

52/23



This week at the Church of
St James the Greater
Leicester

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24th DECEMBER 2023
4th SUNDAY OF ADVENT / CHRISTMAS EVE

Prayer for the Week

God our redeemer,
who prepared the Blessed Virgin Mary
to be the mother of your Son:
grant that, as she looked for his coming as our saviour,
so we may be ready to greet him
when he comes again as our judge;
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 : Rachel Bentley
Mandy Stephensen : Jean Warren : Revd David Clark

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: David Kibert and Sheila Roberts

Churchwardens: April Rule and Janet Burton

Servers: William Woolley, David Kibert and Tony Chizema

Sidesperson: Vacant

Setting: Ireland in C

HYMN 81

Once in royal David's city

READING 2 Samuel 7.1-11, 16 *read by David Kibert*

Now when the king was settled in his house, and the LORD had given him rest from all his enemies around him, ²the king said to the prophet Nathan, 'See now, I am living in a house of cedar, but the ark of God stays in a tent.' ³Nathan said to the king, 'Go, do all that you have in mind; for the LORD is with you.'

⁴ But that same night the word of the LORD came to Nathan: ⁵Go and tell my servant David: Thus says the LORD: Are you the one to build me a house to live in? ⁶I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent and a tabernacle. ⁷Wherever I have moved about among all the people of Israel, did I ever speak a word with any of the tribal leaders of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, 'Why have you not built me a house of cedar?' ⁸Now therefore thus you shall say to my servant David: Thus says the LORD of hosts: I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep to be prince over my people Israel; ⁹and I have been with you wherever you went, and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. ¹⁰And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may live in their own place, and be disturbed no more; and evildoers shall afflict them no more, as formerly, ¹¹from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel; and I will give you rest

from all your enemies. Moreover, the LORD declares to you that the LORD will make you a house. ¹⁶Your house and your kingdom shall be made sure for ever before me; your throne shall be established for ever.

GRADUAL HYMN 47 People, look east to see at last

GOSPEL Luke 1.26-38

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, ²⁷to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. ²⁸And he came to her and said, 'Greetings, favoured one! The Lord is with you.' ²⁹But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. ³⁰The angel said to her, 'Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God. ³¹And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. ³²He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. ³³He will reign over the house of Jacob for ever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.' ³⁴Mary said to the angel, 'How can this be, since I am a virgin?' ³⁵The angel said to her, 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. ³⁶And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. ³⁷For nothing will be impossible with God.' ³⁸Then Mary said, 'Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.' Then the angel departed from her.

SERMON

Sheila Roberts

INTERCESSIONS

The Reverend Andrew Quigley

OFFERTORY HYMN 313

For Mary, Mother of our Lord

Communion Motet

The Angel Gabriel – Trad. Arr. Pettman

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

Heavenly Father,
who chose the Blessed Virgin Mary
to be the mother of the promised saviour:
fill us your servants with your grace,
that in all things we may embrace your holy will
and with her rejoice in your salvation;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

RECESSIONAL HYMN 75

Long ago, prophets knew

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Please be aware of those remaining to listen.

A card reader donation machine is available at the back of church.

16.00

Children's Service

Officiant: The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar

23.30

Midnight Mass

See order of service

President: The Reverend Andrew Quigley

Assisted by: William Simpey and Phil Jones

Churchwardens: April Rule and Paul Jenkins

Servers: Rod Eynon-Baldock, Sara King, William Simpey and Phil Jones

Setting: Byrd Mass for 4 voices

Motet: In the bleak midwinter – Darke

25th DECEMBER 2023

CHRISTMAS DAY

08:30

Holy Communion in the Lady Chapel

Common Worship Order One (Traditional)

President: The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar

Assisted by: Lin Mawer

Churchwarden: Paul Jenkins

A card reader donation machine is available.

10.30

Family Service

See order of service

Officiant: The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar

Churchwarden: April Rule

Servers: Charles Samuel, William Woolley and Tony Chizema

Followed by

Holy Communion

President: The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar

Assisted by: Vicky Roe

Post Communion Prayer

God our Father,
whose Word has come among us
in the Holy Child of Bethlehem:
may the light of faith illumine our hearts
and shine in our words and deeds;
through him who is Christ the Lord.

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

A card reader donation machine is also available.

Please be as generous as your means allow.

The Vicar Writes We know the story, from a hundred carols. We have heard the hope from a hundred sermons. Our task is to hold fast to this hope, to live in this story of God among us. May you and all those you love have a happy, peaceful and blessed Christmas.



The Week Ahead

Wednesday 27th

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

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/75984858232?pwd=sXKl93zlo5Vj4WApP0aKUmTjrXEX0O.l>

Meeting ID: 759 8485 8232 Passcode: L6VWRmc

Thursday 28th

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

President: The Reverend Andrew Quigley Assisted by: Vicky Roe

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

Sunday 31st December

1st SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

08:30 Holy Communion

President: The Reverend Philip Norwood

10:30 Sung Eucharist

President: The Reverend Andrew Quigley

18.30 New Year Service

Readings: Isaiah 61.10-62.3 and Luke 2.15-21

Officiant: Angela Jagger

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

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 Evensong	Sunday at 3 pm and 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	8.30 am	Holy Communion
	10.30 am	Sung Eucharist
	6.30 pm	New Year Service
Sunday 7th January	8.30 am	Holy Communion
	10.30 am	Sung Eucharist
	6.30 pm	Evensong
Sunday 14th January	8.30 am	Holy Communion
	10.30 am	Sung Eucharist
	6.30 pm	Epiphany Carol Service
Sunday 21st January	8.30 am	Holy Communion
	10.30 am	Sung Eucharist
	6.30 pm	Evensong
Sunday 28th January	8.30 am	Holy Communion
	10.30 am	Sung Eucharist
	6.30 pm	Candlemas Service



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