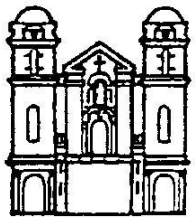
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St James the Greater
Leicester



15th NOVEMBER 2026
2nd SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT

Prayer for the Week

Heavenly Father,
whose blessed Son was revealed
to destroy the works of the devil
and to make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life:
grant that we, having this hope,
may purify ourselves even as he is pure;
that when he shall appear in power and great glory
we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom;
where he 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
(Funeral at St. James 11 am on Friday 20th November)

This week's Chancel Steps flowers are sponsored by
Chris & Kathryn Morfey in memory of their son Thomas.

Welcome to St James the Greater

08:30 Holy Communion in the Lady Chapel

Common Worship Order 1 (Traditional)

President: The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar
Assisted by: Sheila Roberts, Associate Minister
Churchwarden: Paul Jenkins

A card reader donation machine is available.

10:30 Sung Eucharist

President: The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar
Assisted by: Margaret Sharman and Mike Rule, Associate Minister
Churchwarden: Serge Mozota
Sidesperson: David Sharman
Servers: Sara King, William Woolley and Rod Eynon-Baldock
Setting: Bruckner in F

HYMN 7 This is the day the Lord hath made

GLORIA Missa Selwyniensis – Sarah Macdonald

READING 1 Thessalonians 5.1-11 *read by Mark Trounson*

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, 'There is peace and security', then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labour pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then, let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

GRADUAL HYMN 51 The Lord will come and not be slow

GOSPEL Matthew 25.14-30

'For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, "Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents." His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master." And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, "Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents." His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master." Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, "Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours." But his master replied, "You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

SERMON	The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar
INTERCESSIONS	Mike Rule, Associate Minister
OFFERTORY HYMN 828	**Ye that know the Lord is gracious**
MOTET	Ave verum corpus - *Byrd*
POST COMMUNION HYMN 467	**The Son of God proclaim**

Post Communion Prayer
Gracious Lord,
in this holy sacrament
you give substance to our hope:
bring us at the last
to that fullness of life for which we long;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

RECESSIONAL HYMN 652 Guide me, O thou great Redeemer

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Please be aware of those remaining to listen.
Please stay for refreshments at the end of the service.
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Please take this leaflet away with you at the end of the Service.

17.00 Choral Evensong

See order of service

Officiant: The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar
Assisted by Canon Sarah Gill
Preacher: Saju, Bishop of Loughborough
Churchwardens: April Rule and Serge Mozota
Sidesperson: Vacant
Servers: Tony Chizema, Phil Jones and Hilary Rees

INTROIT	Deep River
HYMN 589	**Angel-voices ever singing**
PRECES	Forbes-L'Estrange
PSALM 89.19-37	**(See music sheet)**

FIRST LESSON 1 Kings 1.15-40 *read by Sheila Roberts, Associate Minister*
So Bathsheba went to the king in his room. The king was very old; Abishag the Shunammite was attending the king. Bathsheba bowed and did obeisance to the king, and the king said, 'What do you wish?' She said to him, 'My lord, you swore to your servant by the Lord your God, saying: Your son Solomon shall succeed me as king, and he shall sit on my throne. But now suddenly Adonijah has become king, though you, my lord the king, do not know it. He has sacrificed oxen, fatted cattle, and sheep in abundance, and has invited all the children of the king, the

priest Abiathar, and Joab the commander of the army; but your servant Solomon he has not invited. But you, my lord the king—the eyes of all Israel are on you to tell them who shall sit on the throne of my lord the king after him. Otherwise it will come to pass, when my lord the king sleeps with his ancestors, that my son Solomon and I will be counted offenders.'
While she was still speaking with the king, the prophet Nathan came in. The king was told, 'Here is the prophet Nathan.' When he came in before the king, he did obeisance to the king, with his face to the ground. Nathan said, 'My lord the king, have you said, "Adonijah shall succeed me as king, and he shall sit on my throne"? For today he has gone down and has sacrificed oxen, fatted cattle, and sheep in abundance, and has invited all the king's children, Joab the commander of the army, and the priest Abiathar, who are now eating and drinking before him, and saying, "Long live King Adonijah!" But he did not invite me, your servant, and the priest Zadok, and Benaiah son of Jehoiada, and your servant Solomon. Has this thing been brought about by my lord the king and you have not let your servants know who should sit on the throne of my lord the king after him?'

King David answered, 'Summon Bathsheba to me.' So she came into the king's presence, and stood before the king. The king swore, saying, 'As the Lord lives, who has saved my life from every adversity, as I swore to you by the Lord, the God of Israel, "Your son Solomon shall succeed me as king, and he shall sit on my throne in my place", so will I do this day.' Then Bathsheba bowed with her face to the ground, and did obeisance to the king, and said, 'May my lord King David live for ever!'
King David said, 'Summon to me the priest Zadok, the prophet Nathan, and Benaiah son of Jehoiada.' When they came before the king, the king said to them, 'Take with you the servants of your lord, and have my son Solomon ride on my own mule, and bring him down to Gihon. There let the priest Zadok and the prophet Nathan anoint him king over Israel; then blow the trumpet, and say, "Long live King Solomon!" You shall go up following him. Let him enter and sit on my throne; he shall be king in my place; for I have appointed him to be ruler over Israel and over Judah.' Benaiah son of Jehoiada answered the king, 'Amen! May the Lord, the God of my lord the king, so ordain. As the Lord has been with my lord the king, so may he be with Solomon, and make his throne greater than the throne of my lord King David.'
So the priest Zadok, the prophet Nathan, and Benaiah son of Jehoiada, and the Cherethites and the Pelethites, went down and had Solomon ride on King David's mule, and led him to Gihon. There the priest Zadok took the horn of oil from the tent and anointed Solomon. Then they blew the trumpet, and all the people said, 'Long live King Solomon!' And all the people went up following him, playing on pipes and rejoicing with great joy, so that the earth quaked at their noise.

MAGNIFICAT Stanford in C

Please remain seated but stand for the Gloria

SECOND LESSON Revelation 1.4-18 *read by Jennifer Clegg*

John to the seven churches that are in Asia:
Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.
To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.
Look! He is coming with the clouds;
every eye will see him,
even those who pierced him;
and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail.
So it is to be. Amen.
'I am the Alpha and the Omega', says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.
I, John, your brother who share with you in Jesus the persecution and the kingdom and the patient endurance, was on the island called Patmos because of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus. I was in the spirit on the Lord's day, and I heard behind me a loud voice like a trumpet saying, 'Write in a book what you see and send it to the seven churches, to Ephesus, to Smyrna, to Pergamum, to Thyatira, to Sardis, to Philadelphia, and to Laodicea.'
Then I turned to see whose voice it was that spoke to me, and on turning I saw seven golden lampstands, and in the midst of the lampstands I saw one like the Son of Man, clothed with a long robe and with a golden sash across his chest. His head and his hair were white as white wool, white as snow; his eyes were like a flame of fire, his feet were like burnished bronze, refined as in a furnace, and his voice was like the sound of many waters. In his right hand he held seven stars, and from his mouth came a sharp, two-edged sword, and his face was like the sun shining with full force.
When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. But he placed his right hand on me, saying, 'Do not be afraid; I am the first and the last, and the living one. I was dead, and see, I am alive for ever and ever; and I have the keys of Death and of Hades.

NUNC DIMITTIS Stanford in C

Please remain seated but stand for the Gloria

RESPONSES Forbes-L'Estrange

ANTHEM	And I saw a new heaven – *Bainton*
PRAYERS	Canon Sarah Gill
HYMN 744 i	**O God of Bethel, by whose hand**
SERMON	Bishop Saju, Bishop of Loughborough
HYMN 663	**How shall I sing that majesty**

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

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The Vicar Writes



As the nights grow longer, our first reading warns against the deeds of night, and all through this part of the Church year our Gospels warn us too about the coming Day of the Lord, when all will be held to account. The comfortable and complacent need to hear this, for many the mutual encouragement at the end of that first reading is the order of the day (or night).

Sunday 22nd November
Christ the King

08:30 **Holy Communion** President: The Reverend Canon Matthew Bradbury
Assisted by Vicky Roe, Pastoral Assistant

10:30 **Sung Eucharist** President: The Reverend Canon Matthew Bradbury
Readings: Ephesians 1.15-23 and Matthew 25.31-46

18.30 **Choral Evensong** Officiant: Mike Rule, Associate Minister
Readings: 2 Samuel 23.1-7 and Matthew 28.16-20

The Week Ahead

Monday 16th

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

Wednesday 18th

21:00 **Compline** via Zoom. To join, please use the link
https://us04web.zoom.us/j/75984858232?pwd=sXK193zlo5Vj4WApP0aKUmTjrXEX0O.1
Meeting ID: 759 8485 8232 Passcode: L6WRmc

Thursday 19th

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

Friday 20th

11.00 **Funeral of Marilyn Dorum**
16.30 **Junior Choir rehearsal**
19.00 **Senior Choir rehearsal**

COUNCIL OF CHRISTIANS AND JEWS The Leicester Branch of CCJ invites you to a talk from Rabbi Mark Solomon on his research into the composer Giacomo Meyerbeer at 2.30 pm on Sunday 15th November at Leicester Progressive Jewish Community, Avenue Road, LE2 3EA. The talk will be followed by the branch AGM. To book, please contact director@stphilipscentre.co.uk

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SITUATIONS VACANT Our thanks and good wishes go to David Kibert, who has announced his retirement from his roles as a Server and Eucharistic Assistant. This leaves the ceremonial team somewhat depleted, so Vicky Roe (EAs) or William Woolley (Servers) will be delighted to hear from anyone who feels that they could contribute to our worship in this way.

PLANNED GIVING

St. James relies on donations for funding. The Parish Giving Scheme enables donations directly from your bank account and adds Gift Aid for the church, if you are a taxpayer. Information packs and application forms for this scheme are on the table at the back of church.

Alternatively, boxes of envelopes for cash donations for each Sunday from 5th December 2026 to 28th November 2027 can be provided, to save you filling out a

Gift Aid envelope each time. **Named boxes of envelopes for those already on the scheme are on the tables at the back of church.**

If you would like to have a box, and complete a Gift Aid form if you pay tax, please see Vicky Roe, leave a message for her at the church office (0116 2542111) or send an E-mail to: pastoral.assistant@sjg.org.uk

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FORTHCOMING CONCERTS

Saturday 14th November at 7.30 pm. City of Leicester Singers will perform Brahms 'German Requiem'. Tickets £12 on the door or online at https://www.cityofleicestersingers.co.uk

Saturday 5th December at 7.30 pm. Leicester Pro Arte Singers 'Carols by Candlelight'. Tickets: www.leicestermusicfest.com/tickets

Monday 7th December at 7 pm. Ex Cathedra will perform their 'Christmas Music by Candlelight' concert. Booking is via Curve Box Office on Christmas Music by Candlelight 2026 - Curve Theatre, Leicester

Saturday 12th December at 7 pm. Leicester Bach Choir perform Handel's 'Messiah'. Tickets £23 in advance and £26 on the door. www.trybooking.com/uk/events/landing/90589

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 7.30 pm. Philharmonic Choir Carols. www.ticketor.com/thephil/tickets/carols-at-st-james-2026-369499?v=8_0

Friday 18th December at 7.30 pm. City of Leicester Singers Carols.

Saturday 19th December at 7.30 pm. Ratby Band and Fosse Singers 'Christmas Brass & Voices'. Tickets £12 on the door.

Monday 21st December at 7.30 pm. Gesualdo Six 'Veni Emmanuel'. Tickets: https://www.trybooking.com/uk/event/123800

STEWARDS FOR CONCERTS Help is needed with providing stewards for forthcoming concerts in December, to ensure the safety of those attending.
In particular, volunteers are required for:
Monday 7th December – Ex Cathedra 'Christmas Music by Candlelight' concert
Sunday 13th December – 'A Winter's Tale' Community Carol Service
Monday 21st December – Gesualdo Six 'Veni Emmanuel' concert

If you are able to help, please sign up on the list at the back of church.

It's great to be back!



Neill and I had a wonderful holiday aboard P & O Britannia.

We called at various beautiful places including Madeira, La Palma, Tenerife, Gran Canaria, Lanzarote, Cadiz and Lisbon.



It was really special to visit the Cathedral of the Canaries in Gran Canaria. Neill was able to climb one of the towers (whilst I enjoyed a drink in the Cathedral Square!).





It was also very moving to see the statue of Our Lord on the sail into Lisbon.

A wonderful trip. We cannot wait for our next cruise in December 2028 to the Carribean!



James and Neill 😊


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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 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:

Monday 16th November 9.15am -12.15pm
Thursday 19th November 9.15am -12.15pm
Friday 20th November 9.15am -12.15pm