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This week at the Church of
St James the Greater
Leicester

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28th JANUARY 2024
CANDLEMAS

Prayer for the Week

Almighty and ever-living God,
clothed in majesty,
whose beloved Son was this day presented in the Temple,
in substance of our flesh:
grant that we may be presented to you
with pure and clean hearts,
by your Son Jesus Christ 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 : 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
Penny Judge : Mark Sadler : Nicola Shilton : Andrew King : Rachel Bentley
Mandy Stephensen : Revd David Clark : Pauline Hannaford

*The Commemorative Flowers this week have been kindly given
by Jeremy & Christine Josephs in memory of Sarah.*

Welcome to St James the Greater

08:30 Holy Communion in the Lady Chapel

Common Worship Order 1 (Traditional)

President: The Reverend Andrew Quigley

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, Vicar

Assisted by: David Kibert and Angela Jagger

Churchwarden: April Rule

Sidesperson: Sue Ingle

Servers: David Kibert, Hazel Carlin and Tony Chizema

Setting: A People's Eucharist - Greening

HYMN 95

GLORIA

Bethlehem, what greater city

Mass of St. Thomas - Thorne

READING Malachi 3.1-5 *read by Val Bailey*

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. ²But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; ³he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness. ⁴Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

⁵ Then I will draw near to you for judgement; I will be swift to bear witness against the sorcerers, against the adulterers, against those who swear falsely, against those who oppress the hired workers in their wages, the widow, and the orphan, against those who thrust aside the alien, and do not fear me, says the LORD of hosts.

GRADUAL HYMN 258

O thou who camest from above

GOSPEL Luke 2.22-40

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord ²³(as it is written in the law of the Lord, 'Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord'), ²⁴and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, 'a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons.'

²⁵ Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. ²⁶It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. ²⁷Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, ²⁸Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying,

²⁹ 'Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace,
according to your word;

³⁰ for my eyes have seen your salvation,

³¹ which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,

³² a light for revelation to the Gentiles
and for glory to your people Israel.'

³³ And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. ³⁴Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed ³⁵so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.'

³⁶ There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband for seven years after her marriage, ³⁷ then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day. ³⁸At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

³⁹ When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. ⁴⁰The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.

SERMON

Angela Jagger

INTERCESSIONS

The Reverend Andrew Quigley

OFFERTORY HYMN 110

Hail to the Lord who comes

MOTET

Christ is the world's true light - Stanton

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 397 Lord, now let your servant

Post Communion Prayer

Lord, you fulfilled the hope of Simeon and Anna,
who lived to welcome the Messiah:
may we, who have received these gifts beyond words,
prepare to meet Christ Jesus when he comes
to bring us to eternal life;
for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

RECESSIONAL HYMN 609 Christ is the world's light

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

Candlemas Service

See order of service

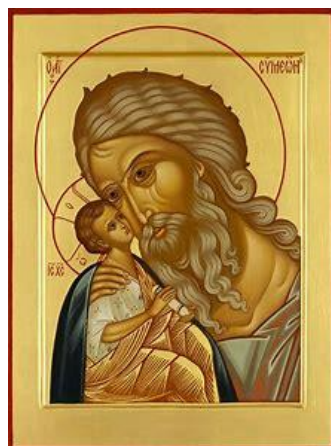
Officiant: The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar

Churchwardens: Simon Edwards and April Rule

Sidespeople: Colin and Angela Stray

Servers: Hilary Rees, Val Bailey, William Woolley and Phil Jones

Thurifers: Charles Samuel and David Kibert



The Vicar Writes The great sweep of story that began in Advent, took us to Christmas has brought us to this point at the end of Epiphany. Christ has been foretold, born, and recognized. What happens next in the story seems an open and slightly ominous question, as Jesus disappears from history for most of the next thirty years. But hopefully we have received enough from these seasons to begin answering that question in our own lives.



The Week Ahead

Tuesday - Friday

08:00 Morning Prayer in the Lady Chapel

Wednesday 31st

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 1st

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

President: The Reverend Jane Sharp Assisted by: Sheila Roberts

11:00 **Coffee Drop-In**

Friday 2nd

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

Sunday 4th February 2nd Sunday before Lent

08:30 **Holy Communion**

President: The Reverend Andrew Quigley

10:30 **Sung Eucharist**

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18:30 **Choral Evensong**

Readings: Proverbs 8.1, 22-31 and John 1.1-14

Officiant: Sheila Roberts

Readings: Genesis 2.4b-end and Luke 8.22-35

THE SHELL deadline is Sunday 4th February for contributions to the next edition. Please send content to the church office by post or to Paul Jenkins at editor@stjamesthegreater.org.uk

CONCERT DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

Saturday 16th March 2024 at 7.30pm.

Leicester Bach Choir

This concert on Saturday, 16 March 2024 - 7:30pm to 9:30pm is gorgeously varied. Local star, now international soprano Joanne Lunn, opens with Mozart's fizzing Exsultate Jubilate. The choir perform Scarlatti's plangently beautiful Stabat Mater in 10 parts, each singing the tune at a different time in marvellous polyphony. Choir and soloist perform Patrick Hawes' Song of Songs, exploring connections between romantic and erotic love and spirituality. These express emotions felt by lovers – desire, hope, confusion & joy. Hawes is a composer in residence with Classic FM. The Bach Camerata String Ensemble accompany the singing. Tickets from Eventbrite £20.

Saturday 23rd March 2024 at 7.30 pm

St. John Passion – J. S. Bach

Performed by Luminatus

Luminatus professional vocal ensemble and the 18th century Sinfonia will be performing Bach's St John Passion with period instruments. This version will feature the small scale forces available to Bach in Leipzig, with solos taken by members of the ensemble. Luminatus draws together singers from the local area, aiming to perform a wide range of early and contemporary repertoire.

Tickets are available through www.luminatus.co.uk or

<https://www.tickettailor.com/events/luminatus/1052364>

There is currently an 'early bird' ticket price on their website.

“In the Footsteps of St. Paul” - a 14-day pilgrimage in Greece from Philippi and Thessaloniki to Athens and Corinth, from April 8th to 21st, 2024. Details from Canon Philip Norwood on 0116 241 0255 or norwood-p@outlook.com

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.

ST. JAMES' YOUTH GROUP Meeting alternate Wednesdays from 7.00pm – 8.30pm. 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 7th February**.

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

Resources for Home Worship

Broadcast Media

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

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

DAILY HOPE TELEPHONE SERVICE Freephone 0800 804 8044

1. Hymns we love - Reflections by Steve Cramer
2. Reflections on 'All the days of my life' read by Alex Drew of 'Faith in Later Life'
3. Weekly Church of England Service
4. Morning and Evening Prayers
5. Sleep Well with Daily Hope
6. Details of how to write to the Daily Hope Team

CONTACTING THE TEAM

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