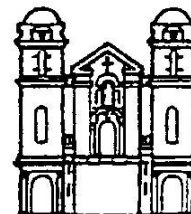


St James the Greater Leicester



23rd AUGUST 2026
12TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Prayer for the Week

Almighty and everlasting God,
you are always more ready to hear than we to pray
and to give more than either we desire or deserve:
pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy,
forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid
and giving us those good things
which we are not worthy to ask
but through the merits and mediation
of 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
Heather Jones

Rest in peace

Diane Allen

This week's Chancel Steps flowers are sponsored by
Barbara Raven in memory of John Raven.

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

See separate Order of Service

President: The Reverend Alan Hawker

Assisted by: David Kibert and Vicky Roe, Pastoral Assistant

Sidespeople: Sue Ingle and Rachel Pratt

Churchwardens: April Rule and Serge Mozota

Servers: David Kibert, Duduzile Chizema and Phil Jones

Setting: Mass of St Thomas - Thorne

HYMN 448 i I come with joy, a child of God

GLORIA Mass of St Thomas - Thorne

READING Romans 12.1-8 *read by Vicky Roe, Pastoral Assistant*

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. ² Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

³ For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgement, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. ⁴ For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, ⁵ so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. ⁶ We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ⁷ ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; ⁸ the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

GRADUAL HYMN 679 In Christ there is no east or west

GOSPEL Matthew 16.13-20

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that the Son of Man is?' ¹⁴ And they said, 'Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' ¹⁵ He said to them, 'But who do you say that I am?' ¹⁶ Simon Peter answered, 'You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.' ¹⁷ And Jesus answered him, 'Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. ¹⁸ And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. ¹⁹ I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.' ²⁰ Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

SERMON

The Reverend Alan Hawker

INTERCESSIONS

The Reverend Alan Hawker

OFFERTORY HYMN 321

Thou art the Christ, O Lord

Post Communion Prayer

God of all mercy,
in this eucharist you have set aside our sins
and given us your healing:
grant that we who are made whole in Christ
may bring that healing to this broken world,
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

RECESSIONAL HYMN 629 iii **Father, hear the prayer we offer**

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.

Please take this leaflet away with you at the end of the Service.

18:30

Taizé Service

See order of service

Officiant: Sheila Roberts, Associate Minister
Churchwardens: April Rule and Serge Mozota
Sidespeople: Colin and Angela Stray
Server: Hazel Carlin

FIRST LESSON Deuteronomy 31:1-15, 23 read by Colin Stray

When Moses had finished speaking all these words to all Israel, ² he said to them: 'I am now a hundred and twenty years old. I am no longer able to get about, and the Lord has told me, "You shall not cross over this Jordan." ³ The Lord your God himself will cross over before you. He will destroy these nations before you, and you shall dispossess them. Joshua also will cross over before you, as the Lord promised. ⁴ The Lord will do to them as he did to Sihon and Og, the kings of the Amorites, and to their land, when he destroyed them. ⁵ The Lord will give them over to you and you shall deal with them in full accord with the command that I have given to you. ⁶ Be strong and bold; have no fear or dread of them, because it is the Lord your God who goes with you; he will not fail you or forsake you.'

⁷ Then Moses summoned Joshua and said to him in the sight of all Israel: 'Be strong and bold, for you are the one who will go with this people into the land that the Lord has sworn to their ancestors to give them; and you will put them in possession of it. ⁸ It is the Lord who goes before you. He will be with you; he will not fail you or forsake you. Do not fear or be dismayed.'

⁹ Then Moses wrote down this law, and gave it to the priests, the sons of Levi, who carried the ark of the covenant of the Lord, and to all the elders of Israel. ¹⁰ Moses commanded them: 'Every seventh year, in the scheduled year of remission, during the festival of booths, ¹¹ when all Israel comes to appear before the Lord your God at the place that he will choose, you shall read this law before all Israel in their hearing. ¹² Assemble the people—men, women, and children, as well as the aliens residing in your towns—so that they may hear and learn to fear the Lord your God and to observe diligently all the words of this law, ¹³ and so that their children, who have not known it, may hear and learn to fear the Lord your God, as long as you live in the land that you are crossing over the Jordan to possess.'

¹⁴ The Lord said to Moses, 'Your time to die is near; call Joshua and present yourselves in the tent of meeting, so that I may commission him.' So Moses and Joshua went and presented themselves in the tent of meeting, ¹⁵ and the Lord appeared at the tent in a pillar of cloud; the pillar of cloud stood at the entrance to the tent. ²³ Then the Lord commissioned Joshua son of Nun and said, 'Be strong and bold, for you shall bring the Israelites into the land that I promised them; I will be with you.'

SECOND LESSON John 2:1-12 read by Angela Stray

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. ²Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. ³When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' ⁴And Jesus said to her, 'Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.' ⁵His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' ⁶Now standing there were six stone water-jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. ⁷Jesus said to them, 'Fill the jars with water.' And they filled them up to the brim. ⁸He said to them, 'Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.' So they took it. ⁹When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom ¹⁰and said to him, 'Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.' ¹¹Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

¹²After this he went down to Capernaum with his mother, his brothers, and his disciples; and they remained there for a few days.

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

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Sunday 30th August **13th Sunday after Trinity**

08:30 Holy Communion President: The Reverend Canon Matthew Bradbury

10:30 Sung Eucharist President: The Reverend Canon Matthew Bradbury
Readings: Romans 12.9-21 and Matthew 16.21-28

18:30 Choral Evensong Officiant: Angela Jagger, Reader
Readings: 2 Kings 6.24-25; 7.3-20 and Acts 18.1-16

The Week Ahead

Wednesday 26th

21:00

Compline via Zoom. To join, please use the link

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/75984858232?pwd=sXKl93zlo5Vj4WApP0aKUmTjrXEX0O.l>

Meeting ID: 759 8485 8232 Passcode: L6WRmc

Thursday 27th

12:30

Holy Communion Common Worship, Order 1 (Traditional)

President: The Reverend Liz Wilson

Assisted by: Vicky Roe, Pastoral Assistant

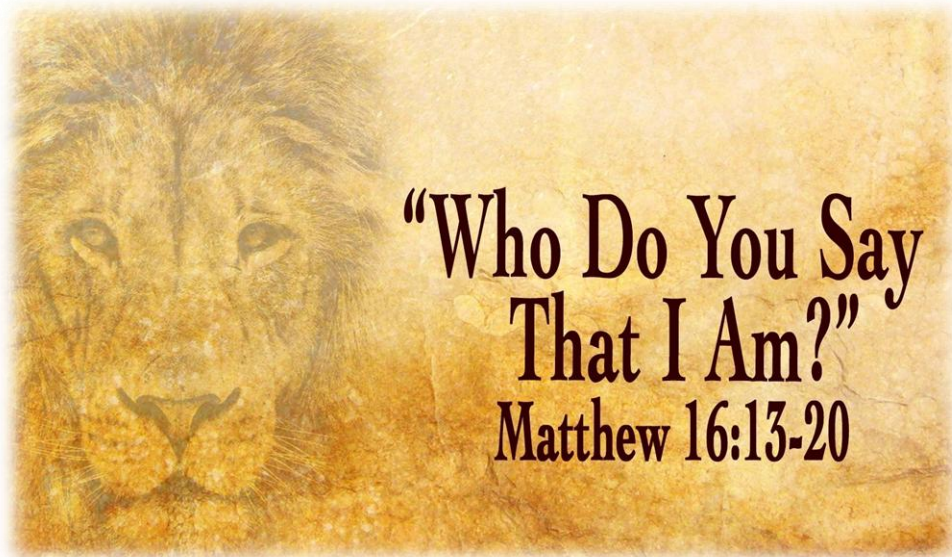
WELCOME We are pleased to welcome the Reverend Alan Hawker, who will be presiding at our 10.30 am Sung Eucharist today.

RIDE AND STRIDE

This takes place on Saturday 12th September. If you would like to take part in this year's sponsored event, forms are on the back table. For further information, go to <https://www.lhct.org.uk/ride-and-stride/>

If you can volunteer on the day for an hour or two to help welcome people coming to St. James, please sign up on the sheet at the back of church.

For security reasons, two people are needed for each hour. You can be sponsored for your church-sitting slot, too, so take a form if you want to earn extra money for the church.



An alternative to a coffee morning
Saturday October 3rd 2026

Come and Perform
at Braunstone Civic Centre
and raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support

Performance commences 7.30 pm

(Tea, Coffee, cakes and biscuits till 10pm) Licensed bar available.

**An informal performance opportunity for people
(of any age) from the local community and beyond.**

Or just come along and be entertained, and perhaps join in
with some community singing!

Supporting

**MACMILLAN
CANCER SUPPORT**

If you sing (either as a group or solo) play piano or keyboard or any other instrument, here is an opportunity to perform in a no pressure atmosphere to include and to entertain the local community.

All we ask is each performer/member of the audience donates (an amount of their choice) towards Macmillan cancer support.

A piano (or good quality keyboard) will be provided on the night. Performers can provide their own accompanist, or a professional pianist will be available.

For more information and to book a place, please contact either
Nigel 07730308701 or **Barbara 07896910222** as soon as possible, to allow us to put a program together.

This is a new venture for us and for the community, and an opportunity to raise vital funds. Children will be very welcome to show off their musical talent but must be accompanied at all times by a parent or guardian.

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.

For pastoral concerns, please contact Vicky Roe on

pastoral.assistant@stjamesthegreater.org.uk

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 24th August 9.30 am – 12.30 pm

Wednesday 26th August 1.15 pm – 4.15 pm

Friday 28th August 1.15 pm – 4.15 pm