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

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15th DECEMBER 2024
3rd SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Prayer for the Week

O Lord Jesus Christ,
who at your first coming sent your messenger
to prepare your way before you:
grant that the ministers and stewards of your mysteries
may likewise so prepare and make ready your way
by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just,
that at your second coming to judge the world
we may be found an acceptable people in your sight;
for you are alive and reign with the Father
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 on Wednesday 18th December at 11.30 am.
John Rudd. Funeral details to follow.

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: Sheila Roberts

Churchwarden: Paul Jenkins

A card reader donation machine is available.

10:30 Sung Eucharist

President: The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar

Assisted by: Margaret Sharman and Angela Jagger, Reader

Churchwarden: April Rule

Sidesperson: David Sharman

Servers: Phil Jones, William Simpey and Tony Shizema

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HYMN 45

O come, O come, Emmanuel

READING Zephaniah 3.14-20 *read by Phil Jones*

Sing aloud, O daughter Zion;

shout, O Israel!

Rejoice and exult with all your heart,

O daughter Jerusalem!

¹⁵ The Lord has taken away the judgements against you,
he has turned away your enemies.

The king of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst;

you shall fear disaster no more.

¹⁶ On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem:

Do not fear, O Zion;

do not let your hands grow weak.

¹⁷ The Lord, your God, is in your midst,

a warrior who gives victory;

he will rejoice over you with gladness,

he will renew you in his love;

he will exult over you with loud singing

¹⁸ as on a day of festival.

I will remove disaster from you,

so that you will not bear reproach for it.

¹⁹ I will deal with all your oppressors

at that time.

And I will save the lame
and gather the outcast,
and I will change their shame into praise
and renown in all the earth.

²⁰ At that time I will bring you home,
at the time when I gather you;
for I will make you renowned and praised
among all the peoples of the earth,
when I restore your fortunes
before your eyes, says the Lord.

GRADUAL HYMN 36 Hark the glad sound!

GOSPEL Luke 3.7-18

John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, 'You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? ⁸Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, "We have Abraham as our ancestor"; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. ⁹Even now the axe is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.'

¹⁰ And the crowds asked him, 'What then should we do?' ¹¹In reply he said to them, 'Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise.' ¹²Even tax-collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, 'Teacher, what should we do?' ¹³He said to them, 'Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you.' ¹⁴Soldiers also asked him, 'And we, what should we do?' He said to them, 'Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages.'

¹⁵ As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, ¹⁶John answered all of them by saying, 'I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹⁷His winnowing-fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.'

¹⁸ So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

SERMON

Angela Jagger, Reader

INTERCESSIONS

The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar

OFFERTORY HYMN 38

Hark, a thrilling voice is sounding

MOTET

How lovely are the messengers - Mendelssohn

Post Communion Prayer

We give you thanks, O Lord, for these heavenly gifts;
kindle in us the fire of your Spirit
that when your Christ comes again
we may shine as lights before his face;
who is alive and reigns now and for ever.

RECESSIONAL HYMN 41

Lo, he comes with clouds descending

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.

19.00

‘Anniversary’

Leicester Community Carol Service

see special order of service

Officiant: Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar

Servers: William Woolley, Val Bailey, Hilary Rees, Hazel Carlin
and Duduzile Chizema

Churchwardens: Simon Edwards and April Rule

Everyone is invited for refreshments after the service.

The Vicar Writes Once again John the Baptist has been ignoring the lessons of preacher school. Here he is insulting his audience (vipers!) and talking about money – two big no-nos. But this challenge reminds us that the coming king, Christ, will claim dominion over every aspect of our lives.



The Week Ahead

Wednesday 18th

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

<https://zoom.us/j/91012643324?pwd=Uy9ENUlPeVlvVVERoelMzWi9BSnpRUT09>

Meeting ID: 910 1264 3324 Passcode: Compline

Thursday 19th

12:30 **Holy Communion** Common Worship, Order 1 (traditional)
President: The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar
Assisted by Vicky Roe, Pastoral Assistant

19.30 **Leicester Philharmonic Choir Christmas Concert**

Friday 20th

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

Saturday 21st

19.00 **City of Leicester Singers Christmas Concert**

Sunday 22nd December – 4th Sunday of Advent

08:30 **Holy Communion** President: The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar

10:30 **Sung Eucharist** President: The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar
Readings: Micah 5.2-5a and Luke 1.39-45

18:30 **Nine Lessons & Carols** Officiant: The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar

THURSDAY HOLY COMMUNION Please note that this service now takes 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.

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

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.

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 1.15 pm BBC 1

Choral Evensong There is no Choral Evensong on Sunday 15th, due to the Carols round Europe broadcasts. There is Choral Evensong at 3 pm on Radio 3 on Wednesday 18th December, though.

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. Christmas at home on the 'phone
2. How to support Daily Hope
3. C of E Advent and Christmas reflections
4. One-minute Advent sermon by J. John
5. Weekly Church of England Service
6. Sleep Well with Daily Hope
7. Christmas with J. John and friends
8. Morning and Evening Prayers



A free phone line of hymns,
reflections and prayers



Children's service

Tuesday 24th December 2024

4.00pm

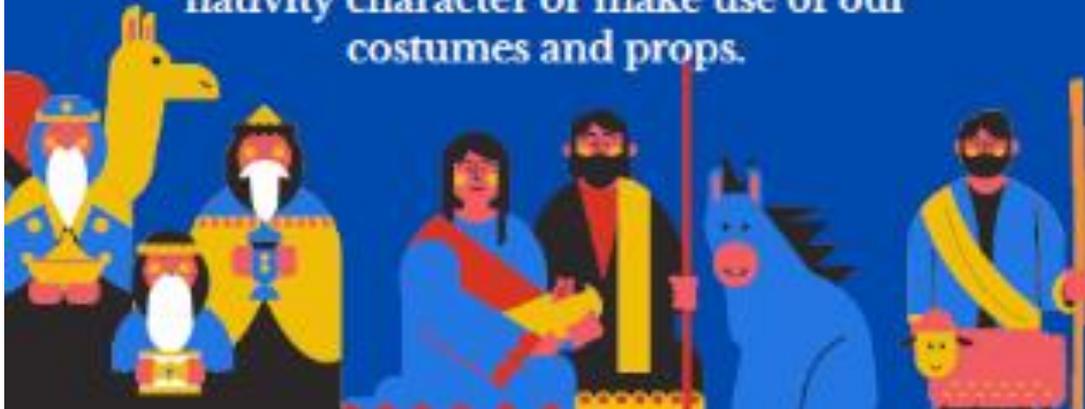
St James the Greater Church, London Road

Join in with the

"No rehearsal Nativity"

carols, crafts & refreshments!

Children can come dressed up as a nativity character or make use of our costumes and props.



SERVICES FOR CHRISTMAS 2024 and EPIPHANY 2025

Sunday 22 nd December	6:30 pm	Service of Nine Lessons and Carols
Tuesday 24 th December	11:30 pm	Midnight Mass
	4:00 pm	Children's Service 'No rehearsal Nativity', carols & crafts
Wednesday 25 th December	8.30 am	Said Communion (BCP)
	10.30 am	Family Service followed by Holy Communion
Sunday 12 th January	6:30 pm	Epiphany Carol Service
Sunday 2 nd February	6:30 pm	Candlemas Service

For more information, please visit our website: stjamesthegreater.org.uk or contact the office: office@stjamesthegreater.org.uk
To enquire about the music and the choirs: dom@stjamesthegreater.org.uk



Recitals at St James
St James the Greater Church
London Rd, Leicester
Monthly concerts **Sundays 3.00pm**
Followed by refreshments
Free with retiring collection



12 Jan Mozart Flute Quartet
& Clarinet Quartet
**Knighton
Chamber Players**

9 Feb Organ & Piano duets
**Ian Orr
& Nikki Booth**



9 Mar Chamber Music
**University of
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