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**This week at the Church of
St James the Greater
Leicester**

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**8th OCTOBER 2023
Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity**

Prayer for the Week

Almighty and everlasting God,
increase in us your gift of faith
that, forsaking what lies behind
and reaching out to that which is before,
we may run the way of your commandments
and win the crown of everlasting joy;
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 : Michael Bull

Rest in Peace

Charles Derick Horsfall (93)

*The Commemorative Flowers this week have been kindly given by Andrew Curry in
memory of Wendie Stone.*

Welcome to St James the Greater

08:30 Holy Communion in the Lady Chapel

Common Worship Order I (Traditional)

President: The Reverend Philip Norwood

Assisted by: Janet Burton

Churchwarden: Paul Jenkins

A card reader donation machine is available.

10:30

Sung Eucharist

See order of service

President: The Reverend Canon Dr Stephen Foster

Assisted by: Lucy Hutchinson and Vicky Roe

Churchwardens: Simon Edwards and Janet Burton

Servers: Lucy Hutchinson, William Simpey and William Woolley

Setting: Bruckner in F

HYMN 608

Christ is our corner-stone

GLORIA

Jones

READING Philippians 3.4b-14 *read by Phil Jones*

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: ⁵circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

⁷ Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. ⁸More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. ¹⁰I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, ¹¹if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

¹² Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. ¹³Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴I press on towards the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

GRADUAL HYMN 743

O God beyond all praising

GOSPEL Matthew 21.33-46

'Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watch-tower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. ³⁴When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. ³⁵But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. ³⁶Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. ³⁷Finally he sent his son to them, saying, "They will respect my son." ³⁸But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, "This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance." ³⁹So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. ⁴⁰Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?' ⁴¹They said to him, 'He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time.'

⁴² Jesus said to them, 'Have you never read in the scriptures:

"The stone that the builders rejected

has become the cornerstone;

this was the Lord's doing,

and it is amazing in our eyes"?

⁴³Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. ⁴⁴The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.'

⁴⁵ When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. ⁴⁶They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

SERMON

The Reverend Canon Dr Stephen Foster

INTERCESSIONS

The Reverend Canon Dr Stephen Foster

OFFERTORY HYMN 828

Ye that know the Lord is gracious

ANTHEM

The secret of Christ - Shephard

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 439

Dearest Jesu, we are here

Post Communion Prayer

We praise and thank you, O Christ, for this sacred feast:
for here we receive you,
here the memory of your passion is renewed,
here our minds are filled with grace,
and here a pledge of future glory is given,
when we shall feast at that table where you reign
with all your saints for ever.

RECESSIONAL HYMN 584

**All my hope on God is founded
(omit verse 2)**

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: Angela Jagger

Churchwardens: Simon Edwards and April Rule

Servers: Val Bailey and William Woolley

HYMN 698 i

King of glory, King of peace

CONFESSION

see white service card

PRECES

Smith

PSALM 136.1-9

(see music sheet)

FIRST LESSON Proverbs 2.1-11

read by Ian Jones

My child, if you accept my words

and treasure up my commandments within you,

² making your ear attentive to wisdom

and inclining your heart to understanding;

³ if you indeed cry out for insight,

and raise your voice for understanding;

⁴ if you seek it like silver,

and search for it as for hidden treasures—

⁵ then you will understand the fear of the LORD

and find the knowledge of God.

- ⁶ For the LORD gives wisdom;
from his mouth come knowledge and understanding;
⁷ he stores up sound wisdom for the upright;
he is a shield to those who walk blamelessly,
⁸ guarding the paths of justice
and preserving the way of his faithful ones.
⁹ Then you will understand righteousness and justice
and equity, every good path;
¹⁰ for wisdom will come into your heart,
and knowledge will be pleasant to your soul;
¹¹ prudence will watch over you;
and understanding will guard you.

HYMN 651 (Tune 340 i)

Great Shepherd of thy people, hear

MAGNIFICAT

Song of Mary - Shephard

SECOND LESSON | John 2.1-17 *read by Andrew Curry*

My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; ²and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

³ Now by this we may be sure that we know him, if we obey his commandments. ⁴Whoever says, 'I have come to know him', but does not obey his commandments, is a liar, and in such a person the truth does not exist; ⁵but whoever obeys his word, truly in this person the love of God has reached perfection. By this we may be sure that we are in him: ⁶whoever says, 'I abide in him', ought to walk just as he walked.

⁷ Beloved, I am writing you no new commandment, but an old commandment that you have had from the beginning; the old commandment is the word that you have heard. ⁸Yet I am writing you a new commandment that is true in him and in you, because the darkness is passing away and the true light is already shining. ⁹Whoever says, 'I am in the light', while hating a brother or sister, is still in the darkness. ¹⁰Whoever loves a brother or sister lives in the light, and in such a person there is no cause for stumbling. ¹¹But whoever hates another believer is in the darkness, walks in the darkness, and does not know the way to go, because the darkness has brought on blindness.

¹² I am writing to you, little children,
because your sins are forgiven on account of his name.

¹³ I am writing to you, fathers,

because you know him who is from the beginning.
I am writing to you, young people,
because you have conquered the evil one.
¹⁴ I write to you, children,
because you know the Father.
I write to you, fathers,
because you know him who is from the beginning.
I write to you, young people,
because you are strong
and the word of God abides in you,
and you have overcome the evil one.

¹⁵ Do not love the world or the things in the world. The love of the Father is not in those who love the world; ¹⁶for all that is in the world—the desire of the flesh, the desire of the eyes, the pride in riches—comes not from the Father but from the world. ¹⁷And the world and its desire are passing away, but those who do the will of God live for ever.

NUNC DIMITTIS

Remain sitting then stand for the Gloria

THE CREED

RESPONSES

ANTHEM

PRAYERS

HYMN 653

SERMON

HYMN 714 (Tune 713)

Collegium Regale by Howells

see white service card, p. 3

Smith

Laudate Dominum - Pitoni

Angela Jagger

Happy are they, they that love God

Angela Jagger

Lord of all power, I give you my will

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

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The Vicar Writes

Our readings today concern gains and losses – metaphorical vineyards and stumbling blocks. The dismay of the Pharisees at Jesus' pointed parable mirrors perfectly the assurance of Paul. Getting what we want, or what we think we want if probably harder than we think. Discovering what God wants may be more fruitful.



The Week Ahead

Tuesday - Friday

08:00 Morning Prayer in the Lady Chapel

Monday 9th

14.30 House Group online. E-mail A.F.Jagger@dunelm.org.uk for the link

Wednesday 11th

19:30 **St James Youth Group** in the Undercroft

21:00 **Compline** via Zoom. To join, please use the link

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81259880030?pwd=TG9JbmJzUWV56VmFrMmJxdDJBTHFNQT09>

Meeting ID: 812 5988 0030 Passcode: u7iqca

Thursday 12th

10:30 **Holy Communion** Common Worship, Order 1 (traditional)

President: The Reverend Andrew Quigley. Assisted by: Lin Mawer

11:00 Coffee Drop-In at the back of the Church

Friday 13th

16:30 Junior Choir. 18.15 Chorister Training. 18.45 Full Choir Rehearsal.

Sunday 15th October Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity

08:30 **Holy Communion**

President: The Reverend Andrew Quigley

10:30 **Sung Eucharist**

President: The Reverend Andrew Quigley

Readings: Philippians 4.1-9 and Matthew 22.1-14

18:30 **Taizé-style service**

Officiant: Sheila Roberts

Readings: Proverbs 3.1-18 and 1 John 3.1-15

LEICESTER THEOLOGICAL SOCIETY The next LTS Lecture is on Friday 13th October at 7.30 pm in the Frassati Centre, Holy Cross Priory, Wellington Street. **'Was Schleiermacher's Pneumatology Unitarian?'** The speaker is The Reverend Robin Hanford (*Minister, Hinckley Unitarians*). The meeting is also available on Zoom. If you'd like the link, you need to sign up at least three days in advance using the form on the website: <https://sites.google.com/view/leicester-theological-society/home>

A TAIZÉ-STYLE SERVICE will replace Evensong on Sunday 15th October. It will be led by the Vicar and Sheila Roberts. All are welcome to attend.

YOUTH-LED SERVICE Sunday 29th October 10:30. On Sunday 29th October the St James Youth Group are going to be leading the morning Eucharist, through the welcome, readings, sermon and prayers. Please do come and support them - it would be great to have a large turnout. Refreshments will be served after the service.

ALL SOULS REQUIEM Please give names of those to be remembered at this service, on 5th November at 6.30 pm, to the Vicar or the church office by Sunday 29th October.

THE SHELL The deadline for contributions to the next edition of 'The Shell' is Sunday 5th November. Please send items for inclusion to the church office by post or E-mail to Paul Jenkins at editor@stjamesthegreater.org.uk

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.

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 11th October**.

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 12.10 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. The line – which is available 24 hours a day on 0800 804 8044 – has been set up particularly with those unable to join online church services in mind. This is a Freephone number.

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