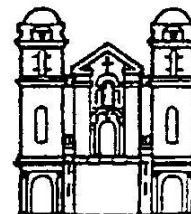


St James the Greater Leicester



27th SEPTEMBER 2026
HARVEST FESTIVAL / CREATIONTIDE 4

Prayer for the Week

Eternal God, you crown the year with your goodness
and you give us the fruits of the earth in their season:
grant that we may use them to your glory,
for the relief of those in need and for our own well-being;
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

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

Rest in peace

Anthony Green

This week's Chancel Steps flowers are appropriate
for the Harvest Festival.

Welcome to St James the Greater

08:30 Holy Communion in the Lady Chapel

Common Worship Order I (Traditional)

President: The Reverend Canon Matthew Bradbury

Assisted by: Sheila Roberts, Associate Minister

Churchwarden: Paul Jenkins

A card reader donation machine is available.

10:30 All Age Eucharist for Harvest

President: The Reverend Canon Matthew Bradbury

Assisted by: William Woolley and Mike Rule, Associate Minister

Churchwardens: April Rule and Serge Mozota

Sidespeople: Sue Ingle and Rachel Pratt

Servers: Emma Sutton and William Woolley

Setting: Rawsthorne

HYMN 282

Come, ye thankful people, come

GLORIA

Rawsthorne

READING Deuteronomy 8.7-18 *read by Annette Jones*

For the Lord your God is bringing you into a good land, a land with flowing streams, with springs and underground waters welling up in valleys and hills, ⁸ a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive trees and honey, ⁹ a land where you may eat bread without scarcity, where you will lack nothing, a land whose stones are iron and from whose hills you may mine copper. ¹⁰ You shall eat your fill and bless the Lord your God for the good land that he has given you.

¹¹ Take care that you do not forget the Lord your God, by failing to keep his commandments, his ordinances, and his statutes, which I am commanding you today. ¹² When you have eaten your fill and have built fine houses and live in them, ¹³ and when your herds and flocks have multiplied, and your silver and gold is multiplied, and all that you have is multiplied, ¹⁴ then do not exalt yourself, forgetting the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, ¹⁵ who led you through the great and terrible wilderness, an arid waste-land with poisonous snakes and scorpions. He made water flow for you from flint rock, ¹⁶ and fed you in the wilderness with manna that your ancestors did not know, to humble you and to test you, and in the end to do you good.

¹⁷ Do not say to yourself, 'My power and the might of my own hand have gained

me this wealth.’ ¹⁸ But remember the Lord your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth, so that he may confirm his covenant that he swore to your ancestors, as he is doing today.

GRADUAL HYMN 285

God, whose farm is all creation

GOSPEL Luke 12.16-30

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.

SERMON

The Reverend Canon Matthew Bradbury

INTERCESSIONS

Mike Rule, Associate Minister

OFFERTORY HYMN 290

We plough the fields, and scatter

MOTET

A Gaelic Blessing - *Rutter*

POST COMMUNION HYMN 287

Praise and thanksgiving

Post Communion Prayer

Lord, we pray that your grace
may always precede and follow us,
and make us continually to be given to all good works;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

RECESSIONAL HYMN 650 Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father

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

Festal Evensong

See order of service

Officiant: Angela Jagger, Reader

Assisted by Mike Rule, Associate Minister

Churchwardens: April Rule and Serge Mozota

Sidespeople: Colin and Angela Stray

Servers: William Woolley and Hazel Carlin

INTROIT

*Oculi omnium in Te sperant Domine
et Tu das escam illorum in tempore opportuno.
Gloria Tibi Domine. Amen.*

Oculi Omnium – Wood

*The eyes of all wait upon thee, O Lord,
and thou givest them their meat in due season.
Glory to Thee, O Lord. Amen.*

HYMN 282

PRECES

PSALM 65

Come, ye thankful people, come

Smith

(See music sheet)

FIRST LESSON

Leviticus 25.1-7

read by Paul Jenkins

The Lord spoke to Moses on Mount Sinai, saying: ² Speak to the people of Israel and say to them: When you enter the land that I am giving you, the land shall observe a sabbath for the Lord. ³ For six years you shall sow your field, and for six years you shall prune your vineyard, and gather in their yield; ⁴ but in the seventh year there shall be a sabbath of complete rest for the land, a sabbath for the Lord: you shall not sow your field or prune your vineyard. ⁵ You shall not reap the aftergrowth of your harvest or gather the grapes of your unpruned vine: it shall be a year of complete rest for the land. ⁶ You may eat what the land yields during its

sabbath—you, your male and female slaves, your hired and your bound labourers who live with you; ⁷ for your livestock also, and for the wild animals in your land all its yield shall be for food.

OFFICE HYMN 284 For the fruits of all creation

MAGNIFICAT

Bairstow in D

Please remain seated but stand for the Gloria

SECOND LESSON John 6.1-15 *read by Ian Jones*

After this Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. ² A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. ³ Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. ⁴ Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. ⁵ When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming towards him, Jesus said to Philip, 'Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?' ⁶ He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. ⁷ Philip answered him, 'Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little.' ⁸ One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, ⁹ 'There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?' ¹⁰ Jesus said, 'Make the people sit down.' Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. ¹¹ Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. ¹² When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, 'Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost.' ¹³ So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. ¹⁴ When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, 'This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world.'

¹⁵ When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

NUNC DIMITTIS

Bairstow in D

Please remain seated but stand for the Gloria

RESPONSES

Smith

ANTHEM

Benedicite in G - Jackson

PRAYERS

Mike Rule, Associate Minister

HYMN 283

Fill your hearts with joy and gladness

SERMON

Angela Jagger, Reader

HYMN 289

To thee, O Lord, our hearts we raise

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

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Sunday 4th October St Francis of Assisi / Creationtide 5

08:30 **BCP Holy Communion** President: The Reverend Alan Hawker

10:30 **Sung Eucharist** President: The Reverend Alan Hawker
Readings: Galatians 6.14-18 and Luke 12.22-34

18:30 **Choral Evensong** Officiant: Sheila Roberts, Associate Minister
Readings: Leviticus 25.8-1 and Luke 17.11-19

The Week Ahead

Monday 28th

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

Wednesday 30th

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 1st

12:30 **Holy Communion** Common Worship, Order 1 (Traditional)
President: The Reverend Canon Philip Norwood
Assisted by Sheila Roberts, Associate Minister

Friday 2nd

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

Saturday 3rd

10.30 **Coffee Morning and Worship**
19.30 **A Requiem for Humankind**

Come and hear the premiere of a new work for Choir and Organ by local composer John Middleton, conducted by our own Director of Music.

Emma is also the Soprano soloist for Simon Mold's song cycle, accompanied by Simon Headley.

Tickets available online via trybooking.com/uk/GUNP and on the door.

In support of Leicestershire & Rutland Wildlife Trust

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.

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.

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.

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 - James Addison-Gutteridge - Organ

14th March 27 - Jude Richardson - Piano

11th April 27 - Castle Baroque Players
Chamber ensemble led by Seb Carrington



9th May 27 - Samuel Beddard & Jo Foote - Saxophone & Piano

13th June 27 - Phil Johnson - Organ

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
This episode marks the 65th anniversary of the programme.
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 28th September 9.15 am – 12.15 pm
Wednesday 30th September 9.15 am – 12.15 pm
Thursday 1st October 9.15 am – 12.15 pm