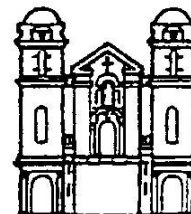


St James the Greater Leicester



13th SEPTEMBER 2026
CREATIONTIDE 2 / 15TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Prayer for the Week

God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit
 upon your Church in the burning fire of your love:
 grant that your people may be fervent
 in the fellowship of the gospel
 that, always abiding in you,
 they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service;
 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

This week's Chancel Steps flowers are sponsored by
 Mollie Drake & Cherry Fulloway in memory of Gilleen Russell.

Welcome to St James the Greater

08:30 Holy Communion in the Lady Chapel

Common Worship Order I (Traditional)

President: The Reverend Canon Matthew Bradbury

Assisted by: Feby John

Churchwarden: Paul Jenkins

A card reader donation machine is available.

10:30 Sung Eucharist

See separate Order of Service

President: The Reverend Canon Matthew Bradbury

Assisted by: Charles Samuel and Sheila Roberts, Associate Minister

Sidesperson: Vacant

Churchwarden: Serge Mozota

Servers: Duduzile Chizema, Charles Samuel and William Woolley

Setting: Ireland in C

HYMN 782 Songs of praise the angels sang

GLORIA Lécot

READING Job 38.1-18 *read by Mark Trounson*

Then the Lord answered Job out of the whirlwind:

² 'Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge?

³ Gird up your loins like a man,

I will question you, and you shall declare to me.

⁴ 'Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth?

Tell me, if you have understanding.

⁵ Who determined its measurements—surely you know!

Or who stretched the line upon it?

⁶ On what were its bases sunk,

or who laid its cornerstone

⁷ when the morning stars sang together

and all the heavenly beings shouted for joy?

⁸ 'Or who shut in the sea with doors

when it burst out from the womb?—

⁹ when I made the clouds its garment,

and thick darkness its swaddling band,

¹⁰ and prescribed bounds for it,

and set bars and doors,
¹¹ and said, "Thus far shall you come, and no farther,
and here shall your proud waves be stopped"?
¹² 'Have you commanded the morning since your days began,
and caused the dawn to know its place,
¹³ so that it might take hold of the skirts of the earth,
and the wicked be shaken out of it?
¹⁴ It is changed like clay under the seal,
and it is dyed like a garment.
¹⁵ Light is withheld from the wicked,
and their uplifted arm is broken.
¹⁶ 'Have you entered into the springs of the sea,
or walked in the recesses of the deep?
¹⁷ Have the gates of death been revealed to you,
or have you seen the gates of deep darkness?
¹⁸ Have you comprehended the expanse of the earth?
Declare, if you know all this.

GRADUAL HYMN 770 Restore in us, O God

GOSPEL Matthew 5.13-16

'You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

¹⁴ 'You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵ No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶ In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

SERMON

The Reverend Canon Matthew Bradbury

INTERCESSIONS

Sheila Roberts, Associate Minister

OFFERTORY HYMN 635 For the healing of the nations

MOTET Thou visitest the earth - *Greene*

POST COMMUNION HYMN 432 Bread of the world in mercy broken

Post Communion Prayer

Keep, O Lord, your Church, with your perpetual mercy;
and, because without you our human frailty cannot but fall,
keep us ever by your help from all things hurtful,
and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

RECESSIONAL HYMN 537 i For the beauty of the earth

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: Julia Warner

Servers: Val Bailey and Hazel Carlin

HYMN 761

Praise the Lord! Ye heavens, adore him

PRECES

Rule

PSALM 119.41-48 See music sheet

FIRST LESSON Ezekiel 20.1-8, 33-44 *read by Barbara Paget*

In the seventh year, in the fifth month, on the tenth day of the month, certain elders of Israel came to consult the Lord, and sat down before me. ² And the word of the Lord came to me: ³ Mortal, speak to the elders of Israel, and say to them: Thus says the Lord God: Why are you coming? To consult me? As I live, says the Lord God, I will not be consulted by you. ⁴ Will you judge them, mortal, will you judge them? Then let them know the abominations of their ancestors, ⁵ and say to them: Thus says the Lord God: On the day when I chose Israel, I swore to the offspring of the house of Jacob—making myself known to them in the land of Egypt—I swore to them, saying, I am the Lord your God. ⁶ On that day I swore to them that I would bring them out of the land of Egypt into a land that I had searched out for them, a land flowing with milk and honey, the most glorious of all

lands. ⁷ And I said to them, Cast away the detestable things your eyes feast on, every one of you, and do not defile yourselves with the idols of Egypt; I am the Lord your God. ⁸ But they rebelled against me and would not listen to me; not one of them cast away the detestable things their eyes feasted on, nor did they forsake the idols of Egypt.

Then I thought I would pour out my wrath upon them and spend my anger against them in the midst of the land of Egypt.

³³ As I live, says the Lord God, surely with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, and with wrath poured out, I will be king over you. ³⁴ I will bring you out from the peoples and gather you out of the countries where you are scattered, with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, and with wrath poured out; ³⁵ and I will bring you into the wilderness of the peoples, and there I will enter into judgement with you face to face. ³⁶ As I entered into judgement with your ancestors in the wilderness of the land of Egypt, so I will enter into judgement with you, says the Lord God. ³⁷ I will make you pass under the staff, and will bring you within the bond of the covenant. ³⁸ I will purge out the rebels among you, and those who transgress against me; I will bring them out of the land where they reside as aliens, but they shall not enter the land of Israel. Then you shall know that I am the Lord. ³⁹ As for you, O house of Israel, thus says the Lord God: Go, serve your idols, every one of you now and hereafter, if you will not listen to me; but my holy name you shall no more profane with your gifts and your idols.

⁴⁰ For on my holy mountain, the mountain height of Israel, says the Lord God, there all the house of Israel, all of them, shall serve me in the land; there I will accept them, and there I will require your contributions and the choicest of your gifts, with all your sacred things. ⁴¹ As a pleasing odour I will accept you, when I bring you out from the peoples, and gather you out of the countries where you have been scattered; and I will manifest my holiness among you in the sight of the nations. ⁴² You shall know that I am the Lord, when I bring you into the land of Israel, the country that I swore to give to your ancestors. ⁴³ There you shall remember your ways and all the deeds by which you have polluted yourselves; and you shall loathe yourselves for all the evils that you have committed. ⁴⁴ And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I deal with you for my name's sake, not according to your evil ways or corrupt deeds, O house of Israel, says the Lord God.

MAGNIFICAT

Sumsion in A

Please remain seated but stand for the Gloria

SECOND LESSON Mark 8.27-38 *read by Jennifer Smith*

Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that I am?' ²⁸ And they answered him, 'John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.' ²⁹ He asked them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Peter answered him, 'You are the Messiah.' ³⁰ And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

³¹ Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³² He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³ But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, 'Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.'

³⁴ He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ³⁵ For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. ³⁶ For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? ³⁷ Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? ³⁸ Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.'

NUNC DIMITTIS Sumsion in A
Please remain seated but stand for the Gloria

RESPONSES Rule

ANTHEM The heavens are telling - *Haydn*

PRAYERS Mike Rule, Associate Minister

HYMN 553 (Tune 545) Touch the earth lightly

SERMON Mike Rule, Associate Minister

HYMN 547 **O Lord of every shining constellation**

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

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

Sunday 20th September

Creationtide 3 / 16th Sunday after Trinity

08:30 Holy Communion President: The Reverend Fr Johannes Arens

10:30 Choral Mattins Officiant: Sheila Roberts, Associate Minister
Readings: Deuteronomy 28.1-14 and Luke 12.16-30

18:30 BCP Communion President: The Reverend Canon Chris Oxley
Readings: Jonah 3.10-4.11 and Matthew 20.1-16

The Week Ahead

Monday 14th

10:30 Small Sounds in the Hall: Free drop-in music sessions for babies & preschoolers (and their grown-ups!)

Wednesday 16th

19.00 The Flying Dutchman

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 17th

12:30 Holy Communion Common Worship, Order 1 (Traditional)
President: The Reverend Alan Hawker
Assisted by Vicky Roe, Pastoral Assistant

Friday 18th

16.30 Junior Choir rehearsal

19.00 Senior Choir rehearsal

Saturday 19th

19.00 The Flying Dutchman

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 the Church Office opening hours have changed. 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 & STRIDE Thanks to all who helped on Saturday 12th September. Please let Vicky Roe and the church office know of any sponsor money to come.

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

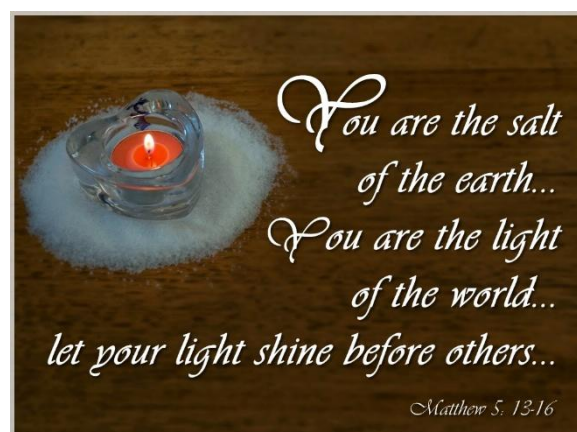
2.00PM HARMONY SINGING WORKSHOP

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 2.15 pm BBC 1

This week's Songs of Praise is a programme about Tyndale's 1526 New Testament.

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 14th September 9.15 am – 12.15 pm

Wednesday 16th September 9.15 am – 12.15 pm

Friday 18th September 9.15 am – 12.15 pm