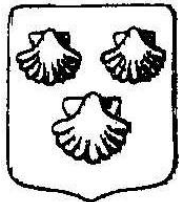
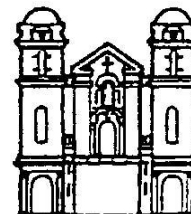


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St James the Greater Leicester



26th JULY 2026
PATRONAL FESTIVAL

Prayer for the Week

Merciful God,
whose holy apostle Saint James,
leaving his father and all that he had,
was obedient to the calling of your Son Jesus Christ
and followed him even to death:
help us, forsaking the false attractions of the world,
to be ready at all times to answer your call without delay;
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
Pauline Hannaford in memory of her son Dean,

Welcome to St James the Greater

08:30

Holy Communion in the Lady Chapel

Common Worship Order I (Traditional)

President: The Reverend Canon Philip Norwood

Assisted by: Sheila Roberts, Associate Minister

Churchwarden: Paul Jenkins

A card reader donation machine is available.

10:30

Sung Eucharist

President: The Reverend Canon Philip Norwood

Assisted by: David Kibert and Angela Jagger, Reader

Churchwarden: Serge Mozota

Sidespeople: Sue Ingle

Servers: William Woolley, David Kibert and Tony Chizema

Setting: Festive Eucharist - Rawsthorne

See separate Order of Service

READING Acts 11.27-12.2 *read by Jennifer Smith*

At that time prophets came down from Jerusalem to Antioch. ²⁸ One of them named Agabus stood up and predicted by the Spirit that there would be a severe famine over all the world; and this took place during the reign of Claudius. ²⁹ The disciples determined that according to their ability, each would send relief to the believers living in Judea; ³⁰ this they did, sending it to the elders by Barnabas and Saul.

About that time King Herod laid violent hands upon some who belonged to the church. ² He had James, the brother of John, killed with the sword.

GOSPEL Matthew 20.20-28

Then the mother of the sons of Zebedee came to him with her sons, and kneeling before him, she asked a favour of him. ²¹ And he said to her, 'What do you want?' She said to him, 'Declare that these two sons of mine will sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your kingdom.' ²² But Jesus answered, 'You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I am about to drink?' They said to him, 'We are able.' ²³ He said to them, 'You will indeed drink my cup, but to sit at my right hand and at my left, this is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared by my Father.'

²⁴ When the ten heard it, they were angry with the two brothers. ²⁵ But Jesus called them to him and said, 'You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over

them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. ²⁶ It will not be so among you; but whoever wishes to be great among you must be your servant, ²⁷ and whoever wishes to be first among you must be your slave; ²⁸ just as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.'

SERMON

The Reverend Canon Philip Norwood

INTERCESSIONS

Angela Jagger, Reader

ANTHEM

Do not be afraid - *Stopford*

Post Communion Prayer

Lord God, the source of truth and love,
keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching and fellowship,
united in prayer and the breaking of bread,
and one in joy and simplicity of heart,
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Refreshments will be served after the service, please do stay for a chat.

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

Festal Evensong

See order of service

Please note that incense will be used at this service

Officiant: Mike Rule, Associate Minister

Churchwardens: April Rule and Serge Mozota

Sidespeople: Colin and Angela Stray

Servers: Emma Sutton, Phil Jones and Val Bailey

Thurifers: Charles Samuel and Hazel Carlin

INTROIT

Let all mortal flesh keep silence – Bairstow

HYMN 301 (Tune 291)

God, whose city's sure foundation

CONFESSION

PRECES

Rose

PSALM 84

(see music sheet)

At the beginning of the reign of King Jehoiakim son of Josiah of Judah, this word came from the LORD: ²Thus says the LORD: Stand in the court of the LORD's house, and speak to all the cities of Judah that come to worship in the house of the LORD; speak to them all the words that I command you; do not hold back a word. ³It may be that they will listen, all of them, and will turn from their evil way, that I may change my mind about the disaster that I intend to bring on them because of their evil doings. ⁴You shall say to them: Thus says the LORD: If you will not listen to me, to walk in my law that I have set before you, ⁵and to heed the words of my servants the prophets whom I send to you urgently—though you have not heeded—⁶then I will make this house like Shiloh, and I will make this city a curse for all the nations of the earth.

⁷ The priests and the prophets and all the people heard Jeremiah speaking these words in the house of the LORD. ⁸And when Jeremiah had finished speaking all that the LORD had commanded him to speak to all the people, then the priests and the prophets and all the people laid hold of him, saying, 'You shall die!' ⁹Why have you prophesied in the name of the LORD, saying, "This house shall be like Shiloh, and this city shall be desolate, without inhabitant"?' And all the people gathered around Jeremiah in the house of the LORD.

¹⁰ When the officials of Judah heard these things, they came up from the king's house to the house of the LORD and took their seat in the entry of the New Gate of the house of the LORD. ¹¹Then the priests and the prophets said to the officials and to all the people, 'This man deserves the sentence of death because he has prophesied against this city, as you have heard with your own ears.'

¹² Then Jeremiah spoke to all the officials and all the people, saying, 'It is the LORD who sent me to prophesy against this house and this city all the words you have heard. ¹³Now therefore amend your ways and your doings, and obey the voice of the LORD your God, and the LORD will change his mind about the disaster that he has pronounced against you. ¹⁴But as for me, here I am in your hands. Do with me as seems good and right to you. ¹⁵Only know for certain that if you put me to death, you will be bringing innocent blood upon yourselves and upon this city and its inhabitants, for in truth the LORD sent me to you to speak all these words in your ears.'

OFFICE HYMN (T. 103)

I In our day of thanksgiving one psalm let us offer
for the saints who before us have found their reward;
when the shadow of death fell upon them, we sorrowed,
but now we rejoice that they rest in the Lord.

- 2 In the morning of life, and at noon, and at even,
he called them away from our worship below;
but not till his love, at the font and the altar,
had girt them with grace for the way they should go.
- 3 These stones that have echoed their praises are holy,
and dear is the ground where their feet have once trod;
yet here they confessed they were strangers and pilgrims,
and still they were seeking the city of God.
- 4 Sing praise, then, for all who here sought and here found him,
whose journey is ended, whose perils are past;
they believed in the light; and its glory is round them,
where the clouds of earth's sorrow are lifted at last.

MAGNIFICAT

Collegium Regale - *Howells*

Please remain seated but stand for the Gloria

SECOND LESSON Mark I.14-20

read by April Rule

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, ¹⁵and saying, 'The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.'

¹⁶ As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the lake—for they were fishermen. ¹⁷ And Jesus said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you fish for people.' ¹⁸ And immediately they left their nets and followed him. ¹⁹ As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. ²⁰ Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

NUNC DIMITTIS

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THE CREED

RESPONSES

Rose

ANTHEM

O How Glorious is the Kingdom – *Harwood*

PRAYERS

Mike Rule, Associate Minister

HYMN We who honour James our Patron

1
We who honour James our patron
we who share his faith today:
we remember his vocation
when Christ called him to obey.
Leaving home and work and comfort,
James and John to Jesus came:
Lord enable us your servants
when you call, to do the same.

2
James the dear close friend of Jesus,
like his brother came to be
as with Peter, high-regarded
one among the special three.
Saw our Lord raise Jairus' daughter
saw him shine in majesty:
Lord, like James, with strong devotion
may we all your glory see.

3
When allegiance changed to anger
as rejection faced his Lord
James then wanted fire from heaven
when men would not hear Christ's word.
Jesus, with reproving laughter
led his "Thunderer" to know
that God's love to all is given
help us, Lord, that love to show.

4
And, when later, honour seeking
James demanded, in his pride
Jesus give him best position
in His kingdom, at His side:
Jesus taught him that true glory
lies in setting power aside,
not in honours, but in service,
and in love that's crucified.

5
*In the Garden, after Supper
James, like John and Peter, slept:
while his Lord, with awesome purpose,
prayed for strength and vigil kept.
James saw Christ his Master tortured
face the pain and death alone:
in the trust that Jesus showed then,
James found strength to face his own.*

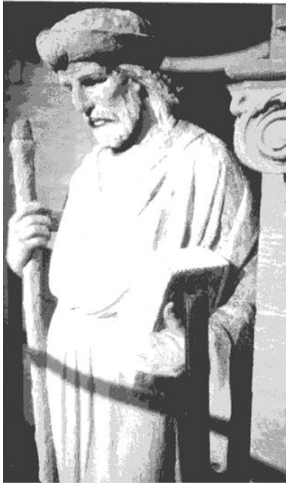
6
Lord, from James your great Apostle
first of them to die for you:
help us learn his costly lessons
making us disciples true;
make us pilgrims on that journey
James has made for us before,
till with Him in selfless wonder
we can praise you and adore.

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Please be aware of those remaining to listen.

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The stone figure of St James the Greater on the west end of the church.
It was presented in memory of Albert Brown
who was churchwarden from 1881-1894.
It was carved by Mr J. H. Morcom who had studios in the Newarkes.

Sunday 2nd August

9th Sunday after Trinity

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

10:30 Sung Eucharist President: The Reverend Canon Philip Norwood
Readings: Romans 9.1-5 and Matthew 14.13-21

18:30 Evening Prayer with Hymns

Officiant: Mike Rule, Associate Minister

Readings: 1 Kings 10.1-13 and Acts 13.1-13

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 Canon Philip Norwood

Assisted by: Vicky Roe, Pastoral Assistant

19:00 **St James Singers Rehearsal**

Saturday 1st August

Trip to Cambridge (details available from Serge Mozota)
10:30 Coffee Morning and Worship (**CANCELLED**)

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

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:

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.