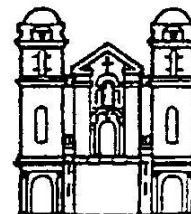


St James the Greater Leicester



11th OCTOBER 2026
19th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Prayer for the Week

O God, forasmuch as without you
we are not able to please you;
mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit
may in all things direct and rule our hearts;
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 : 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
Caroline Beardsmore in memory of Derek hole.

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: William Woolley

Churchwarden: Paul Jenkins

A card reader donation machine is available.

10:30 Sung Eucharist

President: The Reverend Canon Matthew Bradbury

Assisted by: Lucy Hutchinson and Angela Jagger, Reader

Churchwardens: April Rule and Serge Mozota

Sidesperson: Vacant

Servers: Emma Sutton, William Woolley and Lucy Hutchinson

Setting: Sumsion in F

HYMN 766 Praise, my soul, the King of heaven

GLORIA Lécot

READING Philippians 4.1-9 *read by Andy Judge*

Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

² I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. ³ Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.

⁴ Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵ Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. ⁶ Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

⁸ Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.

⁹ Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

GRADUAL HYMN 727 i May the mind of Christ my Saviour

GOSPEL Matthew 22.1-14

Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: ² ‘The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. ³ He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. ⁴ Again he sent other slaves, saying, “Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.” ⁵ But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, ⁶ while the rest seized his slaves, maltreated them, and killed them. ⁷ The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. ⁸ Then he said to his slaves, “The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. ⁹ Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.” ¹⁰ Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

¹¹ ‘But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, ¹² and he said to him, “Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?” And he was speechless. ¹³ Then the king said to the attendants, “Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.” ¹⁴ For many are called, but few are chosen.’

SERMON

The Reverend Canon Matthew Bradbury

INTERCESSIONS

Angela Jagger, Reader

OFFERTORY HYMN 806

There's a wideness in God's mercy

MOTET

The secret of Christ - *Shepherd*

POST COMMUNION HYMN 800 The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want

Post Communion Prayer

Holy and blessed God,
you have fed us with the body and blood of your Son
and filled us with your Holy Spirit:
may we honour you,
not only with our lips
but in lives dedicated to the service
of Jesus Christ our Lord.

RECESSIONAL HYMN 584 (omit verse 2)

**All my hope on God is
founded**

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: Mike Rule, Associate Minister

Churchwardens: April Rule and Serge Mozota

Sidesperson: Julia Warner

Servers: Duduzile Chizema and Val Bailey

HYMN 698 i

PRECES

PSALM 139.1-18

King of glory, King of peace

Forbes-L'Estrange

(See music sheet)

FIRST LESSON Proverbs 3.1-18 *read by Ian Jones*

My child, do not forget my teaching,

but let your heart keep my commandments;

² for length of days and years of life

and abundant welfare they will give you.

³ Do not let loyalty and faithfulness forsake you;

bind them round your neck,

write them on the tablet of your heart.

⁴ So you will find favour and good repute

in the sight of God and of people.

⁵ Trust in the Lord with all your heart,

and do not rely on your own insight.

⁶ In all your ways acknowledge him,

and he will make straight your paths.

⁷ Do not be wise in your own eyes;

fear the Lord, and turn away from evil.

⁸ It will be a healing for your flesh

and a refreshment for your body.

⁹ Honour the Lord with your substance

and with the first fruits of all your produce;

¹⁰ then your barns will be filled with plenty,

and your vats will be bursting with wine.

¹¹ My child, do not despise the Lord's discipline
or be weary of his reproof,

¹² for the Lord reproves the one he loves,
as a father the son in whom he delights.

¹³ Happy are those who find wisdom,
and those who get understanding,

¹⁴ for her income is better than silver,
and her revenue better than gold.

¹⁵ She is more precious than jewels,
and nothing you desire can compare with her.

¹⁶ Long life is in her right hand;
in her left hand are riches and honour.

¹⁷ Her ways are ways of pleasantness,
and all her paths are peace.

¹⁸ She is a tree of life to those who lay hold of her;
those who hold her fast are called happy.

MAGNIFICAT

St Paul's Service - *Howells*

Please remain seated but stand for the Gloria

SECOND LESSON I John 3.1-15 *read by Andrew Curry*

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ² Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. ³ And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

⁴ Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. ⁵ You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. ⁶ No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. ⁷ Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous. ⁸ Everyone who commits sin is a child of the devil; for the devil has been sinning from the beginning. The Son of God was revealed for this purpose, to destroy the works of the devil. ⁹ Those who have been born of God do not sin, because God's seed abides in them; they cannot sin, because they have been born of God. ¹⁰ The children of God and the children of the devil are revealed in this way: all who do not do what is right are not from God, nor are those who do not love their brothers and sisters.

¹¹ For this is the message you have heard from the beginning, that we should love one another. ¹² We must not be like Cain who was from the evil one and murdered his brother. And why did he murder him? Because his own deeds were evil and his brother's righteous. ¹³ Do not be astonished, brothers and sisters, that

the world hates you. ¹⁴ We know that we have passed from death to life because we love one another. Whoever does not love abides in death. ¹⁵ All who hate a brother or sister are murderers, and you know that murderers do not have eternal life abiding in them.

NUNC DIMITTIS

St Paul's Service - *Howells*

Please remain seated but stand for the Gloria

RESPONSES

Forbes-L'Estrange

ANTHEM

God so loved the world - *Chilcott*

PRAYERS

Mike Rule, Associate Minister

HYMN 653

Happy are they, they that love God

SERMON

Mike Rule, Associate Minister

HYMN 714 (Tune 713) Lord of all power, I give you my will

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

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Sunday 18th October

20th Sunday after Trinity

08:30 **Holy Communion** President: The Reverend Canon Philip Norwood

10:30 **Choral Mattins**

Officiant: Angela Jagger, Reader

Readings: Proverbs 4.1-18 and 1 John 3.16-4.6

18:30 **Sung Eucharist**

President: The Reverend Canon Dr Stephen Foster

Readings: 1 Thessalonians 1.1-10 and Matthew 22.15-22

ALL SOULS REQUIEM - SUNDAY 1st NOVEMBER

Each year at our All Souls Requiem service we remember by name those who have died and we wish to be remembered. Please pass on the names of those who have died within the last 10 years who you wish to be remembered at this service to the Vicar or the church office by Sunday 25th October. There will also be an opportunity for you to light a candle and personally offer any other names to God in a moment of silent reflection as part of this service.

The Week Ahead

Monday 12th

10:30

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

Wednesday 14th

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: L6WRmc

Thursday 15th

12:30

Holy Communion Common Worship, Order 1 (Traditional)

President: The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar

Assisted by Sheila Roberts, Associate Minister

19.30

St James Singers Rehearsal

Friday 16th

16.30

Junior Choir rehearsal

19.00

Senior Choir rehearsal

Saturday 17th

19.00

Leicester Philharmonic Choir Concert

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.

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.

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 12th October 9.30 am – 12.30 pm
Wednesday 14th October 1.30 pm – 4.30 pm