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This week at the Church of
St James the Greater
Leicester

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17th DECEMBER 2023
3rd SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Prayer for the Week

O Lord Jesus Christ,
who at your first coming sent your messenger
to prepare your way before you:
grant that the ministers and stewards of your mysteries
may likewise so prepare and make ready your way
by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just,
that at your second coming to judge the world
we may be found an acceptable people in your sight;
for you are alive and reign with the Father
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)
Gwendoline Leather (93)

Welcome to St James the Greater

08:30 Holy Communion in the Lady Chapel

Common Worship Order One (Traditional)

President: The Reverend Philip Norwood

Assisted by: Lin Mawer

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: Margaret Sharman and Sheila Roberts

Churchwardens: April Rule and Janet Burton

Servers: William Woolley, Lydia Doughty and Charles Samuel

Sidesperson: David Sharman

Setting: Missa de Sancta Maria Magdalena - Willan

HYMN 32 (omit verse 4)

Come, thou Redeemer of the earth

READING Isaiah 61.1-4, 8-11 *read by Andy Judge*

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.

- 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.

GRADUAL HYMN 36 Hark, the glad sound!

GOSPEL John 1.6-8, 19-28

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. ⁸He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light.

¹⁹ This is the testimony given by John when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, 'Who are you?' ²⁰He confessed and did not deny it, but confessed, 'I am not the Messiah.' ²¹And they asked him, 'What then? Are you Elijah?' He said, 'I am not.' 'Are you the prophet?' He answered, 'No.' ²²Then they said to him, 'Who are you? Let us have an answer for those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?' ²³He said, 'I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, "Make straight the way of the Lord" ', as the prophet Isaiah said.

²⁴ Now they had been sent from the Pharisees. ²⁵They asked him, 'Why then are you baptizing if you are neither the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the prophet?' ²⁶John answered them, 'I baptize with water. Among you stands one whom you do not know, ²⁷the one who is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandal.' ²⁸This took place in Bethany across the Jordan where John was baptizing.

SERMON
INTERCESSIONS
OFFERTORY HYMN 38
Communion Motet

The Reverend Andrew Quigley
Sheila Roberts
Hark, a thrilling voice is sounding
Advent Message - How

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

We give you thanks, O Lord, for these heavenly gifts;
kindle in us the fire of your Spirit
that when your Christ comes again
we may shine as lights before his face;
who is alive and reigns now and for ever.

RECESSIONAL HYMN 37 **Hark what a sound**

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.*

The Vicar Writes I wonder how John, Isaiah and the other prophets foretelling the Messiah felt about their mission, knowing they would not live to see what they had promised. To dream a dream of a better world that they would not see in this life. We are in a similar situation, although we know the promise was fulfilled, we still live to prepare the world and ourselves for that better world to come.



18.30 **Service of Nine Lessons and Carols**
see special order of service

Officiant: Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar

Churchwardens: Simon Edwards, April Rule and Paul Jenkins

Servers: Hazel Carlin, Hilary Rees, Val Bailey, Phil Jones and Tony Chizema

Today 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>

The Week Ahead

Tuesday 19th to Friday 22nd December

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

Wednesday 20th

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 21st

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

President: The Reverend Andrew Quigley Assisted by: Janet Burton

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

Friday 22nd

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 24th December

4th Sunday of Advent / Christmas Eve

08:30 **Holy Communion**

President: The Reverend Philip Norwood

10:30 **Sung Eucharist**

President: The Reverend Andrew Quigley

Readings: 2 Samuel 7.1-5, 8-11, 16 and Luke 1.67-79

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

Monday 25th December

Christmas Day

08:30 **Holy Communion**

President: The Reverend Andrew Quigley

10:30 **Family Service**

Officiant: The Reverend Andrew Quigley

Readings: Luke 2.1-7 and Luke 2.8-16

CONGRATULATIONS We offer our sincere congratulations to Hazel Carlin on the award of her PhD. Well done.

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

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.

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.

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

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
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SERVICES FOR CHRISTMAS 2023 AND NEW YEAR 2024

Sunday 24th December	8.30 am	Holy Communion
	10.30 am	Sung Eucharist
	4.00 pm	Children's Service
	11.30 pm	Midnight Mass
Monday 25th December	8.30 am	Holy Communion
	10.30 am	Christmas Morning Service followed by Communion
Sunday 31st December	10.30 am	Sung Eucharist
	6.30 pm	New Year Service
Sunday 7th January	10.30 am	Sung Eucharist
	6.30 pm	Evensong
Sunday 14th January	10.30 am	Sung Eucharist
	6.30 pm	Epiphany Carol Service
Sunday 28th January	6.30 pm	Candlemas Service



CONTACTING THE TEAM

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