

52/24



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

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29th DECEMBER 2024
1st SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

Prayer for the Week

Almighty God,
who wonderfully created us in your own image
and yet more wonderfully restored us
through your Son Jesus Christ:
grant that, as he came to share in our humanity,
so we may share the life of his divinity;
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.
Judith Smith.

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: 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 Sheila Roberts, Associate Minister

Churchwarden: April Rule

Sidespeople: Vacant

Servers: David Kibert, Duduzile Chizema and William Simpey

Setting: Mass of St Thomas - Thorne

HYMN 81 (omit verses 3&4) Once in royal David's city

GLORIA

Mass of St Thomas - Thorne

READING 1 Samuel 2.18-20, 26 *read by Michael Bull*

Samuel was ministering before the Lord, a boy wearing a linen ephod. ¹⁹His mother used to make for him a little robe and take it to him each year, when she went up with her husband to offer the yearly sacrifice. ²⁰Then Eli would bless Elkanah and his wife, and say, 'May the Lord repay you with children by this woman for the gift that she made to the Lord'; and then they would return to their home.

²⁶ Now the boy Samuel continued to grow both in stature and in favour with the Lord and with the people.

GRADUAL HYMN 58 A great and mighty wonder

GOSPEL Luke 2.41-52

Now every year his parents went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. ⁴²And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. ⁴³When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. ⁴⁴Assuming that he was in the group of travellers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. ⁴⁵When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. ⁴⁶After three days they found him in the

temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. ⁴⁷And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. ⁴⁸When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, 'Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety.' ⁴⁹He said to them, 'Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?' ⁵⁰But they did not understand what he said to them. ⁵¹Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart.

⁵² And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favour.

SERMON
INTERCESSIONS

The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar
Sheila Roberts, Associate Minister

OFFERTORY HYMN 68

In the bleak midwinter

Post Communion Prayer

Heavenly Father,
whose blessed Son shared at Nazareth the life of an earthly home:
help your Church to live as one family,
united in love and obedience,
and bring us all at last to our home in heaven;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

RECESSIONAL HYMN 65

Good Christians all, rejoice

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.

The Vicar Writes The curate who was surprised to be expected to take services on Christmas Day, "Because Christmas is for family" will live long in infamy. Christmas is about family, but not in cosy idealized cliches. The Holy family had its own peculiarities, and we remember too at this time the families shattered by the massacre of the innocents. Our own petty disputes over games of monopoly pale alongside the families around the world broken by war or fleeing as refugees, as well as those in painful isolation. May your time with family, friends, or church community bring you peace and joy this Christmas.



18:30

Evensong

See order of service

Officiant: The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar

Churchwardens: Simon Edwards and April Rule

Sidespeople: Vacant

Servers: William Woolley

HYMN 79

O little town of Bethlehem

PRECES

Ferial

PSALM 148 vv7-14

(See music sheet)

FIRST LESSON Isaiah 61 *read by William Woolley*

The spirit of the Lord God is upon me,

because the Lord has anointed me;

he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed,

to bind up the broken-hearted,

to proclaim liberty to the captives,

and release to the prisoners;

² to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour,

and the day of vengeance of our God;

to comfort all who mourn;

³ to provide for those who mourn in Zion—

to give them a garland instead of ashes,

the oil of gladness instead of mourning,

the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit.

They will be called oaks of righteousness,

the planting of the Lord, to display his glory.

⁴ They shall build up the ancient ruins,

they shall raise up the former devastations;

they shall repair the ruined cities,

the devastations of many generations.

⁵ Strangers shall stand and feed your flocks,

foreigners shall till your land and dress your vines;

⁶ but you shall be called priests of the Lord,

you shall be named ministers of our God;

you shall enjoy the wealth of the nations,

and in their riches you shall glory.

⁷ Because their shame was double,

and dishonour was proclaimed as their lot,

therefore they shall possess a double portion;

everlasting joy shall be theirs.

⁸ For I the Lord love justice,
I hate robbery and wrongdoing;
I will faithfully give them their recompense,
and I will make an everlasting covenant with them.
⁹ Their descendants shall be known among the nations,
and their offspring among the peoples;
all who see them shall acknowledge
that they are a people whom the Lord has blessed.
¹⁰ I will greatly rejoice in the Lord,
my whole being shall exult in my God;
for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation,
he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,
as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland,
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.
¹¹ For as the earth brings forth its shoots,
and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up,
so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise
to spring up before all the nations.

MAGNIFICAT 394 Tell out, my Soul

SECOND LESSON Galatians 3.27-4.7 *read by Jennifer Clegg*

As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. ²⁸There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. ²⁹And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.

⁴My point is this: heirs, as long as they are minors, are no better than slaves, though they are the owners of all the property; ²but they remain under guardians and trustees until the date set by the father. ³So with us; while we were minors, we were enslaved to the elemental spirits of the world. ⁴But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, ⁵in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. ⁶And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, 'Abba! Father!' ⁷So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

NUNC DIMITTIS

RESPONSES

PRAYERS

HYMN 70 (omit verse 3)

SERMON

Chanted

Ferial

The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar

It came upon the midnight clear

The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar

HYMN 83

See, amid the winter's snow

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

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The Week Ahead

Thursday 2nd

10:30 **Holy Communion** Common Worship, Order 1 (traditional)
President: The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar
Assisted by: Sheila Roberts

11:00 **Coffee Drop-In**

Saturday 4th

10.00 **Saturday Coffee Morning and Worship**

Sunday 5th January Epiphany

08:30 **BCP Holy Communion** President: The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar
10:30 **Sung Eucharist** President: The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar
Readings: Isaiah 60.1-6 and Matthew 2.1-12
18:30 **New Year Taizé Service** Officiant: Sheila Roberts, Associate Minister

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

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

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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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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