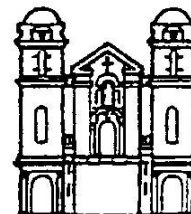


St James the Greater Leicester



20th SEPTEMBER 2026
CREATIONTIDE 3 / 16TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Prayer for the Week

O Lord, we beseech you mercifully to hear the prayers
 of your people who call upon you;
 and grant that they may both perceive and know
 what things they ought to do,
 and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil them;
 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
 Heather Jones : Margaret Clarke

This week's Chancel Steps flowers are appropriate
 for the Battle of Britain Commemoration.

Welcome to St James the Greater

08:30 Holy Communion in the Lady Chapel

Common Worship Order 1 (Traditional)

President: The Reverend Fr Johannes Arens

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: Sheila Roberts, Associate Minister

Sidesperson: Vacant

Churchwardens: April Rule and Serge Mozota

Servers: Tony Chizema and Charles Samuel

HYMN 539 **Let all creation dance**

CONFESSION *see service card*

PRECES Ayleward

VENITE **see music sheet**

PSALM 119.33-40 **see music sheet**

FIRST LESSON Deuteronomy 28.1-14 *read by William Woolley*

If you will only obey the Lord your God, by diligently observing all his commandments that I am commanding you today, the Lord your God will set you high above all the nations of the earth; ² all these blessings shall come upon you and overtake you, if you obey the Lord your God:

³ Blessed shall you be in the city, and blessed shall you be in the field.

⁴ Blessed shall be the fruit of your womb, the fruit of your ground, and the fruit of your livestock, both the increase of your cattle and the issue of your flock.

⁵ Blessed shall be your basket and your kneading-bowl.

⁶ Blessed shall you be when you come in, and blessed shall you be when you go out.

⁷ The Lord will cause your enemies who rise against you to be defeated before you; they shall come out against you one way, and flee before you seven ways.

⁸ The Lord will command the blessing upon you in your barns, and in all that you undertake; he will bless you in the land that the Lord your God is giving you. ⁹ The Lord will establish you as his holy people, as he has sworn to you, if you keep the commandments of the Lord your God and walk in his ways. ¹⁰ All the peoples of

the earth shall see that you are called by the name of the Lord, and they shall be afraid of you. ¹¹ The Lord will make you abound in prosperity, in the fruit of your womb, in the fruit of your livestock, and in the fruit of your ground in the land that the Lord swore to your ancestors to give you. ¹² The Lord will open for you his rich storehouse, the heavens, to give the rain of your land in its season and to bless all your undertakings. You will lend to many nations, but you will not borrow. ¹³ The Lord will make you the head, and not the tail; you shall be only at the top, and not at the bottom—if you obey the commandments of the Lord your God, which I am commanding you today, by diligently observing them, ¹⁴ and if you do not turn aside from any of the words that I am commanding you today, either to the right or to the left, following other gods to serve them.

Te Deum

Britten in C

SECOND LESSON Luke 12.16-30 *read by Caroline Beardsmore*

Then he told them a parable: ‘The land of a rich man produced abundantly. ¹⁷ And he thought to himself, “What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?” ¹⁸ Then he said, “I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. ¹⁹ And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.” ²⁰ But God said to him, “You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?” ²¹ So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich towards God.’ ²² He said to his disciples, ‘Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat, or about your body, what you will wear. ²³ For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. ²⁴ Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! ²⁵ And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? ²⁶ If then you are not able to do so small a thing as that, why do you worry about the rest? ²⁷ Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. ²⁸ But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you—you of little faith! ²⁹ And do not keep striving for what you are to eat and what you are to drink, and do not keep worrying. ³⁰ For it is the nations of the world that strive after all these things, and your Father knows that you need them.

Jubilate

Britten in C

THE CREED

see service card

RESPONSES

Ayleward

ANTHEM

Beati quorum via - *Stanford*

Beati quorum via integra est:
qui ambulant in lege Domini

*Blessed are those that are undefiled in the way :
and walk in the law of the Lord.*

PRAYERS

Sheila Roberts, Associate Minister

HYMN 637

From all that dwell below the skies

SERMON

Sheila Roberts, Associate Minister

HYMN 546

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder

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.***

18:30

Sung Eucharist (BCP)

See order of service

President: The Reverend Canon Chris Oxley

Assisted by: Margaret Sharman and Angela Jagger, Reader

Churchwardens: April Rule and Serge Mozota

Sidesperson: David Sharman

Servers: Phil Jones, William Woolley and Hazel Carlin

Setting: St James Chanted Setting

HYMN 743

O God beyond all praising

READING Jonah 3.10-4.11 *read by Phil Jones*

When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

4 But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. ² He prayed to the Lord and said, 'O Lord! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing. ³ And now, O Lord, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live.' ⁴ And the Lord said, 'Is it right for you to be angry?' ⁵ Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city, and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city.

⁶ The Lord God appointed a bush, and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort; so Jonah was very happy about the bush. ⁷ But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. ⁸ When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, 'It is better for me to die than to live.'

⁹ But God said to Jonah, 'Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?' And he said, 'Yes, angry enough to die.' ¹⁰ Then the Lord said, 'You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labour and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. ¹¹ And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand people who do not know their right hand from their left, and also many animals?'

GRADUAL HYMN 380 i **Come, Lord, to our souls come down**

GOSPEL Matthew 20.1-16

'For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire labourers for his vineyard. ² After agreeing with the labourers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. ³ When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the market-place; ⁴ and he said to them, "You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right." So they went. ⁵ When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. ⁶ And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, "Why are you standing here idle all day?" ⁷ They said to him, "Because no one has hired us." He said to them, "You also go into the vineyard." ⁸ When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, "Call the labourers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first."

⁹ When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily

wage. ¹⁰ Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. ¹¹ And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, ¹² saying, "These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat." ¹³ But he replied to one of them, "Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? ¹⁴ Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. ¹⁵ Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?" ¹⁶ So the last will be first, and the first will be last.'

SERMON

The Reverend Canon Chris Oxley

INTERCESSIONS

Angela Jagger, Reader

OFFERTORY HYMN 676

Immortal, invisible, God only wise

MOTET Ave Verum – Mozart

Ave, verum corpus
Natum de Maria Virgine,
Vere passum immolatum
In Cruce pro homine,
Cujus latus perforatum
Unda fluxit et sanguine,
Esto nobis praegustatum
In mortis examine.

*Hail, true Body
born of the Virgin Mary,
who having truly suffered,
was sacrificed on the cross for mankind,
whose pierced side
flowed with water and blood:
May it be for us a foretaste [of the Heavenly banquet]
in the trial of death.*

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

Post Communion Prayer

Almighty God,
you have taught us through your Son
that love is the fulfilling of the law:
grant that we may love you with our whole heart
and our neighbours as ourselves;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

RECESSIONAL HYMN 797 (Tune 633 ii) The Lord is King! He set the stars in space

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 27th September

Harvest Festival / Creationtide 4

08:30 **Holy Communion** President: The Reverend Canon Matthew Bradbury

10:30 **All Age Eucharist for Harvest** President: The Reverend Canon Matthew Bradbury
Readings: Deuteronomy 8.7-18 and Luke 12.16-30

18:30 **Festal Evensong** Officiant: Angela Jagger, Reader
Assisted by Mike Rule, Associate Minister
Readings: Leviticus 25.1-7 and John 6.1-15

The Week Ahead

Monday 21st

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

Wednesday 23rd

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 24th

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

Friday 25th

14.00 **LGS Stoneygate Special Service**
16.30 **Junior Choir rehearsal**
19.00 **Senior Choir rehearsal**

Saturday 26th

09.00 **The Flower Guild** – Harvest flowers preparation
13.00 **Family Music Day**

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.



RIDE & STRIDE Thanks to all who helped on Saturday 12th September. We had 14 visitors between 10 am and 4 pm. Please let Vicky Roe and the office know of any sponsor money to come and ensure that it is handed in by Sunday 18th October.

HARVEST On Sunday 27th September, we will celebrate Harvest Festival. Donations for Leicester South Foodbank can be brought to church on the day. They are desperate for tinned soup, tinned tomatoes, tinned potatoes, tinned Sweetcorn, tinned carrots, 1ltr UHT milk, 1ltr UHT juice, tinned fruit, curry sauce, custard, rice pudding, pot noodles, cuppa soup, sponge puddings, tinned pulses, deodorant, toothpaste, but other products would also be gratefully received.

LOCAL HONEY Caroline Beardsmore will be selling her local honey and taking orders after the 10:30am service on Sunday. The price is £7.50 for a full 1 lb/454g jar. All the money will be sent to 'Safe Haven for Donkeys', a charity that cares for the health of donkeys, mules and horses in Gaza, the West Bank and Egypt. Many of these are working animals whose owners may be unable to afford to pay for their care, so by providing for their veterinary treatment we are benefitting their impoverished owners as well.

STONEYGATE TRAM DEPOT will be open from 1000-1600 this Sunday. Visitors can see inside the building, learn about the work of the Trust and ride on a preserved bus. Free admission this time.

NEW WEBSITE AND EMAIL ADDRESSES Please note that we now have a new church website address. Please use www.sjg.org.uk to look at our website from now on.

The Office email address has also changed. You can email the office at office@sjg.org.uk from now on.

If you have any questions, please contact Andy Judge. Thank you.

www.sjg.org.uk

FAMILY MUSIC DAY We are holding a Family Music Day on **Saturday 26th September 2026 1.00pm-3.30pm** in church. Sing in harmony with other voices, make junk instruments and create some beats with our 'Junk Orchestra' and learn about and hear the St James the Greater organ – the afternoon finishes with a singalong with the organ. Please encourage anyone you know to come and take part, there's no need to register, people can just drop in when they like! If you're available to help steward, serve refreshments or support the activities, please contact Emma dom@stjamesthegreater.org.uk. If you have any clean items you're no longer using which might make good instruments for the craft table, please bring them in and leave them in the box at the back of church (these will not be returned but anything unused will be recycled.)



FAMILY MUSIC DAY



FREE MUSIC WORKSHOPS FOR ALL AGES

SATURDAY 26TH SEPTEMBER 2026

1.00PM - 3.30PM

ST JAMES THE GREATER CHURCH

LONDON ROAD, LEICESTER. LE2 1NE.

**1.00PM MAKE AN INSTRUMENT CRAFT
(TO TAKE HOME AFTERWARDS)**

1.30PM JUNK ORCHESTRA JAM

1.45PM REFRESHMENTS SERVED

2.00PM HARMONY SINGING WORKSHOP

2.45PM ORGAN WORKSHOP - HAVE A GO!

3.15PM-3.30PM SING HYMNS/SONGS BY REQUEST



**UNDER 16'S MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT
NO NEED TO BOOK, JUST DROP IN!**

STJAMESTHEGREATER.ORG.UK



Recitals at St James



Second Sundays at 3.00pm

Pay as you feel (suggested donation £10) - Refreshments

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

30th August 26 - Castle Baroque Players

Chamber ensemble led by Seb Carrington

13th September 26 - Ricardus Consort

Choir and instrumental ensemble led by Simon Mold

11th October 26 - Serenity Flutes

Flutes: Julie Dearden, Ann Wright; Piano: Fergus Black

8th November 26 - The Juliet Consort

*Soprano: Emma Trounson, Anna Jane Davies; Countertenor: Mark Trounson;
Tenor: Jeremy Goldsmith; Bass & Violoncello: David Bean; Lute: Chris Susans*



No recital in December due to carol services

10th January 27 - Mariko Terashi - Piano

14th February 27 - Jude Richardson - Piano



An alternative to a coffee morning
Saturday October 3rd 2026

Come and Perform
at Braunstone Civic Centre
and raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support

Performance commences 7.30 pm

(Tea, Coffee, cakes and biscuits till 10pm) Licensed bar available.

**An informal performance opportunity for people
(of any age) from the local community and beyond.**

Or just come along and be entertained, and perhaps join in
with some community singing!

Supporting

**MACMILLAN
CANCER SUPPORT**

If you sing (either as a group or solo) play piano or keyboard or any other instrument, here is an opportunity to perform in a no pressure atmosphere to include and to entertain the local community.

All we ask is each performer/member of the audience donates (an amount of their choice) towards Macmillan cancer support.

A piano (or good quality keyboard) will be provided on the night. Performers can provide their own accompanist, or a professional pianist will be available.

For more information and to book a place, please contact either
Nigel 07730308701 or **Barbara 07896910222** as soon as possible, to allow us to put a program together.

This is a new venture for us and for the community, and an opportunity to raise vital funds. Children will be very welcome to show off their musical talent but must be accompanied at all times by a parent or guardian.

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@sjg.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.sjg.org.uk

Church office opening hours this week:

Monday 21st September 9.15 am – 12.15 pm
Wednesday 23rd September 9.15 am – 12.15 pm
Friday 25th September 9.15 am – 12.15 pm