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This week at the Church of
St James the Greater
Leicester

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22nd DECEMBER 2024
4th SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Prayer for the Week

God our redeemer,
who prepared the Blessed Virgin Mary
to be the mother of your Son:
grant that, as she looked for his coming as our saviour,
so we may be ready to greet him
when he comes again as our judge;
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
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 Andrew Quigley, Vicar

Assisted by: Lin Mawer

Churchwarden: Paul Jenkins

A card reader donation machine is available.

10:30 Sung Eucharist

President: The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar

Assisted by: David Kibert and Mike Rule, Associate Minister

Churchwarden: Simon Edwards

Sidespeople: Sue Ingle and Rachel Pratt

Servers: William Woolley, David Kibert and Tony Chizema

Setting: Bruckner in F

HYMN 32 (verses 1&2 choir only) Come, thou Redeemer of the earth

READING Micah 5.2-5a *read by David Kibert*

But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah,
who are one of the little clans of Judah,
from you shall come forth for me
one who is to rule in Israel,
whose origin is from of old,
from ancient days.

³ Therefore he shall give them up until the time
when she who is in labour has brought forth;
then the rest of his kindred shall return
to the people of Israel.

⁴ And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the Lord,
in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God.
And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great
to the ends of the earth;

⁵ and he shall be the one of peace.

GRADUAL HYMN 30 Come, thou long-expected Jesus

GOSPEL Luke 1.39-45

In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, ⁴⁰where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. ⁴¹When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit ⁴²and exclaimed with a loud cry, 'Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. ⁴³And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? ⁴⁴For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leapt for joy. ⁴⁵And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfilment of what was spoken to her by the Lord.'

SERMON

Mike Rule, Associate Minister

INTERCESSIONS

The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar

OFFERTORY HYMN 313

For Mary, Mother of our Lord

MOTET

The Angel Gabriel – Trad. arr. Pettman

Post Communion Prayer

Heavenly Father,
who chose the Blessed Virgin Mary
to be the mother of the promised saviour:
fill us your servants with your grace,
that in all things we may embrace your holy will
and with her rejoice in your salvation;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

RECESSIONAL HYMN 75

Long ago, prophets knew

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 Service of Nine Lessons and Carols

see special order of service

Officiant: Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar

Churchwardens: Simon Edwards and April Rule

Servers: Charles Samuel, Rod Eynon-Baldock, Sara King, Hilary Rees and Val Bailey

The Vicar Writes “All good things to those who wait” is not in scripture, but nonetheless, after our waiting through Advent we are ready to welcome the child who is all goodness. May you know his peace and joy this Christmas.



The Week Ahead

Tuesday 24th December Christmas Eve

16.00 **Children’s Service**

Officiant: The Reverend Andrew Quigley

23:30 **Midnight Mass**

President: The Reverend Andrew Quigley

Readings: Isaiah 9.2-7 and Luke 2.1-14

Wednesday 25th December Christmas Day

08:30 **Holy Communion**

President: The Reverend Andrew Quigley

10:30 **Family Service followed
by Holy Communion**

Officiant: The Reverend Andrew Quigley

Readings: Luke 2.1-7 and Luke 2.8-16

Sunday 29th December 1st Sunday of Christmas

08:30 **Holy Communion**

President: The Reverend Philip Norwood

10:30 **Sung Eucharist**

President: The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar

Readings: 1 Samuel 2.18-20, 26 and Luke 2.41-52

18:30 **Evening Prayer
with hymns**

Officiant: The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar

Readings: Isaiah 61 and Galatians 3.27-4.7

THURSDAY HOLY COMMUNION Please note that this service now takes place at 12.30 pm. **There will not be a service on Thursday 26th December.** The next Thursday Holy Communion will take place on Thursday 2nd January at 12.30 pm. It will be followed by refreshments.

A BIG ‘THANK YOU’ to everyone who has worked so hard before, during and after the many services and concerts over the last few weeks to make them run smoothly. Your efforts have enabled hundreds of people to enjoy memorable experiences and helped to make this season special for them. Thanks to you all.

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

Sunday 22nd December

Songs of Praise	Sunday at 1.15 pm	BBC 1	
Choral Evensong	Sunday at 3 pm	Radio 3	
Festival on Nine Lessons and Carols	Tuesday at 3 pm		Radio 4
Carols from Kings	Tuesday at 6 pm	BBC 2	
Christmas Carols	Tuesday at 11.30 pm	ITV 1	
Midnight Mass	Tuesday at 11.40 pm	BBC 1	
Christmas Service	Wednesday at 10.15 am	BBC 1	
Festival on Nine Lessons and Carols	Wednesday at 1 pm		Radio 3

Sunday 29th December

Songs of Praise	Sunday at 1.15 pm	BBC 1	
Choral Evensong	Sunday and Wednesday at 3 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. 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

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





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.



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
Leicester**

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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

The Church Office opening hours are generally Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 1.15pm until 4.15pm. These days/hours sometimes vary because our Administrator is also a professional musician and organist, and sometimes has to play for services elsewhere. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

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