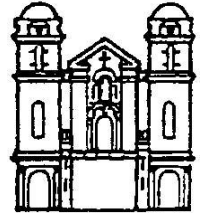


St James the Greater Leicester



25th OCTOBER 2026
BIBLE SUNDAY

Prayer for the Week

Blessed Lord,
who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning:
help us so to hear them,
to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them
that, through patience, and the comfort of your holy word,
we may embrace and for ever hold fast
the hope of everlasting life,
which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ,
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

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

Rest in Peace

Marilyn Dorum

This week's Chancel Steps flowers are sponsored by
Julia Walker in memory of her Mother.

Welcome to St James the Greater

08:30 Holy Communion in the Lady Chapel

Common Worship Order I (Traditional)

President: The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar

Assisted by: Vicky Roe, Pastoral Assistant

Churchwarden: Paul Jenkins

A card reader donation machine is available.

10:30 Sung Eucharist

President: The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar

Assisted by: Emma Sutton and Vicky Roe, Pastoral Assistant

Churchwarden: Serge Mozota

Sidespeople: Sue Ingle and Rachel Pratt

Servers: Emma Sutton, William Woolley and Tony Chizema

Setting: Bath and Wells Service - Archer

HYMN 589 Angel voices ever singing

GLORIA Bath and Wells Service - Archer

READING Colossians 3.12-17 *read by William Woolley*

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. ¹³ Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. ¹⁴ Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. ¹⁵ And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. ¹⁶ Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. ¹⁷ And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

GRADUAL HYMN 387 Rise and hear! The Lord is speaking

GOSPEL Matthew 24.30-35

Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see "the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven" with power and great glory. ³¹ And he will send out his angels with a loud

trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

³² 'From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. ³³ So also, when you see all these things, you know that he is near, at the very gates. ³⁴ Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. ³⁵ Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

SERMON

The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar

INTERCESSIONS

The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar

OFFERTORY HYMN 390

Thanks to God whose word was spoken

MOTET

If ye love me – *Tallis*

POST COMMUNION HYMN 358 Be still, for the presence of the Lord

Post Communion Prayer

God of all grace,
your Son Jesus Christ fed the hungry
with the bread of his life
and the word of his kingdom:
renew your people with your heavenly grace,
and in all our weakness
sustain us by your true and living bread;
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

RECESSIONAL HYMN 507 We have a gospel to proclaim

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Please be aware of those remaining to listen.

Please stay for refreshments at the end of 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.

The Vicar Writes

Too often the Bible is used as a tool of division, oppression, exclusion, and even violence. By contrast the words of our first reading encourage compassion, patience, and humility. This should be the mark of our community.



18:30

Choral Evensong

See order of service

Officiant: The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar

Churchwardens: April Rule and Serge Mozota

Sidespeople: Colin and Angela Stray

Servers: Hazel Carlin and Hilary Rees

HYMN 649

God of mercy, God of grace

PRECES

Tomkins

PSALM 119.89-104

(See music sheet)

FIRST LESSON Isaiah 55.1-11 *read by Paul Jenkins*

Ho, everyone who thirsts,

come to the waters;

and you that have no money,

come, buy and eat!

Come, buy wine and milk

without money and without price.

² Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,
and your labour for that which does not satisfy?

Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,
and delight yourselves in rich food.

³ Incline your ear, and come to me;
listen, so that you may live.

I will make with you an everlasting covenant,
my steadfast, sure love for David.

⁴ See, I made him a witness to the peoples,
a leader and commander for the peoples.

⁵ See, you shall call nations that you do not know,
and nations that do not know you shall run to you,
because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel,
for he has glorified you.

⁶ Seek the Lord while he may be found,
call upon him while he is near;

⁷ let the wicked forsake their way,
and the unrighteous their thoughts;
let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on them,
and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

⁸ For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord.

⁹ For as the heavens are higher than the earth,
so are my ways higher than your ways
and my thoughts than your thoughts.
¹⁰ For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven,
and do not return there until they have watered the earth,
making it bring forth and sprout,
giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,
¹¹ so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;
it shall not return to me empty,
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,
and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

MAGNIFICAT

Setting in D minor - *Walmisley*

Please remain seated but stand for the Gloria

SECOND LESSON Luke 4.14-30 *read by Barbara Paget*

Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. ¹⁵ He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

¹⁶ When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, ¹⁷ and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

¹⁸ 'The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to bring good news to the poor.

He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives
and recovery of sight to the blind,
to let the oppressed go free,

¹⁹ to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour.'

²⁰ And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. ²¹ Then he began to say to them, 'Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.' ²² All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, 'Is not this Joseph's son?' ²³ He said to them, 'Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, "Doctor, cure yourself!" And you will say, "Do here also in your home town the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum."' ²⁴ And he said, 'Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet's home town. ²⁵ But the truth is, there were many widows in Israel in the time of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up for three years and six months, and there was a severe famine over all the land;

²⁶ yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon.

²⁷ There were also many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and

none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian.’²⁸ When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage.²⁹ They got up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they might hurl him off the cliff.³⁰ But he passed through the midst of them and went on his way.

NUNC DIMITTIS

Setting in D minor - *Walmisley*

Please remain seated but stand for the Gloria

RESPONSES

Tomkins

ANTHEM

Faire in the heaven - *Harris*

PRAYERS

The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar

HYMN 258

O thou who camest from above

SERMON

The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar

HYMN 379 (Tune 337) God has spoken – by his prophets

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Please be aware of those remaining to listen.

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Sunday 1st November

All Saints / All Souls

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

10:30 Choral Mattins Officiant: The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar
Readings: Revelation 7.9-17 and Matthew 5.1-12

Please note that incense will be used at this service.

18:30 All Souls Requiem President: The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar
Readings: Lamentations 3.17-26 and John 6.37-40

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

The Week Ahead

Monday 26th

10:30

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

Wednesday 28th

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 29th

12:30

Holy Communion Common Worship, Order 1 (Traditional)
President: The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar
Assisted by Vicky Roe, Pastoral Assistant

Friday 30th

16.30

Junior Choir rehearsal

19.00

Senior Choir rehearsal

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.

FORTHCOMING CONCERTS

Saturday 14th November at 7.30 pm. City of Leicester Singers will perform Brahms 'German Requiem'.

Monday 7th December at 7 pm. Ex Cathedral will perform their 'Christmas Music by Candlelight' concert. Volunteer as a SJG steward to get in free.

Saturday 12th December at 7 pm. Leicester Bach Choir perform Handel's 'Messiah'.

Sunday 13th December at 7 pm. 'A Winter's Tale' Community Carol Service. Tickets are free - available from trybooking.com/uk/HBBX

Thursday 17th December at 3 pm. Philharmonic Choir Carols.

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 and 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

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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.