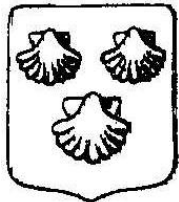
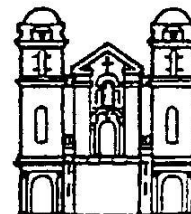


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St James the Greater Leicester



2nd AUGUST 2026
9TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Prayer for the Week

Almighty God,
who sent your Holy Spirit
to be the life and light of your Church:
open our hearts to the riches of your grace,
that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit
in love and joy and peace;
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 : Heather Jones

This week's Chancel Steps flowers are sponsored by
David & Sarah Clark in grateful memory of Kathleen &
Bernard Clark & Anne & George Hayter.

Welcome to St James the Greater

08:30 Holy Communion in the Lady Chapel

Book of Common Prayer

President: The Reverend Canon Philip Norwood

Assisted by: Phil Jones

Churchwarden: Julia Walker

A card reader donation machine is available.

10:30 Sung Eucharist

See separate Order of Service

President: The Reverend Canon Philip Norwood

Assisted by: Charles Samuel and Sheila Roberts, Associate Minister

Churchwarden: Serge Mozota

Sidesperson: David Pugh

Servers: Phil Jones, Charles Samuel and Duduzile Chizema

Setting: Greening

HYMN 2 Christ, whose glory fills the skies

GLORIA Hebridean (Hymn 414)

READING Romans 9.1-5 read by Val Bailey

I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit—I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own people, my kindred according to the flesh. They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Messiah, who is over all, God blessed for ever. Amen.

GRADUAL HYMN 387 Rise and hear! The Lord is speaking

GOSPEL Matthew 14.13-21

Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, 'This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so

that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves.' Jesus said to them, 'They need not go away; you give them something to eat.' They replied, 'We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish.' And he said, 'Bring them here to me.' Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

SERMON

The Reverend Canon Philip Norwood

INTERCESSIONS

Sheila Roberts, Associate Minister

OFFERTORY HYMN 607 (Tune 621) Christ be the Lord of all our days

MOTET Let all mortal flesh - *Cleobury*

Post Communion Prayer

Holy Father,
who gathered us here around the table of your Son
to share this meal with the whole household of God:
in that new world where you reveal the fullness of your peace,
gather people of every race and language
to share in the eternal banquet of Jesus Christ our Lord.

RECESSIONAL HYMN 739 i Now thank we all our God

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.

18:30

Evening Prayer with Hymns

See separate order of service

Officiant: Mike Rule, Associate Minister

Churchwardens: April Rule and Serge Mozota

Sidesperson: Andrew Curry

Server: William Woolley

FIRST LESSON 1 Kings 10.1-13 *read by Colin Stray*

When the queen of Sheba heard of the fame of Solomon, (fame due to the name of the Lord), she came to test him with hard questions. She came to Jerusalem with a very great retinue, with camels bearing spices, and very much gold, and precious stones; and when she came to Solomon, she told him all that was on her mind. Solomon answered all her questions; there was nothing hidden from the king that he could not explain to her. When the queen of Sheba had observed all the wisdom of Solomon, the house that he had built, the food of his table, the seating of his officials, and the attendance of his servants, their clothing, his valets, and his burnt-offerings that he offered at the house of the Lord, there was no more spirit in her.

So she said to the king, 'The report was true that I heard in my own land of your accomplishments and of your wisdom, but I did not believe the reports until I came and my own eyes had seen it. Not even half had been told me; your wisdom and prosperity far surpass the report that I had heard. Happy are your wives! Happy are these your servants, who continually attend you and hear your wisdom! Blessed be the Lord your God, who has delighted in you and set you on the throne of Israel! Because the Lord loved Israel for ever, he has made you king to execute justice and righteousness.' Then she gave the king one hundred and twenty talents of gold, a great quantity of spices, and precious stones; never again did spices come in such quantity as that which the queen of Sheba gave to King Solomon.

Moreover, the fleet of Hiram, which carried gold from Ophir, brought from Ophir a great quantity of almug wood and precious stones. From the almug wood the king made supports for the house of the Lord, and for the king's house, lyres also and harps for the singers; no such almug wood has come or been seen to this day. Meanwhile, King Solomon gave to the queen of Sheba every desire that she expressed, as well as what he gave her out of Solomon's royal bounty. Then she returned to her own land, with her servants.

SECOND LESSON Acts 13.1-13 *read by Angela Stray*

Now in the church at Antioch there were prophets and teachers: Barnabas, Simeon who was called Niger, Lucius of Cyrene, Manaen a member of the court of Herod the ruler, and Saul. While they were worshipping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, 'Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have

called them.' Then after fasting and praying they laid their hands on them and sent them off.

So, being sent out by the Holy Spirit, they went down to Seleucia; and from there they sailed to Cyprus. When they arrived at Salamis, they proclaimed the word of God in the synagogues of the Jews. And they had John also to assist them. When they had gone through the whole island as far as Paphos, they met a certain magician, a Jewish false prophet, named Bar-Jesus. He was with the proconsul, Sergius Paulus, an intelligent man, who summoned Barnabas and Saul and wanted to hear the word of God. But the magician Elymas (for that is the translation of his name) opposed them and tried to turn the proconsul away from the faith. But Saul, also known as Paul, filled with the Holy Spirit, looked intently at him and said, 'You son of the devil, you enemy of all righteousness, full of all deceit and villainy, will you not stop making crooked the straight paths of the Lord? And now listen—the hand of the Lord is against you, and you will be blind for a while, unable to see the sun.' Immediately mist and darkness came over him, and he went about groping for someone to lead him by the hand. When the proconsul saw what had happened, he believed, for he was astonished at the teaching about the Lord. Then Paul and his companions set sail from Paphos and came to Perga in Pamphylia. John, however, left them and returned to Jerusalem.

PRAYERS

Mike Rule, Associate Minister

SERMON

Mike Rule, Associate Minister

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

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Sunday 9th August **10th Sunday after Trinity**

08:30 Holy Communion President: The Reverend Angela Tarry

10:30 Sung Eucharist President: The Reverend Angela Tarry
Readings: Romans 10.5-15 and Matthew 14.22-33

18:30 Choral Evensong Officiant: Angela Jagger, Reader
Readings: 1 Kings 11.41-12.20 and Acts 14.8-20

The Week Ahead

Wednesday 5th

21:00

Compline via Zoom. To join, please use the link

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/75984858232?pwd=sXKl93zlo5Vj4WApP0aKUmTjrXEX0O.l>

Meeting ID: 759 8485 8232 Passcode: L6VRmc

Thursday 6th

12:30

Holy Communion Common Worship, Order 1 (Traditional)

President: The Reverend Canon Philip Norwood

Assisted by: Sheila Roberts, Associate Minister

Sunday 9th

Recitals at St James – Fr David Price (Organ)

RIDE AND STRIDE

This takes place on Saturday 12th September. If you would like to take part in this year's sponsored event, forms are on the back table. If you require further information, go to <https://www.lhct.org.uk/ride-and-stride/>

If you can volunteer on the day for an hour or two to help welcome people coming to St. James, please contact the Church Office on 0116 2542111 and sign up on the sheet at the back of church. You can be sponsored for your church-sitting slot, too, so take a form if you want to earn extra money for the church

A statement from the Diocese of Leicester regarding the overnight fire at St Andrew's Church in Jarrom Street, Leicester.

"We are deeply saddened by the fire at St Andrew's Church in Jarrom Street and our immediate concern is for the safety and wellbeing of everyone affected.

We are grateful to the emergency services for their swift response, and we thank them for all they are doing.

We appreciate the support and understanding of the community at this difficult time."

We offer our thoughts, prayers and support from everyone at St James the Greater at this most difficult time.



Matthew 14, 13-21

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

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 3rd August 1.15 pm – 4.15 pm,
Wednesday 5th August 1.15 pm – 4.15 pm,
Friday 7th August 1.15 pm – 4.15 pm.