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This week at the Church of
St James the Greater
Leicester

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3rd DECEMBER 2023
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 : Mollie Drake : 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

Mark Sadler : Nicola Shilton : Andrew King
Mandy Stephensen : Jean Warren : Revd David Clark

Rest in Peace
Margaret Norman (98)
Gwen Leather

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: Mike Rule

Churchwarden: Paul Jenkins

A card reader donation machine is available.

10:30 Sung Eucharist

See order of service

President: The Reverend Andrew Quigley

Assisted by: Sheila Roberts and David Kibert

Churchwardens: April Rule and Janet Burton

Servers: David Kibert, William Simpey and William Woolley

Sidesperson: David Pugh

Setting: Missa de Sancta Maria Magdalena - Willan

HYMN 38

Hark, a thrilling voice is sounding

READING Isaiah 64.1-9 *read by William Woolley*

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down,
so that the mountains would quake at your presence—

² as when fire kindles brushwood
and the fire causes water to boil—

to make your name known to your adversaries,
so that the nations might tremble at your presence!

³ When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect,
you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence.

⁴ From ages past no one has heard,
no ear has perceived,

no eye has seen any God besides you,
who works for those who wait for him.

⁵ You meet those who gladly do right,
those who remember you in your ways.

But you were angry, and we sinned;
because you hid yourself we transgressed.

⁶ We have all become like one who is unclean,
and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth.

We all fade like a leaf,
and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.

⁷ There is no one who calls on your name,
or attempts to take hold of you;
for you have hidden your face from us,
and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity.

⁸ Yet, O LORD, you are our Father;
we are the clay, and you are our potter;
we are all the work of your hand.

⁹ Do not be exceedingly angry, O LORD,
and do not remember iniquity for ever.
Now consider, we are all your people.

GRADUAL HYMN 50 (Tune 602) The advent of our King

GOSPEL Mark 13.24-37

‘But in those days, after that suffering,
the sun will be darkened,

and the moon will not give its light,
²⁵ and the stars will be falling from heaven,
and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.

²⁶ Then they will see “the Son of Man coming in clouds” with great power and
glory. ²⁷ Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds,
from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

²⁸ ‘From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and
puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. ²⁹ So also, when you see these
things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. ³⁰ Truly I tell you,
this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. ³¹ Heaven
and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

³² ‘But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the
Son, but only the Father. ³³ Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the
time will come. ³⁴ It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts
his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on
the watch. ³⁵ Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of
the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at
dawn, ³⁶ or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. ³⁷ And what I say
to you I say to all: Keep awake.’

SERMON
INTERCESSIONS

The Reverend Andrew Quigley
Sheila Roberts

OFFERTORY HYMN 99 (omit verse 4) Hail to the Lord's Anointed
Communion Motet Hark! The glad sound - Thorne

Please remember that intinction (dipping the bread in the wine) is not permitted due to the infection risk. If you do not wish to drink from the chalice, please receive the bread only (which is still full and valid communion).

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.

*A card reader donation machine is available at the back of church.
Everyone is invited for refreshments after the service.*

18.30

Advent Procession

see order of service

Officiant: The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar, assisted by Mike Rule

Churchwardens: Simon Edwards, April Rule and Paul Jenkins

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



The Vicar Writes After a long and exhausting day yesterday the encouragement of today's readings to "keep awake" is rather challenging! But I also remember desperately trying to stay awake through Christmas Eve as a child, hoping to hear hooves on the rooftop. Perhaps that spirit of eager anticipation is a good one in which to enter Advent.



The Week Ahead

Tuesday 5th to Friday 8th December

08:00 **Morning Prayer** - Lady Chapel

Wednesday 6th

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

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81259880030?pwd=TG9JbmJzUWV5VmFrMmJxdDJBTHFNQT09>

Meeting ID: 812 5988 0030 Passcode: u7iqca

Thursday 7th

10:30 **Holy Communion** Common Worship, Order I (traditional)

President: The Reverend Andrew Quigley Assisted by: Sheila Roberts

11:00 **Coffee Drop-In** - back of Church

Friday 8th

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

19.00 Bible Discussion via Zoom. To join, please use the link or codes below:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83054314360?pwd=RU4yUzhVSnpSajZHanBZYU93K3pOdz09>

Meeting ID: 830 5431 4360 Passcode: 922881

Sunday 10th December 2nd Sunday of Advent

08:30 **Holy Communion**

President: The Reverend Andrew Quigley

10:30 **Sung Eucharist**

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Readings: Isaiah 40.1-11 and Mark 1.1-8

19:30 **'Caring at Christmas'**

Officiant: The Reverend Andrew Quigley

Community Carol Service

CONGRATULATIONS We send our congratulations and best wishes to the Reverend Canon Dr Vicky Johnson (formerly a member of St James and currently Precentor at York Minster) on her appointment as the next Dean of St John's College, Cambridge.



'CARING AT CHRISTMAS' CAROL SERVICE On Sunday 10th December 2023, from 7.30pm-9.00pm, 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 and the High Sheriff of Leicestershire. This year, our chosen charity is LOROS and there will be festive refreshments after the service, supported by the Co-op. Free tickets are available from trybooking.co.uk/CUSY.

LEAFLET DELIVERY Thank you to those who helped deliver leaflets about Advent and Christmas to houses in the Parish.

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. The next Youth Group will meet in the Undercroft on **Wednesday 13th December**

STAMPS FOR CHARITY Please bring donations of stamps to help raise money for Inter Care and put them in the box provided.

FORTHCOMING CONCERTS

Saturday 9th December at 7.30 pm. Leicester Bach Choir perform Handel's 'Messiah'. Tickets from Eventbrite or choir members. Tickets are cheaper if purchased in advance. [Leicester Bach Choir](http://LeicesterBachChoir)

Wednesday 13th December at 7.30 pm. Ratby Cooperative Band with the Fosse Singers – 'Christmas Brass & Voices'. Tickets £10 from www.ratbyband.com or on the door.

Thursday 14th December at 7.30 pm. Leicester Philharmonic Choir Carol Concert. Tickets £15 or £10 (to include wine and mince pies) available on the door or <https://thephil.org.uk/concerts/>

Saturday 16th December at 7.00 pm. City of Leicester Singers Carol Concert. Supporting Parkinson UK. Tickets £12, under 16s free. Tickets from choir members, at the door or www.cityofleicestersingers.co.uk

Sunday 17th December at 3.00 pm. BabyGigs: The Three and a Half Kings. Tickets: Adults £7, Children over 12 months: £5 (Babies under 1 year are free). Tickets are available here: <https://www.tickettailor.com/events/babygigs>

Resources for Home Worship

Broadcast Media

Daily Service	Monday – Friday at 9.45am	Radio 4 LW
Sunday Worship	Sunday at 8.10 am	Radio 4
Songs of Praise	Sunday at 1.30 pm	BBC 1
Advent Service	Sunday at 3 pm	Radio 3
Choral Vespers	Wednesday at 4 pm	Radio 3

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:

1. Hymns we love
2. Reflections on hearing God's Voice by Alex Dew
3. Weekly C of E Service
4. Morning and Evening Prayers
5. Sleep well with Daily Hope
6. Details of how to write to the Daily Hope Team

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



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