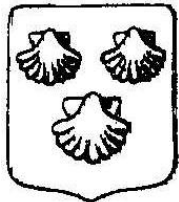
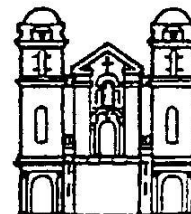


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St James the Greater Leicester



19th JULY 2026
7th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Prayer for the Week

Lord of all power and might,
the author and giver of all good things:
graft in our hearts the love of your name,
increase in us true religion,
nourish us with all goodness,
and of your great mercy keep us in the same;
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 : Nina French : Anthony Green :
Gillian Boorne : Anne Sylvester and all those currently unable to attend services.

Those who are unwell and who are recovering

Mark Sadler : Nicola Shilton : Mandy Stephensen :
Mollie Drake : Kathryn Haynes : Stephanie Crapper : Caroline Hough
Diane Allen : Heather Jones

This week's Chancel Steps flowers are sponsored by
Margaret Damant & Family in memory of George Isaac Damant,
wonderful Husband and Father.

Welcome to St James the Greater

08:30

Holy Communion in the Lady Chapel

Common Worship Order I (Traditional)

President: The Reverend Matthew Bradbury

Assisted by: Vicky Roe

Churchwarden: Paul Jenkins

A card reader donation machine is available.

10.30

Choral Mattins

See order of service

Officiant: Mike Rule, Associate Minister

Sidesperson: Vacant

Churchwardens: April Rule and Serge Mozota

Servers: Charles Samuel and Tony Chizema

HYMN 765

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

CONFESSION

see service card

PRECES

Ayleward

VENITE

see music sheet

PSALM 67

see music sheet

FIRST LESSON I Kings 2.10-12, 3.16-28 *read by William Woolley*

Then David slept with his ancestors, and was buried in the city of David. ¹¹ The time that David reigned over Israel was forty years; he reigned for seven years in Hebron, and thirty-three years in Jerusalem. ¹² So Solomon sat on the throne of his father David; and his kingdom was firmly established.

¹⁶ Later, two women who were prostitutes came to the king and stood before him. ¹⁷ One woman said, 'Please, my lord, this woman and I live in the same house; and I gave birth while she was in the house. ¹⁸ Then on the third day after I gave birth, this woman also gave birth. We were together; there was no one else with us in the house, only the two of us were in the house. ¹⁹ Then this woman's son died in the night, because she lay on him. ²⁰ She got up in the middle of the night and took my son from beside me while your servant slept. She laid him at her breast, and laid her dead son at my breast. ²¹ When I rose in the morning to nurse my son, I saw that he was dead; but when I looked at him closely in the morning, clearly it was not the son I had borne.' ²² But the other woman said, 'No, the living son is mine, and the dead son is yours.' The first said, 'No, the dead son is yours, and the living son is mine.' So they argued before the king.

²³ Then the king said, ‘One says, “This is my son that is alive, and your son is dead”; while the other says, “Not so! Your son is dead, and my son is the living one.”’ ²⁴ So the king said, ‘Bring me a sword’, and they brought a sword before the king. ²⁵ The king said, ‘Divide the living boy in two; then give half to one, and half to the other.’ ²⁶ But the woman whose son was alive said to the king—because compassion for her son burned within her—‘Please, my lord, give her the living boy; certainly do not kill him!’ The other said, ‘It shall be neither mine nor yours; divide it.’ ²⁷ Then the king responded: ‘Give the first woman the living boy; do not kill him. She is his mother.’ ²⁸ All Israel heard of the judgement that the king had rendered; and they stood in awe of the king, because they perceived that the wisdom of God was in him, to execute justice.

Te Deum

Britten in C

SECOND LESSON Acts 4.1-22 *read by Alex Coles*

While Peter and John were speaking to the people, the priests, the captain of the temple, and the Sadducees came to them, ² much annoyed because they were teaching the people and proclaiming that in Jesus there is the resurrection of the dead. ³ So they arrested them and put them in custody until the next day, for it was already evening. ⁴ But many of those who heard the word believed; and they numbered about five thousand.

⁵ The next day their rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, ⁶ with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. ⁷ When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, ‘By what power or by what name did you do this?’ ⁸ Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, ‘Rulers of the people and elders, ⁹ if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, ¹⁰ let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. ¹¹ This Jesus is

“the stone that was rejected by you, the builders;
it has become the cornerstone.”

¹² There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved.’

¹³ Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John and realized that they were uneducated and ordinary men, they were amazed and recognized them as companions of Jesus. ¹⁴ When they saw the man who had been cured standing beside them, they had nothing to say in opposition. ¹⁵ So they ordered them to leave the council while they discussed the matter with one another. ¹⁶ They said, ‘What will we do with them? For it is obvious to all who live in Jerusalem that a notable sign has been done through them; we cannot deny it. ¹⁷ But to keep it

from spreading further among the people, let us warn them to speak no more to anyone in this name.' ¹⁸ So they called them and ordered them not to speak or teach at all in the name of Jesus. ¹⁹ But Peter and John answered them, 'Whether it is right in God's sight to listen to you rather than to God, you must judge; ²⁰ for we cannot keep from speaking about what we have seen and heard.' ²¹ After threatening them again, they let them go, finding no way to punish them because of the people, for all of them praised God for what had happened. ²² For the man on whom this sign of healing had been performed was more than forty years old.

Jubilate

Britten in C

THE CREED

see service card

RESPONSES

Ayleward

ANTHEM

Locus Iste - Bruckner

Locus iste a Deo factus est,
inaestimabile sacramentum,
irreprehensibilis est.

*This place is the work of God,
a mystery surpassing all comprehension,
above all reproach.*

PRAYERS

Mike Rule, Associate Minister

HYMN 713

Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy

SERMON

Mike Rule, Associate Minister

HYMN 599 (Tune 826) Beyond all mortal praise

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.
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18:30

Sung Eucharist

See order of service

President: The Reverend Matthew Bradbury

Assisted by: Margaret Sharman and Sheila Roberts, Associate Minister

Churchwardens: April Rule and Serge Mozota

Sidesperson: David Sharman

Servers: Phil Jones, David Kibert and William Woolley

Setting: Mass of the Quiet Hour - Oldroyd

HYMN 362

Come, let us join our cheerful songs

GLORIA

Lécot

READING Romans 8.12-25 *read by Jennifer Clegg*

So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh—¹³ for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live.¹⁴ For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God.¹⁵ For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, ‘Abba! Father!’¹⁶ it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God,¹⁷ and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.¹⁸ I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us.¹⁹ For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God;²⁰ for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope²¹ that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God.²² We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now;²³ and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies.²⁴ For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen?²⁵ But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

GRADUAL HYMN 797 (Tune 633 ii) The Lord is King! He sets the stars in space

GOSPEL Matthew 13.24-30, 36-43

He put before them another parable: ‘The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field;²⁵ but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away.²⁶ So

when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. ²⁷ 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?" ²⁸ He answered, "An enemy has done this." The slaves said to him, "Then do you want us to go and gather them?" ²⁹ But he replied, "No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. ³⁰ 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."

³⁶ 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.' ³⁷ He answered, 'The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; ³⁸ the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, ³⁹ and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. ⁴⁰ Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. ⁴¹ The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, ⁴² and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁴³ Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!

SERMON
INTERCESSIONS

The Reverend Matthew Bradbury
Sheila Roberts, Associate Minister

OFFERTORY HYMN 653 Happy are they, they that love God

MOTET Teach me, O Lord - *Attwood*

Post Communion Prayer

Lord God, whose Son is the true vine and the source of life,
ever giving himself that the world may live:
may we so receive within ourselves
the power of his death and passion
that, in his saving cup,
we may share his glory and be made perfect in his love;
for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

RECESSIONAL HYMN 569 i The kingdom of God is justice and joy

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

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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.

Sunday 26th July

PATRONAL FESTIVAL

08:30 Holy Communion President: The Reverend Canon Philip Norwood

10:30 Sung Eucharist President: The Reverend Canon Philip Norwood
Readings: Acts 11.27-12.2 and Matthew 20.20-28

18:30 Festal Evensong Officiant: Mike Rule, Associate Minister
Readings: Jeremiah 26.1-15 and Mark 1.14-20

We are pleased to welcome the Reverend Matthew Bradbury, who will be presiding at both our 8.30 am Holy Communion and our 18.30 am Sung Eucharist. While Matthew is no stranger to St James the Greater, as he regularly sings with St James Singers, we look forward to welcoming him as President at our Eucharistic Services today.

The Week Ahead

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 Liz Wilson, Area Dean
Assisted by: Vicky Roe, Pastoral Assistant

Friday 24th

16.30 **Junior Choir rehearsal**
19.00 **Senior Choir rehearsal**

COFFEE MORNING AND WORSHIP Please note that due to the trip to Cambridge, we will not be having our usual Coffee Morning and Worship on Saturday 1st August. We look forward to seeing you at the next one on **Saturday 5th September.**



**St James the Greater,
Leicester**

Patronal Festival

Sunday 26th July 2026

10.30am

Sung Eucharist

**President: The Reverend Canon
Philip Norwood**

6.30pm

Festal Choral Evensong



ALL WELCOME



www.adlibitum.co.uk/sig/

THE SHELL deadline is Sunday 2nd August for contributions to the next edition. Please send content such as articles, book reviews or recommendations, recipes, notices, etc., to the church office by post or to Paul Jenkins at editor@stjamesthegreater.org.uk

TRAM DEPOT Stoneygate Tram Depot will be open 1000 - 1600 this Sunday. Visitors can see inside the building, learn about the work of the Trust and ride on a preserved bus. £3 adults, children free.

SAFEGUARDING SURVEY 2026

INEQE Safeguarding Group has been appointed by the Archbishops' Council to conduct independent Safeguarding Audits of the Church of England diocese and cathedrals to make sure are doing all they can to create environments where everyone feels safe, valued and respected.

This process has now started in Leicester and people are invited to share their experiences through online surveys that are open until 5th August 2026. The more people who take part in the surveys, the clearer and fairer the picture will be, so please participate by completing one of the surveys online. You can scan the QR code on a postcard or one of the posters in church or through the website at www.leicester.anglican.org/safeguarding/audit

There are a number of different surveys, e.g., the Parish Workforce (clergy, staff, volunteers, adult chorister/choir members), the Parish Worshipping Community, Child or Young Person (under 18, but under 13s must be supported by an adult), Victims/Survivors, so select the one most appropriate for your situation and experience. The survey should only take 10-15 minutes and consists of multiple-choice answers to questions and some open-text boxes. The survey is only online, but if anyone is unable to access it, please contact the Parish Safeguarding Officer Victoria Roe (pastoral.assistant@stjamesthegreater.org.uk) to make arrangements to receive support to complete the survey.

Participation is completely confidential and anonymous, ensuring that all voices can be heard safely and honestly.

Safeguarding Survey 2026

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SAY...

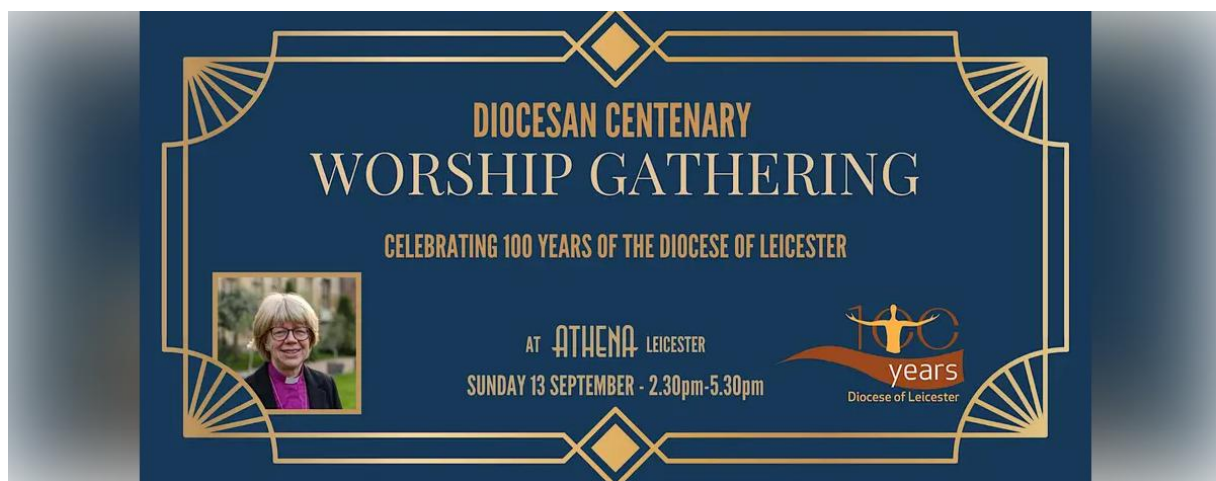
Take the survey:



What's working well?
What could we do better?

Share your views on
safeguarding and help us
be a safer church
for everyone.

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Centenary Worship Gathering with the Archbishop of Canterbury

As the Diocese of Leicester prepares to mark a significant milestone in its history, we are delighted to bring you details of the Diocesan Centenary Celebration Worship Gathering with very special guest, the Archbishop of Canterbury.

The gathering, which takes place on Sunday 13 September at the Athena in Leicester, will celebrate 100 years since the establishment of our diocese, and bring together the people of our parishes, church schools, cathedral, chaplaincies and wider communities to give thanks to God for all that we are and will be – past, present and future.

Everyone is welcome to attend the afternoon worship event, tickets for

which are free and can be booked through [Eventbrite](#).

We would love as many people as possible to join us in celebrating the life of the diocese over its 100 years, in an afternoon of worship, prayer, music and liturgy, with food and drink, presentations, and more. All ages are welcome, but children must be supervised by an adult at all times.

We are incredibly honoured that we will be joined by the Archbishop of Canterbury, The Most Revd Dame Sarah Mullally, who will share in the celebrations.

Talking about her forthcoming visit, she said: *"The Diocese of Leicester's centenary year is a testament to God's steadfast and enduring love, and his faithfulness to*

all generations.

"Being invited to celebrate with Bishop Martyn and the people of Leicester and Leicestershire in September is a real privilege.

While we celebrate one hundred years of this diverse diocese, we also look forward with hope, giving thanks for the ways that God is at work across its parishes and rural churches, its church schools, interfaith projects and hospital chaplaincies."

To book tickets for this event, please click the link below:

[Diocesan Centenary Worship Gathering Tickets, Sunday, September 13 • 2:30 PM - 5:30 PM | Eventbrite](#)

Recitals at St James



Second Sundays at 3.00pm ²⁰²⁶

Pay as you feel, refreshments served

St James the Greater Church, London Rd, Leicester, LE2 1NE.

14th June 26 - Nicholas Friedersdorff - Organ

Organist - St James the Greater

12th July 26 - The Titanic Jazz Band

Leicester based Jazz Ensemble

9th August 26 - Fr David Price - Organ

Thailand - part of his UK tour



30th August 26 - Castle Baroque Players (extra date)

Chamber ensemble led by Seb Carrington

13th September 26 - Ricardus Consort

Choir and instrumental ensemble led by Simon Mold

11th October 26 - Serenity Flutes

Flutes: Julie Dearden, Ann Wright; Piano: Fergus Black



8th November 26 - The Juliet Consort

*Soprano: Emma Trounson, Anna Jane Davies; Countertenor: Mark Trounson;
Tenor: Jeremy Goldsmith; Bass & Violoncello: David Bean; Lute: Chris Susans*



No recital in December due to carol services

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 Sundays 8.10 am Radio 4
Songs of Praise Sunday 1.15 pm BBC 1
Choral Evensong Sunday 6 pm Wednesday 3 pm Radio 3

Online at www.churchofengland.org and www.leicestercathedral.org

DAILY HOPE TELEPHONE SERVICE – 0345 646 2206 charged at landline rate

Funded by the charity 'Faith in Later Life', which welcomes donations for the service at: www.faithinlaterlife.org.uk/donate

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. Chair exercises
3. Holiday at home reflections
4. One minute sermons by J. John
5. Prayers
6. Sleep Well with Daily Hope
7. Psalm 23 read by Alexandra Huggins
8. Get in touch with Daily Hope

CONTACTING THE TEAM

Please note that the Reverend Andrew Quigley is currently away on sabbatical. The Church Office can be contacted by E-mail at: office@stjamesthegreater.org.uk or by telephoning 0116 2542111 and leaving a message. Please do not hesitate to get in touch. Further details are on our website: www.stjamesthegreater.org.uk

Church office opening hours this week:

James is on annual leave this week.

The Church Office will re-open on Monday 27th July.

Monday 27th July 1.15 pm – 4.15 pm

Wednesday 29th July 1.15 pm – 4.15 pm

Friday 31st July 1.15 pm – 4.15 pm

