

39/23



This week at the Church of
St James the Greater
Leicester

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24th SEPTEMBER 2023
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

Gwen Leather : Marilyn Dorum :
Margaret Norman : Mollie Drake : Anne Sylvester
and all those currently unable to attend services.

Those who are unwell and who are recovering

Mark Sadler : Ann Blanchard : Anthony Green :
Josephine Chizema : Gillian Boorne :
Rod Eynon-Baldock : Nina French : Sara King : Rachel Bentley :
Nicola Shilton : Mandy Stephensen : Margaret Clarke :
Jean Warren : Andrew King

Rest in Peace

Peter Relph – Funeral on Friday 29th September at 10:00 am at South
Leicestershire Crematorium

Charles Derick Horsfall - Funeral on Friday 6th October at 11.00 am in St. James.

Welcome to St James the Greater

08:30

Holy Communion

Common Worship Order I (Traditional)

President: The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar

Assisted by: Lin Mawer

Churchwarden: Paul Jenkins

A card reader donation machine is available at the back of church.

10.30

Harvest All Age Eucharist

See order of service

President: The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar

Assisted by: David Kibert

Churchwardens: April Rule and Janet Burton

Servers: William Woolley, Hazel Carlin and David Kibert

Sidesperson: Sue Ingle

Setting: Darke in F

HYMN 282

GLORIA

Come, ye thankful people, come

Darke in F

READING Deuteronomy 28.1-14

read by David Kibert

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; ²all 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. ⁸The 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. ⁹The 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. ¹⁰All the peoples of the earth shall see that you are called by the name of the LORD, and they shall be afraid of you. ¹¹The 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. ¹²The 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. ¹³The 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, ¹⁴and 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.

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. ¹⁷And he thought to himself, “What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?” ¹⁸Then 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. ¹⁹And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.” ²⁰But 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?” ²¹So 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. ²³For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. ²⁴Consider 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! ²⁵And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? ²⁶If then you are not able to do so small a thing as that, why do you worry about the rest? ²⁷Consider 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. ²⁸But 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! ²⁹And do not keep striving for what you are to eat and what you are to drink, and do not keep worrying. ³⁰For it is the nations of the world that strive after all these things, and your Father knows that you need them.

SERMON

The Reverend Andrew Quigley

INTERCESSIONS

The Reverend Andrew Quigley

OFFERTORY HYMN 290

We plough the fields, and scatter

ANTHEM

For the beauty of the earth - Rutter

Please remember that intinction (dipping the bread in the wine) is not permitted due to the infection risk. If you do not wish to drink from the chalice, please receive the bread only (which is still full and valid communion).

POST COMMUNION HYMN 287

Praise and thanksgiving

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 284

For the fruits of all creation

ORGAN VOLUNTARY: *Please be aware of those remaining to listen.*

A card reader donation machine is available at the back of church.

Everyone is invited for refreshments after the service.

18:30

Choral Evensong

See order of service

Officiant: Dr. Angela Jagger

Churchwardens: Simon Edwards and April Rule

Sidespeople: Colin and Angela Stray

Servers: Sara King, Michael Bull and Rod Eynon-Baldock

HYMN 282

Come, ye thankful people, come

CONFESSION

see white service card

PRECES

Ayleward

PSALM 65

see music sheet

FIRST LESSON Leviticus 19.9-10, 33-34

read by Lydia Lopez

When you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not reap to the very edges of your field, or gather the gleanings of your harvest. ¹⁰You shall not strip your

vineyard bare, or gather the fallen grapes of your vineyard; you shall leave them for the poor and the alien: I am the LORD your God.

³³ When an alien resides with you in your land, you shall not oppress the alien. ³⁴ The alien who resides with you shall be to you as the citizen among you; you shall love the alien as yourself, for you were aliens in the land of Egypt: I am the LORD your God.

HYMN 553 (Tune 287)

Touch the earth lightly

MAGNIFICAT

Sung by the choir – *Howells' Collegium Regale*

Please remain seated but stand for the Gloria

SECOND LESSON 2 Corinthians 9.6-11

read by Michael Bull

The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. ⁷ Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. ⁸ And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. ⁹ As it is written,

'He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor;
his righteousness endures for ever.'

¹⁰ He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. ¹¹ You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us;

NUNC DIMITTIS

Dyson in C minor – see separate sheet

THE CREED

see white service card, p. 3

RESPONSES

Ayleward

ANTHEM

The heavens are telling - Haydn

PRAYERS

Dr. Angela Jagger

HYMN 283

Fill your hearts with joy and gladness

SERMON

Dr. Angela Jagger

HYMN 289

To thee, O Lord, our hearts we raise

ORGAN VOLUNTARY – Scherzo by Eugène Gigout (1844-1925)

Please be aware of those remaining to listen.

A card reader donation machine is available at the back of church.

The Vicar Writes When the Church of England first recognized Harvest celebrations in 1862 industrialization meant that many had already lost contact with the land and its riches. Now more urgently than ever we need to reforge that connection to the natural world, not as a mere larder or factory, but as a sign of God's endless generosity.



The Week Ahead

Tuesday - Friday

08.00 Morning Prayer in church

Wednesday 27th :

19.30 **St James Youth Group** (Undercroft)

21.00 **Compline** via Zoom. To join, please use the link

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81259880030?pwd=TG9JbmJzUW56VmFrMmJxdDJBTjBTHFNQT09>

Meeting ID: 812 5988 0030 Passcode: u7iqca

Thursday 28th :

10.30 **Holy Communion** Common Worship, Order 1 (traditional)

President: The Reverend Andrew Quigley. Assisted by: Janet Burton

11.00 Coffee Drop-In at the back of the Church

19.30 PCC Meeting (Ashman Room)

Friday 29th :

16.30 Junior Choir. 18.15 Chorister Training. 18.45 Full Choir Rehearsal.

19.00 Bible Discussion via Zoom. To join, please use the link or codes below:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83054314360?pwd=RU4yUzhVSnpSajZHanBZYU93K3pOdz09>

Meeting ID: 830 5431 4360 Passcode: 922881

Sunday Next - Creationtide 5, St Francis

08.30 **Holy Communion**

President: The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar

10.30 **Sung Eucharist**

President: The Reverend Andrew Quigley

Readings: Galatians 6.14-end and Luke 9.57-end

17.00 **Choral Evensong**

Officiant: The Reverend Andrew Quigley

(Please note change of time)

Readings: Philippians 3.7-14 and Acts 4.32-35

PLEASE NOTE On Sunday 1st October, there will be road closures around the area for the Leicester half marathon - please plan your journey carefully!

FORTHCOMING CONCERT The next concert by Knighton Chamber Orchestra is **today** at 3.00 pm in St James. Music to include Bach's 'Brandenburg Concerto No.1', and music by Handel including 'Arrival of the Queen of Sheba', 'Organ Concerto in B-flat (Organist: Simon Headley), Music for the Royal Fireworks and more. Tickets are £5 and available on the door by cash or card. Refreshments served during the interval.

BE A CHORISTER FOR A DAY A free workshop day for anyone who would like to see what it's like to be a church chorister! Sunday 1st October 2023 2.00pm-6.00pm, including Choral Evensong at 5.00pm. Join a singing workshop, explore the organ, chat with the current choristers and enjoy refreshments. If you know someone who might be interested, particularly of primary or secondary school age, please let them know. Adults can also come a little later and sing Evensong. Please email Emma to sign up: dom@stjamesthegreater.org.uk

ST MARY'S NEWARK A delegation from our Senior Choir had a lovely time singing Evensong at St Mary's in Newark last Sunday where they received a warm welcome and amazing cakes! The choirs joined forces to sing music by Stanford, Leighton and 'Greater Love' by Ireland. It is wonderful to have created a link with a similar church choir in the Midlands. We hope they will come to St James to sing Evensong with us next term.



CHORISTER SUCCESS Congratulations to our Organ Scholar and member of the Senior Choir bass section, Nicholas Friedesdorff, who has passed his Piano Diploma which he took in July this year. This is an incredible achievement for someone so young (Nicholas is only 14). Well done, Nicholas!

JUNIOR CHOIR Our Junior Choir meets on Fridays 4.30 pm-5.30 pm and welcomes children of primary age. They will sing roughly once a month at Sunday services to begin with, for which they will even earn a bit of pocket money! The choir is free to join, there are no auditions and the boys and girls will sing in our supportive and inclusive church environment. If you know of a child of primary school age who might be interested, or are willing to help at the choir, please get in touch with Emma Trounson: DoM@stjamesthegreater.org.uk.

RIDE & STRIDE Thanks to all who helped on Saturday 9th September. We had about 21 visitors. Please let the office know of any sponsor money to come.

ST. JAMES' YOUTH GROUP Meeting alternate Wednesdays from 7:30-9pm. All young people in school years 8-13 are welcome to join us for games, food and a short discussion based on a Bible passage. See fliers on back tables at church. The next Youth Group will meet on **Wednesday 27th September**, and not on 4th October.

JOURNEY IN FAITH COURSE There is still time to sign up for the **Journey in Faith** course.

Who can join? It is open to anyone - there is some reading to do between sessions, but you don't need to have done any studying before.

Is there a cost? £40 per term to cover venue hire and materials, but speak to us if this is a barrier.

How do I join a course? For more information contact Liz Rawlings (liz.rawlings@leicestercofe.org). To register email Claire Stapleton (claire.stapleton@leicestercofe.org) stating your preferred group.

What does a previous participant say? "If you want to know more about yourself and your Christian faith, then JiF is the course for you."

Resources for Home Worship

Broadcast Media

Daily Service	Monday – Friday at 9.45am	Radio 4 LW
Choral Evensong	Sunday at 3 pm and Wednesday at 4 pm	Radio 3
Sunday Worship	Sunday at 8.10 am	Radio 4
Songs of Praise	Sunday at 1.15 pm	BBC 1

Online at www.churchofengland.org and www.leicestercathedral.org

DAILY HOPE TELEPHONE SERVICE Freephone 0800 804 8044

This offers music, prayers and reflections as well as full worship services from the Church of England at the end of a telephone line.

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