

50/23



This week at the Church of
St James the Greater
Leicester

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10th DECEMBER 2023
2nd SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Prayer for the Week

O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power
and come among us,
and with great might succour us;
that whereas, through our sins and wickedness
we are grievously hindered
in running the race that is set before us,
your bountiful grace and mercy
may speedily help and deliver us;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honour and glory, 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)

Gwendoline Leather (93) Funeral on Wednesday 13th December at 1.30 pm in
St. James the Greater Church.

Welcome to St James the Greater

08:30 Holy Communion in the Lady Chapel

Common Worship Order One (Traditional)

President: The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar

Assisted by: Feby John

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: Angela Jagger and William Simpey

Churchwardens: Simon Edwards and Janet Burton

Servers: Tony Chizema, William Woolley and William Simpey

Sidesperson: Vacant

Setting: Bruckner in F

HYMN 39

Hills of the North, rejoice

READING Isaiah 40.1-11 *read by Andy Judge*

Comfort, O comfort my people,
says your God.

² Speak tenderly to Jerusalem,
and cry to her

that she has served her term,

that her penalty is paid,

that she has received from the LORD's hand
double for all her sins.

³ A voice cries out:

'In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD,
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

⁴ Every valley shall be lifted up,

and every mountain and hill be made low;

the uneven ground shall become level,

and the rough places a plain.

⁵ Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed,

and all people shall see it together,

for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.'

⁶ A voice says, 'Cry out!'
And I said, 'What shall I cry?'
All people are grass,
their constancy is like the flower of the field.
⁷ The grass withers, the flower fades,
when the breath of the LORD blows upon it;
surely the people are grass.
⁸ The grass withers, the flower fades;
but the word of our God will stand for ever.
⁹ Get you up to a high mountain,
O Zion, herald of good tidings;
lift up your voice with strength,
O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings,
lift it up, do not fear;
say to the cities of Judah,
'Here is your God!'
¹⁰ See, the Lord GOD comes with might,
and his arm rules for him;
his reward is with him,
and his recompense before him.
¹¹ He will feed his flock like a shepherd;
he will gather the lambs in his arms,
and carry them in his bosom,
and gently lead the mother sheep.

GRADUAL HYMN 44 i O Child of promise, come!

GOSPEL Mark 1.1-8

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

² As it is written in the prophet Isaiah,
'See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,
who will prepare your way;
³ the voice of one crying out in the wilderness:
"Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight" ',
⁴ John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance
for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵ And people from the whole Judean countryside and all
the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the
river Jordan, confessing their sins. ⁶ Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a
leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷ He proclaimed,
'The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to

stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. ⁸I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.'

SERMON

The Reverend Andrew Quigley

INTERCESSIONS

Angela Jagger

OFFERTORY HYMN 46

On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry

Communion Motet

O radiant dawn - MacMillan

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

Father in heaven,
who sent your Son to redeem the world
and will send him again to be our judge:
give us grace so to imitate him
in the humility and purity of his first coming
that, when he comes again,
we may be ready to greet him
with joyful love and firm faith;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

RECESSIONAL HYMN 41

Lo, he comes with clouds descending

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.

19.30 'Caring at Christmas' Carol Service

see special order of service

Officiant: Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar

Servers: Rod Eynon-Baldock, Sara King, Hilary Rees,

Val Bailey and William Woolley

Churchwardens: Simon Edwards and April Rule

Everyone is invited for refreshments after the service.

The Vicar Writes Whilst certain uniformed organisations aim to “be prepared”, I wonder how prepared we are generally. Government was clearly ill-prepared for Covid, and globally we show similar disarray for climate change induced disasters. In our spiritual lives we are meant to be prepared to welcome Christ and to live in his kingdom. This may be the greatest challenge of all.



The Week Ahead

Tuesday 12th to Friday 15th December

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

Monday 11th

14.30 **House Group** via Zoom. To join, please use the link

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/4049355092?pwd=ZU5aZ2JaTWlBK0V3aHZUTlp4bGVGUT09&omn=71990807663>

Meeting ID: 404 935 5092 Passcode: 6Hyy6R

Wednesday 13th

19.30 **Youth Group** in the Undercroft

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

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81259880030?pwd=TG9JbmJzUW56VmFrMmJxdDJBTHFNQT09>

Meeting ID: 812 5988 0030 Passcode: u7iqca

Thursday 14th

10:30 **Holy Communion** Common Worship, Order 1 (traditional)

President: The Reverend Jane Sharp Assisted by: Lin Mawer

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

Friday 15th

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 17th December 3rd Sunday of Advent

08:30 **Holy Communion**

President: The Reverend Philip Norwood

10:30 **Sung Eucharist**

President: The Reverend Andrew Quigley

Readings: Isaiah 61.1-4, 8-11 and John 1.6-8, 19-28

15.00 **BabyGigs Concert for Children** (see notice)

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

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>

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 Chapel of St John's College, Cambridge.



'CARING AT CHRISTMAS' CAROL SERVICE This Sunday, 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 services 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

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

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 1.15 pm	BBC 1
Choral Vespers	Sunday at 3 pm	Radio 3
Compline	Monday 9.30 pm	Radio 3
Choral Evensong	Wednesday at 4 pm	Radio 3

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

DAILY HOPE TELEPHONE SERVICE Freephone 0800 804 8044

1. Christmas at home on the phone - reflections by Steve Cramer
2. Carol Line
3. Christmas 'Join the Song' reflections from the Church of England
4. Weekly Church of England Service
5. Morning and Evening Prayers
6. Sleep Well with Daily Hope
7. Details of how to write to the Daily Hope Team

CONTACTING THE TEAM

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