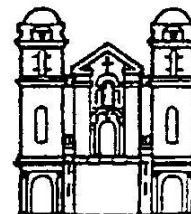


St James the Greater Leicester



18th OCTOBER 2026
20th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Prayer for the Week

God, the giver of life,
whose Holy Spirit wells up within your Church:
by the Spirit's gifts equip us to live the gospel of Christ
and make us eager to do your will,
that we may share with the whole creation
the joys of eternal life;
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

Gillian Boorne : Anne Sylvester and all those currently unable to attend services.

Those who are unwell and who are recovering

Mark Sadler : Mandy Stephensen : Mollie Drake : Kathryn Haynes :

Stephanie Crapper : Margaret Clarke

This week's Chancel Steps flowers are sponsored by
the Brunning family in memory of David.

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 Choral Mattins

See order of service

Officiant: Angela Jagger, Reader

Sidesperson: Vacant

Churchwardens: April Rule and Serge Mozota

Servers: Charles Samuel and Tony Chizema

HYMN 608 Christ is our corner-stone

CONFESSION see service card

PRECES Ferial

VENITE Chanted - see music sheet

PSALM 142 see music sheet

FIRST LESSON Proverbs 4.1-18 *read by Phil Jones*

Listen, children, to a father's instruction,
and be attentive, that you may gain insight;

² for I give you good precepts:
do not forsake my teaching.

³ When I was a son with my father,
tender, and my mother's favourite,

⁴ he taught me, and said to me,
'Let your heart hold fast my words;
keep my commandments, and live.

⁵ Get wisdom; get insight: do not forget, nor turn away
from the words of my mouth.

⁶ Do not forsake her, and she will keep you;
love her, and she will guard you.

⁷ The beginning of wisdom is this: Get wisdom,
and whatever else you get, get insight.

⁸ Prize her highly, and she will exalt you;

- she will honour you if you embrace her.
- ⁹ She will place on your head a fair garland;
she will bestow on you a beautiful crown.'
- ¹⁰ Hear, my child, and accept my words,
that the years of your life may be many.
- ¹¹ I have taught you the way of wisdom;
I have led you in the paths of uprightness.
- ¹² When you walk, your step will not be hampered;
and if you run, you will not stumble.
- ¹³ Keep hold of instruction; do not let go;
guard her, for she is your life.
- ¹⁴ Do not enter the path of the wicked,
and do not walk in the way of evildoers.
- ¹⁵ Avoid it; do not go on it;
turn away from it and pass on.
- ¹⁶ For they cannot sleep unless they have done wrong;
they are robbed of sleep unless they have made someone stumble.
- ¹⁷ For they eat the bread of wickedness
and drink the wine of violence.
- ¹⁸ But the path of the righteous is like the light of dawn,
which shines brighter and brighter until full day.

Te Deum

Chanted - see music sheet

SECOND LESSON I John 3.16-4.6 *read by Val Bailey*

We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. ¹⁷ How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

¹⁸ Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. ¹⁹ And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him ²⁰ whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. ²¹ Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; ²² and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

²³ And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. ²⁴ All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

4 Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God; for many false prophets have gone out into the world. ² By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, ³ and every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from

God. And this is the spirit of the antichrist, of which you have heard that it is coming; and now it is already in the world. ⁴ Little children, you are from God, and have conquered them; for the one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world. ⁵ They are from the world; therefore what they say is from the world, and the world listens to them. ⁶ We are from God. Whoever knows God listens to us, and whoever is not from God does not listen to us. From this we know the spirit of truth and the spirit of error.

Benedictus **Blessed be the God of Israel - see music sheet**

THE CREED *see service card*

RESPONSES **Ferial**

ANTHEM I give you a new commandment - *Aston*

PRAYERS Angela Jagger, Reader

HYMN 262 **Spirit of mercy, truth, and love**

SERMON Angela Jagger, Reader

HYMN 644 **God is Love: let heav'n adore him**

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.

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY! Gillian Boorne, a dedicated member of St James the Greater will be celebrating her 90th birthday this week. Happy Birthday Gillian!

18:30

Sung Eucharist

See order of service

President: The Reverend Canon Dr Stephen Foster

Assisted by: Margaret Sharman and Sheila Roberts, Associate Minister

Churchwardens: April Rule and Serge Mozota

Sidesperson: David Sharman

Servers: Rod Eynon-Baldock, Sara King and Phil Jones

Setting: Aston in F

HYMN 362

Come, let us join our cheerful songs

GLORIA

Hebridean (hymn 414)

READING 1 Thessalonians 1.1-10 *read by Moira Bartlett*

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,

To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:
Grace to you and peace.

² We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly ³ remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labour of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴ For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, ⁵ because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of people we proved to be among you for your sake. ⁶ And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, ⁷ so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. ⁸ For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place where your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. ⁹ For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, ¹⁰ and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

GRADUAL HYMN 633 ii Filled with the Spirit's power, with one accord

GOSPEL Matthew 22.15-22

Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap him in what he said. ¹⁶ So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, 'Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show

deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. ¹⁷ Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?' ¹⁸ But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, 'Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? ¹⁹ Show me the coin used for the tax.' And they brought him a denarius. ²⁰ Then he said to them, 'Whose head is this, and whose title?' ²¹ They answered, 'The emperor's.' Then he said to them, 'Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's.' ²² When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

SERMON

The Reverend Canon Dr Stephen Foster

INTERCESSIONS

The Reverend Canon Dr Stephen Foster

OFFERTORY HYMN 781

Son of God, eternal Saviour

MOTET Come down, O love divine – *Tadman-Robins*

POST COMMUNION HYMN 455 My God, and is thy table spread

Post Communion Prayer

God our Father,
whose Son, the light unfailing,
has come from heaven to deliver the world
from the darkness of ignorance:
let these holy mysteries open the eyes of our understanding
that we may know the way of life,
and walk in it without stumbling;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

RECESSIONAL HYMN 456 ii Now let us from this table rise

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Please be aware of those remaining to listen.

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.

RIDE & STRIDE Please let the Vicky Roe know as soon as possible of any sponsor money to come. Returns need to be made by 18th October.

Sunday 25th October

Bible Sunday

08:30 **Holy Communion** President: The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar

10:30 **Sung Eucharist** President: The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar
Readings: Colossians 3.12-17 and Matthew 24.30-35

18:30 **Choral Evensong** President: The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar
Readings: Isaiah 55.1-11 and Luke 4.14-30

The Week Ahead

Monday 19th

10:30 **No Small Sounds** (half term)

Wednesday 21st

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 22nd

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

ALL SOULS REQUIEM - SUNDAY 1st NOVEMBER

Each year at our All Souls Requiem service we remember by name those who have died and we wish to be remembered. Please pass on the names of those who have died within the last 10 years who you wish to be remembered at this service to the Vicar or the church office by Sunday 25th October. There will also be an opportunity for you to light a candle and personally offer any other names to God in a moment of silent reflection as part of this service.

THE SHELL deadline is Sunday 1st November 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

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Church office opening hours this week:

James is on holiday from Friday 16th October until Friday 30th October
and will return to work on Monday 2nd November.

Emails will be answered as soon as possible but please be patient whilst James is away.