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This week at the Church of
St James the Greater
Leicester

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EPIPHANY 4

THE PRESENTATION OF CHRIST IN THE TEMPLE

Prayer for the Week

Almighty and ever-living God,
clothed in majesty,
whose beloved Son was this day presented in the Temple,
in substance of our flesh:
grant that we may be presented to you
with pure and clean hearts,
by your Son Jesus Christ our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Our Prayers are asked for:

All prevented from worshipping with us, remembering

Gwen Leather : Marilyn Dorum :
Margaret Norman : Mollie Drake : Anne Sylvester
and all those currently unable to attend services.

Those who are unwell and who are recovering

Mark Sadler : Ann Blanchard : Anthony Green :
Josephine Chizema : Kath Higginson : Gillian Boorne :
Peter Relph : Nina French : Joyce Paviour

Rest In Peace

Hilary Simpson

*The Commemorative Flowers this week have been kindly given by
Jeremy & Christine Josephs in memory of Sarah*

08.30

Welcome to St James the Greater Holy Communion

Common Worship Order One (Traditional)

President: The Reverend Jane Sharp

Assisted by: William Woolley

Churchwarden: Paul Jenkins

10.30

Sung Eucharist

See order of service

President: The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar

Assisted by: Mike Bull

Churchwardens: Simon Edwards and Janet Burton

Servers: Michael Bull, Tony Chizema and Charles Samuel

Setting: Burton in F: Gloria - Lecot

OPENING HYMN 95

GLORIA

READING Malachi 3.1-5

Bethlehem, what greater city

Lecot

read by Julia Warner

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. ²But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; ³he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness. ⁴Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

⁵ Then I will draw near to you for judgement; I will be swift to bear witness against the sorcerers, against the adulterers, against those who swear falsely, against those who oppress the hired workers in their wages, the widow, and the orphan, against those who thrust aside the alien, and do not fear me, says the LORD of hosts.

GRADUAL HYMN 258

O thou who camest from above

GOSPEL Luke 2.22-40

22 When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord ²³(as it is written in the law of the Lord, 'Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord'), ²⁴and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, 'a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons.'

25 Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. ²⁶It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. ²⁷Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, ²⁸Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying,

²⁹ 'Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace,
according to your word;

³⁰ for my eyes have seen your salvation,

³¹ which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,

³² a light for revelation to the Gentiles
and for glory to your people Israel.'

33 And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. ³⁴Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed ³⁵so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.'

36 There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband for seven years after her marriage, ³⁷then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day. ³⁸At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

39 When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. ⁴⁰The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.

SERMON

INTERCESSIONS

OFFERTORY HYMN 110

ANTHEM

POST COMMUNION HYMN 396

The Reverend Andrew Quigley

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Hail to the Lord who comes

Christ is the world's true light - *Stanton*

Faithful vigil ended

Post Communion Prayer

Lord, you fulfilled the hope of Simeon and Anna,
who lived to welcome the Messiah:
may we, who have received these gifts beyond words,
prepare to meet Christ Jesus when he comes
to bring us to eternal life;
for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

RECESSIONAL HYMN 609

Christ is the world's light

ORGAN VOLUNTARY - *Please be aware of those remaining to listen.*

Collection baskets for donations are on the back tables in church.

A card reader donation machine is also available.

The Vicar Writes

This is the moment of recognition, of realization. This is what has been waited for, longed for. Like Simeon and Anna we are called to wait and long for Jesus, and to recognize him when we see him, in one another and in those in need. That patient watching, that recognition, changes everything.



18.30

Candlemas Service

See order of service

Officiant: The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar
Churchwardens: Simon Edwards, April Rule and David Kibert
Servers: Hazel Carlin, Hilary Rees and William Woolley



The Week Ahead

Tuesday - Friday

08.00 Morning Prayer in church

Wednesday

21.00 **Compline** via Zoom. To join, please use the link or codes below:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82672452082?pwd=bWdlldUJZcUNIRGI5RitpakpVMUNIUT09>

Meeting ID: 826 7245 2082 Passcode: RMMa3t

Thursday

10.30 **Holy Communion**

President: The Reverend Andrew Quigley. Assisted by: Sheila Roberts

11.00 Coffee Drop-In at the back of the church

Friday

16.30 Junior Choir

18.00 Choir Practice.

Sunday Next – 3rd Sunday before Lent

08.30 **Holy Communion (BCP)** President: The Reverend Andrew Quigley

10.30 **Sung Eucharist** President: The Reverend Andrew Quigley

Readings: Isaiah 58.1-9a and Matthew 5.13-20

18.30 **Choral Evensong** Angela Jagger

INTERCESSIONS It would be good to re-institute a rota of people leading the prayers at 10.30 and 6.30 services. If you've done this before and would consider it again, or if you are willing to give it a go (full training can be provided!) please sign up at the back of church, or contact the Vicar on 0116 2544113 or E-mail revdaquigley@gmail.com

FORTHCOMING CONCERT

Saturday 11th February at 7 pm. The Laura Centre Charity Concert 'Songbook: a celebration of music' featuring the joint choirs of TLC Voices and The Great Bowden Recital Trust Adult Choir. Tickets £8 available on the door and online from <https://songbook.raisely.com/>

THE SHELL deadline is **this coming Friday 4th February** for contributions to the next edition. Please send content to the church office or to Paul Jenkins at editor@stjamesthegreater.org.uk

VOCATIONS 'EVERYDAY CALLING' DAY will be held this year on Saturday 11th February from 10 am to 3.30 pm at St. Martins House, 7 Peacock Lane, Leicester, LE1 5PZ. For more information see the posters in church or contact liz.rawlings@leicestercofe.org and to book a place for the day contact claire.stapleton@leicestercofe.org stating any dietary requirements.

ST. JAMES' YOUTH GROUP Meeting alternate Wednesdays from 7:30-9pm. All young people in school years 8-13 are welcome to join us for games, food and a short discussion based on a Bible passage. See fliers on back tables at church. Next meeting is: Wednesday 8th February.

COMMON CUP Please **place a red token** into a small basket, which is on the large table at the back of church **before taking your seat**, if you wish to receive the wine, so appropriate quantities can be consecrated.

OFFERTORY We have returned to blessing the offertory as part of our services. **Please place any envelopes or loose collection into the baskets at the back of the church before** taking your seat, so that it can be taken to the high altar and blessed during the service.

CARD READER MACHINE We have a CollecTin.com card reader machine on loan for a further 4-week trial to assess its viability at St. James the Greater for those who may not carry cash or would prefer to donate using a payment card.

STAMPS FOR CHARITY Please bring donations of stamps to help raise money for Inter Care and put them in the box provided. As the stamp design has changed, the 'old' ones will become more valuable.

JUNIOR CHOIR

Our Junior Choir has now launched and meets on Fridays 4.30 pm-5.30 pm and welcomes children of primary age. They will sing roughly once a month at Sunday services to begin with, for which they will even earn a bit of pocket money! The choir is free to join, there are no auditions and the boys and girls will sing in our supportive and inclusive church environment. Being a chorister means getting a free music education. From the moment they start school onwards children can be part of an organisation where they will improve their singing voice, learn to read music, develop their confidence, work as a team with other children, perform at a high level with teenagers and adults and make friends for life. If you know of a

child of primary school age who might be interested, or are willing to help at the choir, please get in touch with Emma Trounson: DoM@stjamesthegreater.org.uk.

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

Resources for Home Worship

Broadcast Media

Daily Service	Monday – Friday at 9.45am	Radio 4 LW
Choral Evensong	Wednesday at 4 pm and Sunday at 3 pm	Radio 3
Sunday Worship	Sunday at 8.10 am	Radio 4
Songs of Praise	Sunday at 13.15 pm	BBC 1

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

DAILY HOPE TELEPHONE SERVICE Freephone 0800 804 8044

This offers music, prayers and reflections as well as full worship services from the Church of England at the end of a telephone line. The line – which is available 24 hours a day on 0800 804 8044 – has been set up particularly with those unable to join online church services in mind. This is a Freephone number.

Some of the options have been changed and are detailed below:

- # Sleep Well – four reflections before bedtime.
- 1. Hymns we love – one each day with a spoken reflection based on it.
- 2. Hymn line – favourite hymns on a repeating loop.
- 3. New Year Thoughts and Reflections with Louise Morse.
- 4. Chair Exercises.
- 5. Weekly service from C of E.
- 6. Morning and Evening Prayer from Common Worship.
- 7. Prayers for the situation in Ukraine.
- 8. Address for written communications or donations.
- 0. Returns you to the main menu.

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

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