recital in our series is on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2025 at 3pm and is given by musicians from the University of Leicester, who will be playing a variety of chamber music. Refreshments will be served afterwards.

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### **COME AND SING EVENSONG**

The next Come and Sing event will be Choral Evensong on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> 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](https://trybooking.com/uk/EIKY)



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

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**COME AND SING THE SOUND OF MUSIC** This will take place on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> April 2025 with a workshop and performance led by Emma Trounson, with refreshments in between.

All Age Workshop 2.00pm-4.00pm

Refreshments 4.00pm-4.30pm

Informal Concert 4.30pm-5.00pm

Please register via [trybooking.com/uk/EKMV](https://trybooking.com/uk/EKMV)



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**CHURCH OFFICE** This week the Office will be open on Monday 1.15pm – 4.14pm, Thursday 1.15pm – 4.15pm and Friday 1.15pm – 4.15pm.

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