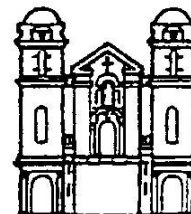


St James the Greater Leicester



6th SEPTEMBER 2026

CREATIONTIDE I / 14TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Prayer for the Week

Almighty God,
whose only Son has opened for us
a new and living way into your presence:
give us pure hearts and steadfast wills
to worship you in spirit and in truth;
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
Heather Jones : Patricia Thistlewood

Rest in peace

Diane Allen

This week's Chancel Steps flowers are sponsored by
Vicky Roe.

Welcome to St James the Greater

08:30 Holy Communion in the Lady Chapel

Book of Common Prayer

President: The Reverend Canon Philip Norwood

Assisted by: Mike Rule, Associate Minister

Churchwarden: Paul Jenkins

A card reader donation machine is available.

10:30 Sung Eucharist

See separate Order of Service

President: The Reverend Canon Philip Norwood

Assisted by: Lucy Hutchinson and Angela Jagger, Reader

Sidesperson: David Pugh

Churchwarden: Serge Mozota

Servers: Lucy Hutchinson, Duduzile Chizema and Charles Samuel

Setting: Bath and Wells - Archer

HYMN 541 (Tune 345) Lord of beauty, thine the splendour

GLORIA Bath and Wells - Archer

READING Job 37.14-24 *read by Andy Judge*

'Hear this, O Job;

stop and consider the wondrous works of God.

¹⁵ Do you know how God lays his command upon them,
and causes the lightning of his cloud to shine?

¹⁶ Do you know the balancings of the clouds,
the wondrous works of the one whose knowledge is perfect,

¹⁷ you whose garments are hot
when the earth is still because of the south wind?

¹⁸ Can you, like him, spread out the skies,
unyielding as a cast mirror?

¹⁹ Teach us what we shall say to him;
we cannot draw up our case because of darkness.

²⁰ Should he be told that I want to speak?
Did anyone ever wish to be swallowed up?

²¹ Now, no one can look on the light
when it is bright in the skies,
when the wind has passed and cleared them.

²² Out of the north comes golden splendour;
around God is awesome majesty.

²³ The Almighty—we cannot find him;

he is great in power and justice and abundant righteousness he will not violate.

²⁴ Therefore mortals fear him;

he does not regard any who are wise in their own conceit.'

GRADUAL HYMN 553 Touch the earth lightly

GOSPEL Matthew 8.23-27

And when he got into the boat, his disciples followed him. ²⁴ A gale arose on the lake, so great that the boat was being swamped by the waves; but he was asleep. ²⁵ And they went and woke him up, saying, 'Lord, save us! We are perishing!' ²⁶ And he said to them, 'Why are you afraid, you of little faith?' Then he got up and rebuked the winds and the sea; and there was a dead calm. ²⁷ They were amazed, saying, 'What sort of man is this, that even the winds and the sea obey him?'

SERMON

The Reverend Canon Philip Norwood

INTERCESSIONS

Angela Jagger, Reader

OFFERTORY HYMN 536 Creator God, the world around

MOTET For the beauty of the earth - *Rutter*

POST COMMUNION HYMN 430 i Bread of heaven, on thee we feed

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.

RECESSIONAL HYMN 580 Judge eternal throned in splendour

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

Choral Evensong

See order of service

Officiant: Mike Rule, Associate Minister
Churchwardens: April Rule and Serge Mozota
Sidesperson: Andrew Curry
Servers: Rod Eynon-Baldock and Sara King

HYMN 737

New songs of celebration render

PRECES

Leighton

PSALM 108 See music sheet

FIRST LESSON Ezekiel 12.21-13.16 *read by Andrew Curry*

The word of the Lord came to me: ²² Mortal, what is this proverb of yours about the land of Israel, which says, 'The days are prolonged, and every vision comes to nothing'? ²³ Tell them therefore, 'Thus says the Lord God: I will put an end to this proverb, and they shall use it no more as a proverb in Israel.' But say to them, The days are near, and the fulfilment of every vision. ²⁴ For there shall no longer be any false vision or flattering divination within the house of Israel. ²⁵ But I the Lord will speak the word that I speak, and it will be fulfilled. It will no longer be delayed; but in your days, O rebellious house, I will speak the word and fulfil it, says the Lord God.

²⁶ The word of the Lord came to me: ²⁷ Mortal, the house of Israel is saying, 'The vision that he sees is for many years ahead; he prophesies for distant times.' ²⁸ Therefore say to them, Thus says the Lord God: None of my words will be delayed any longer, but the word that I speak will be fulfilled, says the Lord God.

13 The word of the Lord came to me: ² Mortal, prophesy against the prophets of Israel who are prophesying; say to those who prophesy out of their own imagination: 'Hear the word of the Lord!' ³ Thus says the Lord God, Alas for the senseless prophets who follow their own spirit, and have seen nothing! ⁴ Your prophets have been like jackals among ruins, O Israel. ⁵ You have not gone up into the breaches, or repaired a wall for the house of Israel, so that it might stand in battle on the day of the Lord. ⁶ They have prophesied falsehood and lying divination; they say, 'Says the Lord', when the Lord has not sent them, and yet they wait for the fulfilment of their word! ⁷ Have you not seen a false vision or uttered a lying divination, when you have said, 'Says the Lord', even though I did not speak?

⁸ Therefore thus says the Lord God: Because you have uttered falsehood and prophesied lies, I am against you, says the Lord God. ⁹ My hand will be against the prophets who see false visions and utter lying divinations; they shall not be in the

council of my people, nor be enrolled in the register of the house of Israel, nor shall they enter the land of Israel; and you shall know that I am the Lord God. ¹⁰ Because, in truth, because they have misled my people, saying, 'Peace', when there is no peace; and because, when the people build a wall, these prophets smear whitewash on it. ¹¹ Say to those who smear whitewash on it that it shall fall. There will be a deluge of rain, great hailstones will fall, and a stormy wind will break out. ¹² When the wall falls, will it not be said to you, 'Where is the whitewash you smeared on it?' ¹³ Therefore thus says the Lord God: In my wrath I will make a stormy wind break out, and in my anger there shall be a deluge of rain, and hailstones in wrath to destroy it. ¹⁴ I will break down the wall that you have smeared with whitewash, and bring it to the ground, so that its foundation will be laid bare; when it falls, you shall perish within it; and you shall know that I am the Lord. ¹⁵ Thus I will spend my wrath upon the wall, and upon those who have smeared it with whitewash; and I will say to you, The wall is no more, nor those who smeared it— ¹⁶ the prophets of Israel who prophesied concerning Jerusalem and saw visions of peace for it, when there was no peace, says the Lord God.

MAGNIFICAT

Murrill in E

Please remain seated but stand for the Gloria

SECOND LESSON Acts 19.1-20 *read by Jennifer Clegg*

While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the inland regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. ² He said to them, 'Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?' They replied, 'No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit.' ³ Then he said, 'Into what then were you baptized?' They answered, 'Into John's baptism.' ⁴ Paul said, 'John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus.' ⁵ On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. ⁶ When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied— ⁷ altogether there were about twelve of them.

⁸ He entered the synagogue and for three months spoke out boldly, and argued persuasively about the kingdom of God. ⁹ When some stubbornly refused to believe and spoke evil of the Way before the congregation, he left them, taking the disciples with him, and argued daily in the lecture hall of Tyrannus. ¹⁰ This continued for two years, so that all the residents of Asia, both Jews and Greeks, heard the word of the Lord.

¹¹ God did extraordinary miracles through Paul, ¹² so that when the handkerchiefs or aprons that had touched his skin were brought to the sick, their diseases left them, and the evil spirits came out of them. ¹³ Then some itinerant Jewish exorcists tried to use the name of the Lord Jesus over those who had evil spirits, saying, 'I adjure you by the Jesus whom Paul proclaims.' ¹⁴ Seven sons of a Jewish

high priest named Sceva were doing this. ¹⁵ But the evil spirit said to them in reply, 'Jesus I know, and Paul I know; but who are you?' ¹⁶ Then the man with the evil spirit leapt on them, mastered them all, and so overpowered them that they fled out of the house naked and wounded. ¹⁷ When this became known to all residents of Ephesus, both Jews and Greeks, everyone was awestruck; and the name of the Lord Jesus was praised. ¹⁸ Also many of those who became believers confessed and disclosed their practices. ¹⁹ A number of those who practised magic collected their books and burned them publicly; when the value of these books was calculated, it was found to come to fifty thousand silver coins. ²⁰ So the word of the Lord grew mightily and prevailed.

NUNC DIMITTIS Murrill in E
Please remain seated but stand for the Gloria

RESPONSES Leighton

ANTHEM My eyes with beauty pine - *Howells*

PRAYERS Mike Rule, Associate Minister

HYMN 535 (Tune 314) Creating God, we bring our song of praise

SERMON Mike Rule, Associate Minister

HYMN 795 'The kingdom is upon you!'

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

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Sunday 13th September
Creationtide 2 / 15th Sunday after Trinity

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

10:30 Sung Eucharist President: The Reverend Canon Matthew Bradbury
Readings: Job 38.1-18 and Matthew 5.13-16

18:30 Choral Evensong Officiant: Mike Rule, Associate Minister
Readings: Ezekiel 20.1-8, 33-44 and Mark 8.27-38

The Week Ahead

Monday 7th

10:30

Small Sounds in the Hall: Free drop-in music sessions for babies & preschoolers (and their grown-ups!)

Wednesday 9th

21:00

Compline via Zoom. To join, please use the link

<https://zoom.us/j/91012643324?pwd=Uy9ENUlPeVlvVERoelMzVVi9BSnpRUT09>

Meeting ID: 910 1264 3324 Passcode: Compline

Thursday 10th

12:30

Holy Communion Common Worship, Order 1 (Traditional)
President: The Reverend Canon Philip Norwood
Assisted by Jenny Dnes

Friday 11th

16.30

Junior Choir rehearsal

19.00

Senior Choir rehearsal

THE SHELL Printed copies of the latest edition are available at the back of church. Please put donations in the box on the back wall.



OFFICE HOURS Please note that from next week, the Church Office opening hours are changing. These will now be 9.15 am until 12.15 pm on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays (unless otherwise specified). Please always check the back page of the Bulletin for Office opening hours.

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.

FAMILY MUSIC DAY

We are holding a Family Music Day on **Saturday 26th September 2026**

1.00pm-3.30pm in church. Sing in harmony with other voices, make junk instruments and create some beats with our 'Junk Orchestra' and learn about and hear the St James the Greater organ – the afternoon finishes with a singalong with the organ. Please encourage anyone you know to come and take part, there's no need to register, people can just drop in when they like!

If you're available to help steward, serve refreshments or support the activities, please contact Emma

dom@stjamesthegreater.org.uk. If you

have any clean items you're no longer using which might make good instruments for the craft table, please

bring them in and leave them in the box at the back of church (these will not be returned but anything unused will be recycled.)



FAMILY MUSIC DAY



FREE MUSIC WORKSHOPS FOR ALL AGES

SATURDAY 26TH SEPTEMBER 2026

1.00PM - 3.30PM

**ST JAMES THE GREATER CHURCH
LONDON ROAD, LEICESTER. LE2 1NE.**

**1.00PM MAKE AN INSTRUMENT CRAFT
(TO TAKE HOME AFTERWARDS)**

1.30PM JUNK ORCHESTRA JAM

1.45PM REFRESHMENTS SERVED

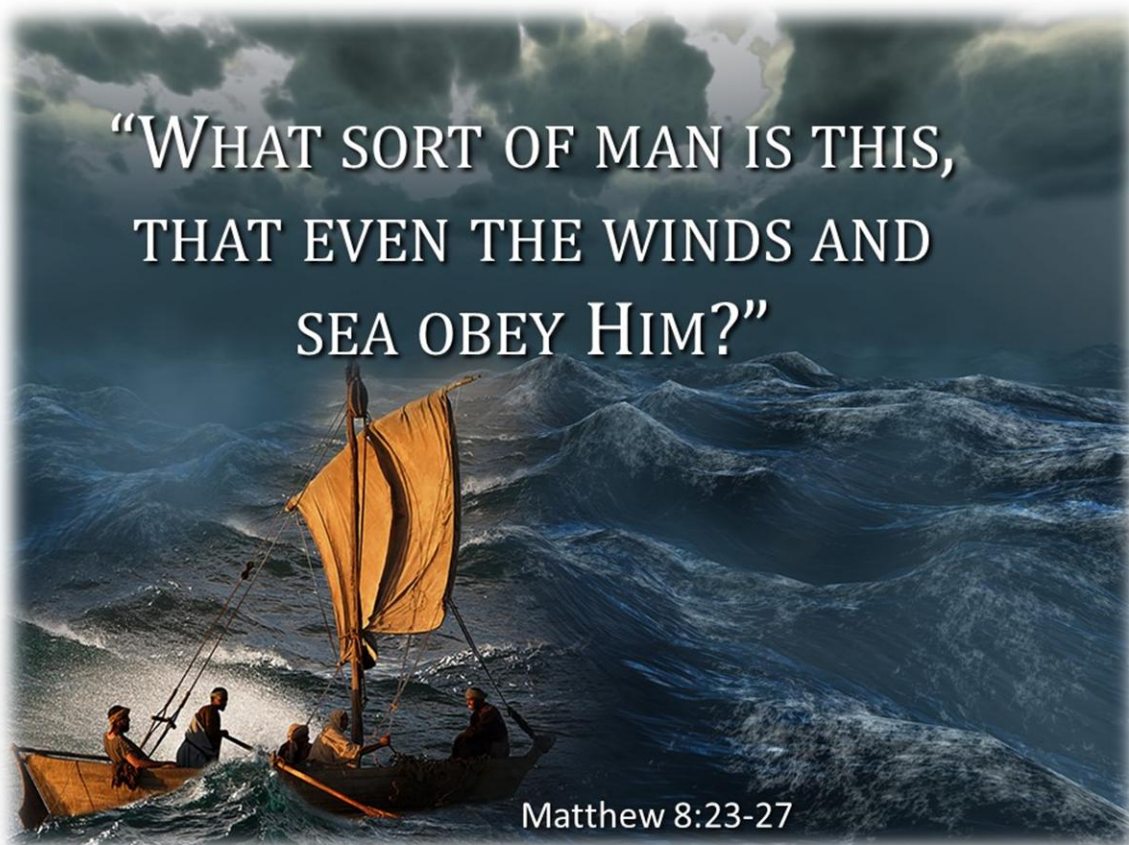
2.00PM HARMONY SINGING WORKSHOP

2.45PM ORGAN WORKSHOP - HAVE A GO!

3.15PM-3.30PM SING HYMNS/SONGS BY REQUEST



**UNDER 16'S MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT
NO NEED TO BOOK, JUST DROP IN!
STJAMESTHEGREATER.ORG.UK**



Recitals at St James



Second Sundays at 3.00pm

Pay as you feel (suggested donation £10) - Refreshments

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

30th August 26 - Castle Baroque Players

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

10th January 27 - Mariko Terashi - Piano

14th February 27 - Jude Richardson - Piano



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.

Knighton *Opera*

Andrew Robinson *The Dutchman*

Debbie Dubberley *Senta*

Stephen Bruce *Director*

Paul Jenkins *Music Director*

Knighton Chamber Orchestra

Richard Wagner

The Flying Dutchman

*A semi-staged production accompanied by Leicester's
acclaimed Knighton Chamber Orchestra*

St James the Greater Church, Leicester LE2 1NE
12th | 16th | 19th September 2026 at 7pm

Tickets from £16 online | from £20 on the door (available by cash and card)
book tickets online at knightonchamberorchestra.co.uk

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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 7th September 9.15 am – 12.15 pm
Wednesday 9th September 9.15 am – 12.15 pm
Friday 11th September 9.15 am – 12.15 pm