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

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**1st DECEMBER 2024
ADVENT SUNDAY**

Prayer for the Week

Almighty God,
give us grace to cast away the works of darkness
and to put on the armour of light,
now in the time of this mortal life,
in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility;
that on the last day,
when he shall come again in his glorious majesty
to judge the living and the dead,
we may rise to the life immortal;
through him 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 : 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
Rex Woolhouse : Penny Judge : Mark Sadler : Nicola Shilton : Mandy Stephensen :
Mollie Drake : Revd Jane Sharp : Michael Molloy : Chris Jones :
Revd David Clark

Rest in peace Diana Jones. Funeral details to follow.

Welcome to St James the Greater

08:30 Holy Communion in the Lady Chapel

Book of Common Prayer

President: The Reverend Philip Norwood

Assisted by: Phil Jones

Churchwarden: Paul Jenkins

A card reader donation machine is available.

10:30 Sung Eucharist

President: The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar

Assisted by: William Simpey and Sheila Roberts, Associate Minister

Churchwarden: April Rule

Sidesperson: David Pugh

Servers: Michael Bull, William Simpey and Tony Chizema

Setting: St Albans Mass - Archer

HYMN 38

GLORIA

Hark, a thrilling voice is sounding

St Albans Mass - Archer

READING Jeremiah 33.14-16 *read by Val Bailey*

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfil the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ¹⁵In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ¹⁶In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: 'The Lord is our righteousness.'

GRADUAL HYMN 44 i

O Child of promise, come!

GOSPEL Luke 21.25-36

'There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. ²⁶People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. ²⁷Then they will see "the Son of Man coming in a cloud" with power and great glory. ²⁸Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.'

²⁹ Then he told them a parable: 'Look at the fig tree and all the trees; ³⁰as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. ³¹So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom

of God is near. ³²Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. ³³Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

³⁴ 'Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, ³⁵like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. ³⁶Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.'

SERMON

Sheila Roberts, Associate Minister

INTERCESSIONS

The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar

OFFERTORY HYMN 99 (omit verse 4)

Hail to the Lord's Anointed

MOTET

O come O come Emmanuel – arr. Louis

POST COMMUNION HYMN 50 (Tune 602) The advent of our King

Post Communion Prayer

O Lord our God,
make us watchful and keep us faithful
as we await the coming of your Son our Lord;
that, when he shall appear,
he may not find us sleeping in sin
but active in his service
and joyful in his praise;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

RECESSIONAL HYMN 30 Come, thou long-expected Jesus

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Please be aware of those remaining to listen.

Please stay for refreshments at the end of the service.

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

Please take this leaflet away with you at the end of the Service.

18.30

Advent Procession

see order of service

Officiant: The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar
assisted by Mike Rule, Associate Minister (Cantor)

Churchwardens: Simon Edwards and April Rule

Servers: Rod Eynon-Baldock, Sara King, Val Bailey, Lucy Hutchinson, Hazel Carlin,
Phil Jones and William Woolley



The Vicar Writes Unusually Advent calendars will synchronize with liturgical Advent this year – just 24 days of waiting, anticipation, preparation, and mounting excitement. This is about more than being ready for Christmas, but asks about our readiness to welcome Christ afresh in our lives.



The Week Ahead

Wednesday 4th

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 5th

12:30 **Holy Communion** Common Worship, Order 1 (traditional)
President: The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar
Assisted by Sheila Roberts, Associate Minister

Friday 6th

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

Saturday 7th

10.00 **Saturday Coffee Morning & Worship**
19.00 **Ex Cathedra Concert**

Sunday 8th December – 2nd Sunday of Advent

08:30 **Holy Communion**

President: The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar

10:30 **Sung Eucharist**

President: The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar

Readings: Baruch 5 and Luke 3.1-6

18.30 **Choral Evensong**

Officiant: The Reverend Philip Norwood

Readings: Isaiah 40.1-11 and Luke 1.1-25

THURSDAY HOLY COMMUNION From 5th December this service will take place at **12.30 pm**. If you haven't experienced our midweek worship perhaps this is the time to try it - the service lasts about 30 minutes and should fit conveniently into a lunch time break. It will be followed by refreshments.

TOY SALE On Saturday 7th December, whilst we hold our monthly coffee morning, we will also be holding a tabletop toy sale, aiming to provide toys at low prices for local people at a time when living costs are high. Christmas cards will also be on sale. If you have any children's toys, board games etc at home which are no longer in use, we would be very grateful for donations. Please leave any toys in the box next to the food bank donation crate.

RECITALS AT ST JAMES We have started a series of monthly concerts on Sundays at 3.00 pm. These are free with a retiring collection. On Sunday 8th December, there will be an organ recital given by Guy Steed. On Sunday 12th January, the Knighton Chamber Players will give a concert of music by Mozart. On Sunday 9th February, Ian Orr and Nikki Booth will give a concert of organ and piano duets.

PLANNED GIVING St. James relies on donations for funding. The Parish Giving Scheme enables donations directly from your bank account and adds Gift Aid for the church, if you are a taxpayer. Information packs are on the table at the back of church. Alternatively, boxes of envelopes for cash donations for each Sunday from 1st December 2024 to 30th November 2025 can be provided. If you would like to have a box, please see Vicky Roe, leave a message for her at the church office (0116 2542111) or send an E-mail to:

pastoral.assistant@sthamesthegreater.org.uk

ANNIVERSARY On Advent Sunday 1964 four young men including Michael Bull were admitted as servers in St James. Michael will be serving this Sunday morning and we are sure many of us will wish to celebrate with him and thank him for his loyal service.

ANNIVERSARY COMMUNITY CAROL SERVICE 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, the Chairman of Leicestershire County Council and the High Sheriff of Leicestershire. With choirs, organ, brass band, soloists and celebrity readers, we will be telling the Christmas story through the theme of local and national anniversaries. 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, it is **Sunday 15th December 2024** from 7.00pm-8.30pm. Our chosen charity this year is LOROS and there will be festive refreshments after the service. Free tickets are available from: trybooking.com/uk/DVGO You can scan the QR code on your smart phone to find this page, or call the church office.



CONCERT DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

Saturday 7th December 7.00 pm	Ex Cathedra
Sunday 8th December 3.00 pm	Organ Recital with Guy Steed
Saturday 14th December 7.30 pm	Ratby Band/Fosse Singers Concert
Sunday 15th December 7.00 pm	Community Carol Service
Thursday 19th December 7.30 pm	Leicester Philharmonic Choir
Saturday 21st December 7.00 pm	City of Leicester Singers

LEICESTER THEOLOGICAL SOCIETY The next meeting of the LTS is on Friday 13th December at 7.30 pm in the Frassati Centre at Holy Cross Priory. The subject this time is 'Religion and Art' and will be presented by The Revd Gwyn Davies, Minister at Clarendon Park Congregational Church. For more information, please visit <https://sites.google.com/view/leicester-theological-society/home?pli=1>

ARCHIVES The Church archives in the south tower are currently in a rather disorganised state. William Woolley is planning to sort and catalogue them and will be delighted to hear from anyone with surplus bookshelves, cupboards, filing cabinets etc which could be donated to the project.

CHRISTMAS STAMPS FOR CHARITY Please save Christmas stamps by cutting them out surrounded by a border of paper and put them in the box provided to help raise money for Inter Care.

Advent and Christmas

at St James the Greater Church

Sunday 1st December

6.30pm Advent Procession

Saturday 7th December

**10.30am Coffee Morning and
Tabletop Children's Toy Sale**

Sunday 15th December

7.00pm Community Carol Service

Sunday 22nd December

**6.30pm Nine Lessons
and Carols**

Tuesday 24th December

**4.00pm Children's Service
11.30pm Midnight Mass**



Wednesday 25th December

8.30am Holy Communion

10.30am Family Service

Resources for Home Worship

Broadcast Media

Daily Service Monday – Friday at 9.45am Radio 4 Extra on DAB
Freeview 708, Freesat 708, Sky 0126, Virgin Media 910 and online at

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b006wzfs>

Sunday Worship	Sunday at 8.10 am	Radio 4
Songs of Praise	Sunday at 12.00 pm	BBC 1
Choral Evensong	Sunday and Wednesday at 3 pm	Radio 3
Advent Service	Sunday at 3.00 pm	Radio 3

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

DAILY HOPE TELEPHONE SERVICE - Freephone 0800 804 8044

Funded by the charity 'Faith in Later Life', which welcomes donations for the service at: www.faithinlaterlife.org.uk/donate

The options available from a telephone keypad are:

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

The options available from a telephone keypad are:

1. Hymns we love – reflections on favourite hymns
2. How to support Daily Hope
3. One-minute sermon from J, John
4. Morning and Evening Prayers
5. Weekly Church of England Service
6. Sleep Well with Daily Hope
7. An interview with R. T. Kendall



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