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This week at the Church of
St James the Greater
Leicester

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19th NOVEMBER 2023
2nd SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT

Prayer for the Week

Heavenly Father,
whose blessed Son was revealed
to destroy the works of the devil
and to make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life:
grant that we, having this hope,
may purify ourselves even as he is pure;
that when he shall appear in power and great glory
we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom;
where he 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 :
Mollie Drake : Anne Sylvester : Nina French : Anthony Green :
Gillian Boorne : Josephine Chizema : Ann Blanchard
and all those currently unable to attend services.

Those who are unwell and who are recovering

Mark Sadler : Nicola Shilton
Mandy Stephensen : Jean Warren : Michael Bull : Revd David Clark

Rest in Peace

Rosemary Freer (92) Funeral on Tuesday 21st November at 12.30 at Great Glen
Crematorium

David Brunning (80) Service of Thanksgiving on Saturday 25th November at
11.00 am in St. James.

Margaret Norman (98)

The Commemorative Flowers this week have been kindly given by Jo and Pete Durham in loving memory of Suzanne, a greatly missed mum and wife.

Welcome to St James the Greater

08:30 Holy Communion in the Lady Chapel

Common Worship Order One (Traditional)

President: The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar

Assisted by: Sheila Roberts

Churchwarden: Paul Jenkins

A card reader donation machine is available.

10:30

Sung Eucharist

See order of service

President: The Reverend Andrew Quigley

Assisted by: Vicky Roe and Margaet Sharman

Churchwardens: Simon Edwards and Janet Burton

Servers: William Simpey, Charles Samuel and William Woolley

Sidesperson: David Sharman

Setting: Mass of the Quiet Hour - Oldroyd

**HYMN 7
GLORIA**

**This is the day the Lord hath made
Jones**

READING | Thessalonians 5.1-11 *read by Ian Jones*

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. ²For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. ³When they say, 'There is peace and security', then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labour pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! ⁴But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; ⁵for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. ⁶So then, let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; ⁷for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. ⁸But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. ⁹For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁰who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. ¹¹Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

GRADUAL HYMN 51 The Lord will come and not be slow

GOSPEL Matthew 25.14-30

'For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; ¹⁵to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. ¹⁶The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. ¹⁷In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. ¹⁸But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. ¹⁹After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. ²⁰Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, "Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents." ²¹His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master." ²²And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, "Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents." ²³His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master." ²⁴Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, "Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; ²⁵so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours." ²⁶But his master replied, "You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? ²⁷Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. ²⁸So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. ²⁹For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. ³⁰As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

SERMON

The Reverend Andrew Quigley

INTERCESSIONS

Chiara Steed

OFFERTORY HYMN 648 ii

God of grace and God of glory

ANTHEM

Cantique de Jean Racine - Fauré

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 Prayer

Gracious Lord,
in this holy sacrament
you give substance to our hope:
bring us at the last
to that fullness of life for which we long;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

RECESSIONAL HYMN 652

Guide me, O thou great Redeemer

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 Phil Jones

Sidespeople: Colin and Angela Stray

HYMN 17

CONFESSION

PRECES

PSALM 89.19-37

Hail, gladdening light

see white service card

Ayleward

(see music sheet)

FIRST LESSON | Kings 1.15-40

read by Jennifer Clegg

So Bathsheba went to the king in his room. The king was very old; Abishag the Shunammite was attending the king. ¹⁶Bathsheba bowed and did obeisance to the king, and the king said, 'What do you wish?' ¹⁷She said to him, 'My lord, you swore to your servant by the LORD your God, saying: Your son Solomon shall succeed me as king, and he shall sit on my throne. ¹⁸But now suddenly Adonijah has become king, though you, my lord the king, do not know it. ¹⁹He has sacrificed oxen, fatted cattle, and sheep in abundance, and has invited all the children of the king, the priest Abiathar, and Joab the commander of the army; but your servant Solomon he has not invited. ²⁰But you, my lord the king—the eyes of all Israel are

on you to tell them who shall sit on the throne of my lord the king after him. ²¹Otherwise it will come to pass, when my lord the king sleeps with his ancestors, that my son Solomon and I will be counted offenders.'

²² While she was still speaking with the king, the prophet Nathan came in. ²³The king was told, 'Here is the prophet Nathan.' When he came in before the king, he did obeisance to the king, with his face to the ground. ²⁴Nathan said, 'My lord the king, have you said, "Adonijah shall succeed me as king, and he shall sit on my throne"? ²⁵For today he has gone down and has sacrificed oxen, fatted cattle, and sheep in abundance, and has invited all the king's children, Joab the commander of the army, and the priest Abiathar, who are now eating and drinking before him, and saying, "Long live King Adonijah!" ²⁶But he did not invite me, your servant, and the priest Zadok, and Benaiah son of Jehoiada, and your servant Solomon. ²⁷Has this thing been brought about by my lord the king and you have not let your servants know who should sit on the throne of my lord the king after him?'

²⁸ King David answered, 'Summon Bathsheba to me.' So she came into the king's presence, and stood before the king. ²⁹The king swore, saying, 'As the LORD lives, who has saved my life from every adversity, ³⁰as I swore to you by the LORD, the God of Israel, "Your son Solomon shall succeed me as king, and he shall sit on my throne in my place", so will I do this day.' ³¹Then Bathsheba bowed with her face to the ground, and did obeisance to the king, and said, 'May my lord King David live for ever!'

³² King David said, 'Summon to me the priest Zadok, the prophet Nathan, and Benaiah son of Jehoiada.' When they came before the king, ³³the king said to them, 'Take with you the servants of your lord, and have my son Solomon ride on my own mule, and bring him down to Gihon. ³⁴There let the priest Zadok and the prophet Nathan anoint him king over Israel; then blow the trumpet, and say, "Long live King Solomon!" ³⁵You shall go up following him. Let him enter and sit on my throne; he shall be king in my place; for I have appointed him to be ruler over Israel and over Judah.' ³⁶Benaiah son of Jehoiada answered the king, 'Amen! May the LORD, the God of my lord the king, so ordain. ³⁷As the LORD has been with my lord the king, so may he be with Solomon, and make his throne greater than the throne of my lord King David.'

³⁸ So the priest Zadok, the prophet Nathan, and Benaiah son of Jehoiada, and the Cherethites and the Pelethites, went down and had Solomon ride on King David's mule, and led him to Gihon. ³⁹There the priest Zadok took the horn of oil from the tent and anointed Solomon. Then they blew the trumpet, and all the people said, 'Long live King Solomon!' ⁴⁰And all the people went up following him, playing on pipes and rejoicing with great joy, so that the earth quaked at their noise.

HYMN 658
MAGNIFICAT

Help us, O Lord, to learn
Collegium Regale – Herbert Howells

Remain sitting then stand for the Gloria

SECOND LESSON Revelation 1.4-18 *read by Brenda Thompson*

John to the seven churches that are in Asia:

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, ⁵and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, ⁶and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

⁷ Look! He is coming with the clouds;

every eye will see him,
even those who pierced him;

and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail.
So it is to be. Amen.

⁸ 'I am the Alpha and the Omega', says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

⁹ I, John, your brother who share with you in Jesus the persecution and the kingdom and the patient endurance, was on the island called Patmos because of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus. ¹⁰I was in the spirit on the Lord's day, and I heard behind me a loud voice like a trumpet ¹¹saying, 'Write in a book what you see and send it to the seven churches, to Ephesus, to Smyrna, to Pergamum, to Thyatira, to Sardis, to Philadelphia, and to Laodicea.'

¹² Then I turned to see whose voice it was that spoke to me, and on turning I saw seven golden lampstands, ¹³and in the midst of the lampstands I saw one like the Son of Man, clothed with a long robe and with a golden sash across his chest. ¹⁴His head and his hair were white as white wool, white as snow; his eyes were like a flame of fire, ¹⁵his feet were like burnished bronze, refined as in a furnace, and his voice was like the sound of many waters. ¹⁶In his right hand he held seven stars, and from his mouth came a sharp, two-edged sword, and his face was like the sun shining with full force.

¹⁷ When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. But he placed his right hand on me, saying, 'Do not be afraid; I am the first and the last, ¹⁸and the living one. I was dead, and see, I am alive for ever and ever; and I have the keys of Death and of Hades.

NUNC DIMITTIS

Collegium Regale – Herbert Howells

Remain sitting then stand for the Gloria

THE CREED

see white service card, p. 3

RESPONSES

Ferial

ANTHEM

O taste and see – R. Vaughan Williams

PRAYERS

Angela Jagger

HYMN 362

Come, let us join our cheerful songs

SERMON

Angela Jagger

HYMN 610

Christ is the world's true light

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Please be aware of those remaining to listen.

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

The Vicar Writes An impending deadline, especially an impending disaster can be paralysing. Many environmental activists feel unable to do anything as climate catastrophe unfolds. We understand the slave who panics and just buries the money. But withdrawal or surrender are not options – we must not let the perfect be the enemy of the good. In faith, and in the power of the Spirit we must simply endeavour to do the next right thing.



The Week Ahead

Tuesday 21st to Friday 24th

08:00 **Morning Prayer** - Lady Chapel

Wednesday 22nd

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 23rd

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

President: The Reverend Jane Sharp Assisted by: Vicky Roe

11:00 **Coffee Drop-In** - back of Church

Friday 24th

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

Sunday 26th November

Christ the King

08:30 **Holy Communion**

10:30 **Sung Eucharist**

18:30 **Choral Evensong**

President: The Reverend Philip Norwood

President: The Reverend Andrew Quigley

Readings: Ephesians 1.15-23 and Matthew 25.31-46

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Readings: 2 Samuel 23.1-7 and Matthew 28.16-20

David Brunning

Dee and family have been touched and grateful for all the tributes they have received already from friends at St James. David requested that there should be a family funeral service and cremation on a Friday followed by a Service of Celebration and Thanksgiving the next day. This will be held in Church at 11 a.m. on Saturday, 25th November, followed by refreshments in the lower hall. We are expecting a lot of people at this service as David had a wide group of contacts from the various aspects of his life and we shall be pleased for friends from Church to join us. It would help us with the planning if those hoping to come could email our son, Matthew, at mdb@no5.com

'CARING AT CHRISTMAS' CAROL SERVICE On Sunday 10th December 2023, from 7.30pm-9.00pm, we are hosting a Community Carol Service in collaboration with Dave Andrews DL and in the presence of the Lord-Lieutenant of Leicestershire, the Lord Mayor of Leicester and the High Sheriff of Leicestershire. With choirs, brass band, handbell ringers, soloists and celebrity readers, we will hear the Christmas story through the theme of Caring in the Community. There's something for everyone with a variety of styles of music and well-known carols to sing along with, so invite your family, friends and neighbours! This year, our chosen charity is LOROS and there will be festive refreshments after the service, supported by the Co-op. Free tickets are available from trybooking.co.uk/CUSY, or you can scan the QR code (above) on your smart phone to find this page.



PARISH LEAFLETS The Advent and Christmas leaflets are ready in labelled packs at the back of church to be delivered to every home in the Parish. If you can help with this task, please take one or more bundles, so they can all be distributed by Advent Sunday 3rd December. Many hands make light work.

FORTHCOMING CONCERTS

Saturday 2nd December at 7.30 pm. Ex Cathedra perform Christmas Music by Candlelight. Booking is via the Curve box office

<https://www.curveonline.co.uk/whats-on/shows/christmas-music-by-candlelight-3/book/272601>

Saturday 9th December at 7.30 pm. Leicester Bach Choir perform Handel's 'Messiah'. Tickets from Eventbrite or choir members. Tickets are cheaper if purchased in advance.

Wednesday 13th December at 7.30 pm. Ratby Cooperative Band – 'Christmas Brass & Voices'. Tickets £10 from www.ratbyband.com or on the door.

Thursday 14th December at 7.30 pm. Leicester Philharmonic Choir Carol Concert. Tickets £15 or £10 (to include wine and mince pies) available on the door or <https://thephil.org.uk/concerts/>

Saturday 16th December at 7.00 pm. City of Leicester Singers Carol Concert. Supporting Parkinson UK. Tickets £12, under 16s free. Tickets from choir members, at the door or www.cityofleicestersingers.co.uk

Sunday 17th December at 3.00 pm. BabyGigs: The Three and a Half Kings. Tickets: Adults £7, Children over 12 months: £5 (Babies under 1 year are free). Tickets are available here: <https://www.tickettailor.com/events/babygigs>

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 in the Undercroft on **Wednesday 29th November**.

STEWARDS FOR CONCERTS Help is needed with providing stewards for forthcoming concerts in December, to ensure the safety of those attending. In particular, volunteers are required for:

Saturday	2 nd December	7.30 pm	Ex-Cathedra (stewards required 6.30-10pm)
Sunday	10 th December	7.30 pm	Community Carols (stewards required 6.30-10pm)
Sunday	17 th December	3.00 pm	BabyGigs Concert (stewards required 2.30-4.30pm)

PLEASE SIGN UP ON THE FORM AT THE BACK OF CHURCH – THANK YOU

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. Being a chorister means getting a free music education. From the moment they start school onwards children can be part of an organisation where they will improve their singing voice, learn to read music, develop their confidence, work as a team with other children, perform at a high level with teenagers and adults and make friends for life. 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.

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 1.30 pm	BBC I

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.

Some of the options have been changed and are detailed below:

- * A special message from the Archbishop of Canterbury Justin Welby.
- # Sleep Well – four reflections before bedtime.
- 1. Hymns we love – one each day with a spoken reflection based on it.
- 2. Hymn line – favourite hymns on a repeating loop.
- 3. Holiday at home on the 'phone.
- 4. Chair Exercises.
- 5. Weekly C of E service.
- 6. Morning and Evening Prayer from Common Worship.
- 7. Prayer for the situation in Ukraine
- 8. Address for written communications and donations.
- 0. Returns you to the main menu.

It is helpful to have the telephone on speakerphone to avoid having to hold the handset.

STAMPS FOR CHARITY Please bring donations of stamps to help raise money for Inter Care and put them in the box provided.

CONTACTING THE TEAM

Andrew can be contacted by E-mail at: revdaquigley@gmail.com or 0116 2544113. The Church Office can be contacted by E-mail at: office@stjamesthegreater.org.uk or by telephoning 0116 2542111 and leaving a message. Simon Edwards can be contacted at fabric@stjamesthegreater.org.uk Please do not hesitate to get in touch. Further details are on our website: www.stjamesthegreater.org.uk



CATHEDRAL REOPENING DATE ANNOUNCED

We are delighted to announce that the Cathedral building will reopen on Sunday 26 November 2023.

From the 10.30am Eucharist onwards, the building will be open for services, events and general visiting, including the Tomb of King Richard III.

Sunday 26 November

10.30am Eucharist

12.30pm Open for general visiting

3.30pm Choral Evensong

Daily Opening Times (including services)

Monday–Friday: 8.00am–6.00pm

Saturday: 9.00am–6.00pm

Sunday: 10.00am–4.30pm





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