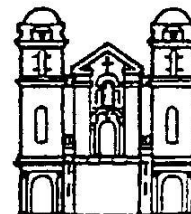


St James the Greater Leicester



4th OCTOBER 2026
ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI / CREATIONTIDE 5

Prayer for the Week

O God, you ever delight to reveal yourself
to the child-like and lowly of heart;
grant that, following the example of the blessed Francis,
we may count the wisdom of this world as foolishness
and know only Jesus Christ and him crucified,
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 : Mandy Stephensen : Mollie Drake : Kathryn Haynes :
Stephanie Crapper : Heather Jones : Margaret Clarke

Rest in peace

Anthony Green : Caroline Hough

This week's Chancel Steps flowers are sponsored by
Andrew Curry in memory of Wendie Stone.

Welcome to St James the Greater

08:30 Holy Communion in the Lady Chapel

Book of Common Prayer

President: The Reverend Alan Hawker

Assisted by: Phil Jones

Churchwarden: Julia Walker

A card reader donation machine is available.

10:30 Sung Eucharist

President: The Reverend Alan Hawker

Assisted by: Charles Samuel and Vicky Roe, Pastoral Assistant

Churchwarden: Serge Mozota

Sidesperson: David Pugh

Servers: Phil Jones, Tony Chizema and Charles Samuel

Setting: Byrd 4-part Mass

HYMN 532 (omit verses 4,5 and 6) All creatures of our God and King

GLORIA Missa Selwyniensis – Sarah Macdonald

READING Galatians 6.14-18 *read by Vicky Roe, Pastoral Assistant*

May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. ¹⁵ For neither circumcision nor uncircumcision is anything; but a new creation is everything! ¹⁶ As for those who will follow this rule—peace be upon them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God.

¹⁷ From now on, let no one make trouble for me; for I carry the marks of Jesus branded on my body.

¹⁸ May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brothers and sisters. Amen.

GRADUAL HYMN 157 i (omit verses 3 and 4) When I survey the wondrous cross

GOSPEL Luke 12.22-34

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. ³¹ Instead, strive for his kingdom, and these things will be given to you as well.

³² 'Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. ³³ Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. ³⁴ For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

SERMON

The Reverend Alan Hawker

INTERCESSIONS

The Reverend Alan Hawker

OFFERTORY HYMN 547

O Lord of every shining constellation

MOTET

Justorum animae in manu Dei sunt,
Et non tanget illos tormentum malitiae.
Visi sunt oculis insipientium mori,
Illi autem sunt in pace.

Justorum Animae – Stanford
The souls of the righteous are in God's hand,
and neither death nor evil shall torment them there.
In the eyes of the unwise they have died,
but they are at peace.

POST COMMUNION HYMN 725

Make me a channel of your peace

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 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

Choral Evensong

See order of service

Officiant: Sheila Roberts, Associate Minister

Churchwarden: Serge Mozota

Sidesperson: Andrew Curry

Servers: William Woolley and Hilary Rees

HYMN 826

PRECES

PSALM 136

Ye holy angels bright

Leighton

(See music sheet)

FIRST LESSON

Leviticus 25.8-19

read by Colin Stray

You shall count off seven weeks of years, seven times seven years, so that the period of seven weeks of years gives forty-nine years. ⁹ Then you shall have the trumpet sounded loud; on the tenth day of the seventh month—on the day of atonement—you shall have the trumpet sounded throughout all your land. ¹⁰ And you shall hallow the fiftieth year and you shall proclaim liberty throughout the land to all its inhabitants. It shall be a jubilee for you: you shall return, every one of you, to your property and every one of you to your family. ¹¹ That fiftieth year shall be a jubilee for you: you shall not sow, or reap the aftergrowth, or harvest the unpruned vines. ¹² For it is a jubilee; it shall be holy to you: you shall eat only what the field itself produces.

¹³ In this year of jubilee you shall return, every one of you, to your property.

¹⁴ When you make a sale to your neighbour or buy from your neighbour, you shall not cheat one another. ¹⁵ When you buy from your neighbour, you shall pay only for the number of years since the jubilee; the seller shall charge you only for the remaining crop-years. ¹⁶ If the years are more, you shall increase the price, and if the years are fewer, you shall diminish the price; for it is a certain number of harvests that are being sold to you. ¹⁷ You shall not cheat one another, but you shall fear your God; for I am the Lord your God.

¹⁸ You shall observe my statutes and faithfully keep my ordinances, so that you may live on the land securely. ¹⁹ The land will yield its fruit, and you will eat your fill and live on it securely.

MAGNIFICAT

Harwood in A flat

Please remain seated but stand for the Gloria

SECOND LESSON Luke 17.11-19

read by Angela Stray

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. ¹² As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, ¹³ they called out, saying, 'Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!' ¹⁴ When he saw them, he said to them, 'Go and show yourselves to the priests.' And as they went, they were made clean. ¹⁵ Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. ¹⁶ He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. ¹⁷ Then Jesus asked, 'Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they?' ¹⁸ Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?' ¹⁹ Then he said to him, 'Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well.'

NUNC DIMITTIS

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RESPONSES

Leighton

ANTHEM

O thou, the central orb - Wood

PRAYERS

Sheila Roberts, Associate Minister

HYMN 535 (Tune 314)

Creating God, we bring our song of praise

SERMON

Sheila Roberts, Associate Minister

HYMN 536

Creator God, the world around

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

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Sunday 11th October

19th Sunday after Trinity

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

10:30 Sung Eucharist

President: The Reverend Canon Matthew Bradbury
Readings: Philippians 4.1-9 and Matthew 22.1-14

18:30 Choral Evensong

Officiant: Mike Rule, Associate Minister
Readings: Proverbs 3.1-18 and 1 John 3.1-15

The Week Ahead

Monday 5th

10:30

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

Wednesday 7th

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 8th

12:30

Holy Communion Common Worship, Order 1 (Traditional)

President: The Reverend Liz Wilson

Assisted by Jenny Dnes

Friday 9th

16.30

Junior Choir rehearsal

19.00

Senior Choir rehearsal

THE SHELL deadline is Sunday 2nd November for contributions to the next edition. Please send content such as articles, book reviews or recommendations, recipes, notices, etc., to the church office by post or to Paul Jenkins at editor@stjamesthegreater.org.uk

RIDE & STRIDE Please let the Vicky Roe know as soon as possible of any sponsor money to come. Returns need to be made by 18th October.

ALL SOULS REQUIEM Please give names of those who have died in the last ten years to be remembered at this service on 1st November to the Vicar or the church office by Sunday 25th 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
Choral Evensong Sunday 6 pm Wednesday 3 pm Radio 3
Choral Evensong on Wednesday 7th October is from Westminster Abbey and marks the 100th anniversary of BBC Choral Evensong broadcasts.

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 5th October 9.15 am – 12.15 pm
Wednesday 7th October 9.15 am – 12.15 pm
Friday 9th October 9.15 am – 12.15 pm