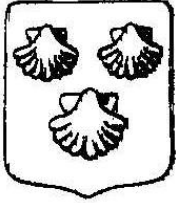
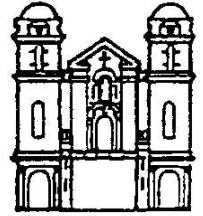


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St James the Greater Leicester



21st JUNE 2026
3rd SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Prayer for the Week

Almighty God,
you have broken the tyranny of sin
and have sent the Spirit of your Son into our hearts
whereby we call you Father:
give us grace to dedicate our freedom to your service,
that we and all creation may be brought
to the glorious liberty of the children of God;
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
Diane Allen

Rest in peace

Alan Moreton – Age 91 (Father of Mandy Stephensen)

This week's Chancel Steps flowers are sponsored by
April Rule in memory of Robert Burton, her Father.

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: Julia Walker

A card reader donation machine is available.

10.30

Choral Mattins

See order of service

Officiant: Sheila Roberts, Associate Minister

Sidesperson: Vacant

Churchwarden: Serge Mozota

Servers: Emma Sutton and Tony Chizema

HYMN 766

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven

CONFESSION

see service card

PRECES

Forbes L'Estrange

VENITE

see music sheet

PSALM 46

see music sheet

FIRST LESSON | Samuel 24.1-17 *read by Ian Jones*

When Saul returned from following the Philistines, he was told, 'David is in the wilderness of En-gedi.' ² Then Saul took three thousand chosen men out of all Israel, and went to look for David and his men in the direction of the Rocks of the Wild Goats. ³ He came to the sheepfolds beside the road, where there was a cave; and Saul went in to relieve himself. Now David and his men were sitting in the innermost parts of the cave. ⁴ The men of David said to him, 'Here is the day of which the Lord said to you, "I will give your enemy into your hand, and you shall do to him as it seems good to you."' Then David went and stealthily cut off a corner of Saul's cloak. ⁵ Afterwards David was stricken to the heart because he had cut off a corner of Saul's cloak. ⁶ He said to his men, 'The Lord forbid that I should do this thing to my lord, the Lord's anointed, to raise my hand against him; for he is the Lord's anointed.' ⁷ So David scolded his men severely and did not permit them to attack Saul. Then Saul got up and left the cave, and went on his way.

⁸ Afterwards David also rose up and went out of the cave and called after Saul, 'My lord the king!' When Saul looked behind him, David bowed with his face to the

ground, and did obeisance. ⁹ David said to Saul, ‘Why do you listen to the words of those who say, “David seeks to do you harm”?’ ¹⁰ This very day your eyes have seen how the Lord gave you into my hand in the cave; and some urged me to kill you, but I spared you. I said, “I will not raise my hand against my lord; for he is the Lord’s anointed.” ¹¹ See, my father, see the corner of your cloak in my hand; for by the fact that I cut off the corner of your cloak, and did not kill you, you may know for certain that there is no wrong or treason in my hands. I have not sinned against you, though you are hunting me to take my life. ¹² May the Lord judge between me and you! May the Lord avenge me on you; but my hand shall not be against you. ¹³ As the ancient proverb says, “Out of the wicked comes forth wickedness”; but my hand shall not be against you. ¹⁴ Against whom has the king of Israel come out? Whom do you pursue? A dead dog? A single flea? ¹⁵ May the Lord therefore be judge, and give sentence between me and you. May he see to it, and plead my cause, and vindicate me against you.’

¹⁶ When David had finished speaking these words to Saul, Saul said, ‘Is that your voice, my son David?’ Saul lifted up his voice and wept. ¹⁷ He said to David, ‘You are more righteous than I; for you have repaid me good, whereas I have repaid you evil.’

Te Deum

Stanford in B flat

SECOND LESSON Luke 14.12-24 *read by Alex Coles*

He said also to the one who had invited him, ‘When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbours, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. ¹³ But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. ¹⁴ And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.’

¹⁵ One of the dinner guests, on hearing this, said to him, ‘Blessed is anyone who will eat bread in the kingdom of God!’ ¹⁶ Then Jesus said to him, ‘Someone gave a great dinner and invited many. ¹⁷ At the time for the dinner he sent his slave to say to those who had been invited, “Come; for everything is ready now.” ¹⁸ But they all alike began to make excuses. The first said to him, “I have bought a piece of land, and I must go out and see it; please accept my apologies.” ¹⁹ Another said, “I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I am going to try them out; please accept my apologies.” ²⁰ Another said, “I have just been married, and therefore I cannot come.” ²¹ So the slave returned and reported this to his master. Then the owner of the house became angry and said to his slave, “Go out at once into the streets and lanes of the town and bring in the poor, the crippled, the blind, and the lame.” ²² And the slave said, “Sir, what you ordered has been done, and there is still room.” ²³ Then the master said to the slave, “Go out into the roads and lanes,

18:30

Sung Eucharist

See order of service

President: The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar

Assisted by: Margaret Sharman and Angela Jagger, Reader

Churchwardens: April Rule and Serge Mozota

Sidesperson: David Sharman

Servers: Sara King, Rod Eynon-Baldock and William Woolley

Setting: St James Chanted

HYMN 448 i **I come with joy, a child of God**

GLORIA **Lécot**

READING Romans 6.1-11 *read by Barbara Paget*

What then are we to say? Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? ² By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? ³ Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴ Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

⁵ For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶ We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. ⁷ For whoever has died is freed from sin. ⁸ But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹ We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. ¹⁰ The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. ¹¹ So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

GRADUAL HYMN 770 **Restore in us, O God**

GOSPEL Matthew 10.24-39

‘A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; ²⁵ it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household!

²⁶ ‘So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. ²⁷ What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. ²⁸ Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can

destroy both soul and body in hell. ²⁹ Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground unperceived by your Father. ³⁰ And even the hairs of your head are all counted. ³¹ So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

³² 'Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; ³³ but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.

³⁴ 'Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword.

³⁵ For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law;

³⁶ and one's foes will be members of one's own household.

³⁷ Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; ³⁸ and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. ³⁹ Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.

SERMON

The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar

INTERCESSIONS

Angela Jagger, Reader

OFFERTORY HYMN 820

When all thy mercies, O my God

MOTET Blessed are the pure in heart - *Baldwin*

POST COMMUNION HYMN 463 Strengthen for service, Lord, the hands

Post Communion Prayer

Loving Father,

we thank you for feeding us at the supper of your Son:
sustain us with your Spirit, that we may serve you here on earth
until our joy is complete in heaven,
and we share in the eternal banquet
with 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.

Sunday 28th June

4th Sunday after Trinity

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

10:30 **Sung Eucharist** President: The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar
Readings: Romans 6.12-23 and Matthew 10.40-42

18:30 **Choral Evensong** Officiant: Mike Rule, Associate Minister
Readings: 1 Samuel 28.3-19 and Luke 17.20-37

The Week Ahead

Monday 22nd

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

Wednesday 24th

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 25th

12:30 **Holy Communion** Common Worship, Order 1 (Traditional)
President: The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar
Assisted by: Sheila Roberts, Associate Minister

Friday 26th

16.30 **Junior Choir rehearsal**
19.00 **Senior Choir rehearsal**

Saturday 27th

19.30 **Charnwood Orchestra Concert**

Sunday 28th

15.30 **Totally Strings Concert**

The Vicar Writes

It's a commonplace of simplistic atheism that faith is just an emotional prop for the weak – a mental teddy-bear for those unable to face the harsh realities life. Such atheists really ought to read today's Gospel – it is full of challenge, not least on Fathers' day. Our God is not a tame one, and relationship with the living God is always demanding.



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.

STONEYGATE TRAM DEPOT

Stoneygate Tram Depot will be open this Sunday from 10 am to 4pm. Visitors can see inside the building, learn about the work of the Trust and ride on a preserved bus. Small charge for adults, children free.

WOULD YOU LIKE A DAY OUT IN CAMBRIDGE?

A day trip to Cambridge is being organised on **Saturday 1st August**. This is in conjunction with St James Choir singing Choral Evensong at Great St Mary's Church on that day. At this stage, likely numbers are needed so if you are interested, please sign the form at the back of church. Please think of joining us for this fellowship together. **Costs should be about £20 a head, including sandwiches – last few places remaining!**



Great St. Mary's Church, Cambridge

TOTALLY STRINGS ORCHESTRA
PERFORM
A DELIGHTFUL FAMILY CONCERT
AT ST JAMES THE GREATER
LEZ INE
SUNDAY 28TH JUNE 2026
3:30PM



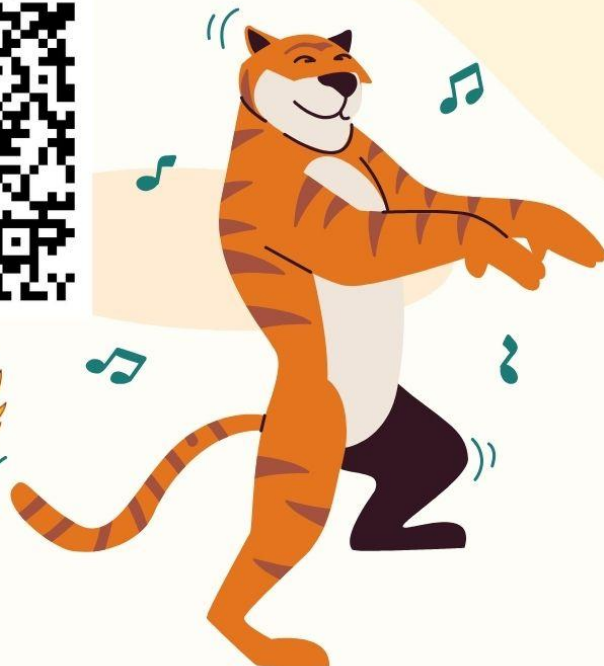
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THE CARNIVAL OF THE ANIMALS
CAN YOU FEEL THE LOVE TONIGHT
BEAUTY AND THE BEAST
ROAR



FINALE FROM THE FIREBIRD
THE FLOP-EARED MULE
THE WALTZING CAT
I WANNA BE LIKE YOU
THE BARE NECESSITIES
FAWKES THE PHOENIX



TO BOOK TICKETS



Pop, musical theatre & light classical
SPACE-themed choral music

SONGS OF SPACE



Musical Director: Emma Trounson | Accompanist: Josephine Markham

Saturday 4th July 2026

7.30pm-9.30pm

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

Tickets: £10 on the door, under 16s free
Refreshments included

Raffle in aid of

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Hospice Care for Leicester, Leicestershire & Rutland

Fosse Singers is a registered charity
No.: 1190155

PERFORM AT ST JAMES – Saturday 4th July 2026 2.00-4.00pm

Do you know a young musician who might like to perform their party piece at St James! Any style, instrument – we'd like to hear from them! We are looking for volunteers to lend a hand too: Stewards & refreshment helpers. Can you make a cake, or pour a cup of tea in the interval? Please sign up on the sheet at the back of church. Or just come and appreciate the music from the audience – the event is FREE entry with donations for the church.

Here is the link for the young people (Primary and Secondary School Age) to sign up to perform: <https://forms.gle/5UiazhrYuPyk6eLi9>
They must be accompanied by a responsible adult.

SAFEGUARDING SURVEY 2026

INEQE Safeguarding Group has been appointed by the Archbishops' Council to conduct independent Safeguarding Audits of the Church of England diocese and cathedrals to make sure are doing all they can to create environments where everyone feels safe, valued and respected.

This process has now started in Leicester and people are invited to share their experiences through online surveys that are open until 5th August 2026. The more people who take part in the surveys, the clearer and fairer the picture will be, so please participate by completing one of the surveys online. You can scan the QR code on a postcard or one of the posters in church or through the website at www.leicester.anglican.org/safeguarding/audit

There are a number of different surveys, e.g., the Parish Workforce (clergy, staff, volunteers, adult chorister/choir members), the Parish Worshipping Community, Child or Young Person (under 18, but under 13s must be supported by an adult), Victims/Survivors, so select the one most appropriate for your situation and experience. The survey should only take 10-15 minutes and consists of multiple-choice answers to questions and some open-text boxes. The survey is only online, but if anyone is unable to access it, please contact the Parish Safeguarding Officer Victoria Roe (pastoral.assistant@stjamesthegreater.org.uk) to make arrangements to receive support to complete the survey.

Participation is completely confidential and anonymous, ensuring that all voices can be heard safely and honestly.

Safeguarding Survey 2026



Take the survey:



**What's working well?
What could we do better?**

Share your views on
safeguarding and help us
be a safer church
for everyone.

leicester.anglican.org/safeguarding/audit

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 12.15 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. Spiritual Wellbeing Reflections with Pam Rhodes
4. One minute sermons by J. John
5. Prayers for the season
6. Sleep Well with Daily Hope

CONTACTING THE TEAM

Andrew can be contacted by E-mail at: revdaquigley@gmail.com or 0116 2544113.

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 22nd June 1.15 pm - 4.15 pm
Wednesday 24th June 1.15 pm – 4.15 pm
Friday 26th June 1.15 pm – 4.15 pm

