

# Worship at Christmas

## Monday 24 December

## Christmas Eve

23.00

Choral Prelude

23.30

Midnight Eucharist of the Nativity

(Communicants are asked to abstain from food and drink for at least two hours before the service.)

## Tuesday 25 December

## Christmas Day

08.30

Holy Communion

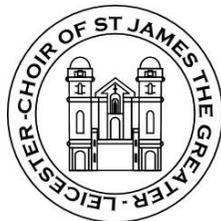
10.30

Christmas Family Service

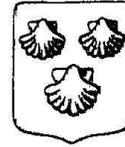
followed by Holy Communion (optional)

Anyone wishing to find out more about the Christian faith and way of life or seeking spiritual direction is encouraged to contact one of our team who will be glad to follow up any enquiry: ring the office 254 2111.

Anyone who may be interested in joining one of our choirs is encouraged to contact the Director of Music via the Church Office: 0116 254 2111



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The Church of St James the Greater  
Leicester



# Service of Nine Lessons and Carols 23 December 2018

Officiant: The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar  
Director of Music: Matthew Haynes  
Organist: Michael Rule

*As the lights dim, please stand*

**Carol 46** verses 1 & 2 sung by the choir **Once in royal David's city**

**Bidding Prayer** The Reverend Andrew Quigley

*followed by*

**The Lord's Prayer**

**All: Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread  
and forgive us our trespasses  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
the power and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

*The Congregation is invited to sit for the readings and choir items, and stand to sing the carols which can be found in the hymn book in front of you.*

**First Lesson** Genesis 3. 8-15 The Garden of Eden  
read by Kathryn Jackson – Chorister

**Choir** Adam lay ybounden **Ord**

**Second Lesson** Genesis 22 selected verses The promise to Abraham  
read by David Brunning – Reader

**Congregation  
& Choir** **God rest you merry, gentlemen,  
Let nothing you dismay,  
For Jesus Christ our Saviour  
Was born upon this day,  
To save us all from Satan's power  
When we were gone astray:  
O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy,  
O tidings of comfort and joy.**

**Choir only** From God our heav'nly Father ...  
**All** **O tidings of comfort and joy ...**

**The shepherds at those tidings  
Rejoicèd much in mind,  
And left their flocks a-feeding,  
In tempest, storm and wind,  
And went to Bethlehem straightway,  
The blessèd babe to find:  
O tidings of comfort and joy ...**

**Choir only** But when to Bethlehem they came ...  
**All** **O tidings of comfort and joy ...**

**Now to the Lord sing praises,  
All you within this place,  
And with true love and brotherhood  
Each other now embrace;  
This holy tide of Christmas  
All others doth deface:  
O tidings of comfort and joy ...**

**Third Lesson** Isaiah 9. 2, 6-7 Prophecy of the Messiah's birth  
read by Vicky Roe – Pastoral Assistant

**Choir** Sussex Carol **arr. Ledger**

**Carol 41 omit verse 4** It came upon the midnight clear

**Fourth Lesson** Micah 4. 2-4 The Messiah from Bethlehem  
read by William Woolley – Server

**Choir** Ding Dong Merrily on high **arr. Wilberg**

**Fifth Lesson** Luke 1. 2 6-35, 38 The Annunciation to Mary  
read by Caroline Beardsmore – Charity Committee

**Choir** A hymn to a virgin **Britten**

**Sixth Lesson** Luke 2. 1, 3-7 Luke tells of the birth of Jesus  
read by April Rule – Deputy Church Warden

**Carol 40** O little town of Bethlehem **choir only verse 3**

**Seventh Lesson** Luke 2. 8-16 The Shepherds go to the Manger  
read by Jennifer Smith – St James Singers

**Carol 37** While shepherds watched

**Eighth Lesson** Matthew 2. 1-11 Magi are led by the star to Jesus  
read by Reverend David Clark - Honorary Associate Priest

**Choir** Ballulalow **Sirret**

*Please stand for the remainder of the service if you are able to*

**Ninth Lesson** John 1. 1-14 The great mystery of the Incarnation  
Read by The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar

**Carol 326 omit verse 7** O Come all ye faithful

*during which a collection is taken  
please be as generous as your means allow*

**Prayers & Blessing**

**Carol 35** Hark, the herald-angels sing

**Organ Voluntary** In dulci jubilo (In sweet rejoicing) J S Bach