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This week at the Church of  
**St James the Greater**  
Leicester

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**31<sup>st</sup> DECEMBER 2023**  
**CHRISTMAS I**

**Prayer for the Week**

Almighty God,  
who wonderfully created us in your own image  
and yet more wonderfully restored us  
through your Son Jesus Christ:  
grant that, as he came to share in our humanity,  
so we may share the life of his divinity;  
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 Andrew Quigley, Vicar

Assisted by: Lin Mawer

*A card reader donation machine is available.*

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## **10:30 Sung Eucharist**

*See order of service*

President: The Reverend Andrew Quigley

Assisted by: Lucy Hutchinson and Mike Rule

Servers: Phil Jones, Lucy Hutchinson and William Simpey

Sidesperson: Vacant

Setting: Mass of St. Thomas - Thorne

## **HYMN 58**

### **A great and mighty wonder**

READING Isaiah 61.10-62.3 *read by Phil Jones*

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.

<sup>11</sup> 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.

<sup>62</sup> For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,  
and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest,  
until her vindication shines out like the dawn,  
and her salvation like a burning torch.

<sup>2</sup> The nations shall see your vindication,  
and all the kings your glory;  
and you shall be called by a new name  
that the mouth of the LORD will give.

<sup>3</sup> You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD,  
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

**GRADUAL HYMN 52 (omit verse 3)    The people that in darkness sat**

**GOSPEL** Luke 2.15-21

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, 'Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.' <sup>16</sup>So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. <sup>17</sup>When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; <sup>18</sup>and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. <sup>19</sup>But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. <sup>20</sup>The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

<sup>21</sup> After eight days had passed, it was time to circumcise the child; and he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

SERMON

The Reverend Andrew Quigley

INTERCESSIONS

The Reverend Andrew Quigley

**OFFERTORY HYMN 68**

**In the bleak midwinter**

**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,

whose blessed Son shared at Nazareth the life of an earthly home:

help your Church to live as one family,

united in love and obedience,

and bring us all at last to our home in heaven;

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**RECESSIONAL HYMN 65**

**Good Christians all, rejoice**

VOLUNTARY

*Please be aware of those remaining to listen.*

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

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**18.30**

## **New Year Service**

*see order of service*

Officiant: Angela Jagger

Servers: Sara King and Rod Eynon-Baldock

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**The Vicar Writes** Like a large Christmas dinner, the ramifications of Christmas itself take a while to digest. Luckily Christmas is not a single day, and we are given longer to ponder and consider what it might mean for God to be one of us, and the sister-season of Epiphany to explore the expanding ripples of revelation and understanding."



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## **The Week Ahead**

### **Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup>**

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: L6WRmc

### **Thursday 4<sup>th</sup>**

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

President: The Reverend Andrew Quigley    Assisted by: Sheila Roberts

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

### **Friday 5<sup>th</sup>**

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

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## **Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> January**

### **Epiphany**

08:30 **BCP Holy Communion** President: The Reverend Andrew Quigley

10:30 **Sung Eucharist**      President: The Reverend Andrew Quigley

Readings: Isaiah 60.1-6 and Matthew 2.1-12

18:30 **Choral Evensong**      Officiant: The Reverend Andrew Quigley

Readings: Baruch 4.36-end of 5 and John 2.1-11

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## **JUNIOR CHOIR**

Our Junior Choir 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](mailto:DoM@stjamesthegreater.org.uk).

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**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.

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

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## **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](http://www.churchofengland.org) and [www.leicestercathedral.org](http://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

## SERVICES FOR CHRISTMAS 2023 AND NEW YEAR 2024

<b>Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> December</b>	8.30 am	Holy Communion
	10.30 am	Sung Eucharist
	4.00 pm	Children's Service
	11.30 pm	Midnight Mass
<b>Monday 25<sup>th</sup> December</b>	8.30 am	Holy Communion
	10.30 am	Christmas Morning Service followed by Communion
<b>Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> December</b>	8.30 am	Holy Communion
	10.30 am	Sung Eucharist
	6.30 pm	New Year Service
<b>Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> January</b>	8.30 am	Holy Communion
	10.30 am	Sung Eucharist
	6.30 pm	Evensong
<b>Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> January</b>	8.30 am	Holy Communion
	10.30 am	Sung Eucharist
	6.30 pm	Epiphany Carol Service
<b>Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> January</b>	8.30 am	Holy Communion
	10.30 am	Sung Eucharist
	6.30 pm	Evensong
<b>Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> January</b>	8.30 am	Holy Communion
	10.30 am	Sung Eucharist
	6.30 pm	Candlemas Service

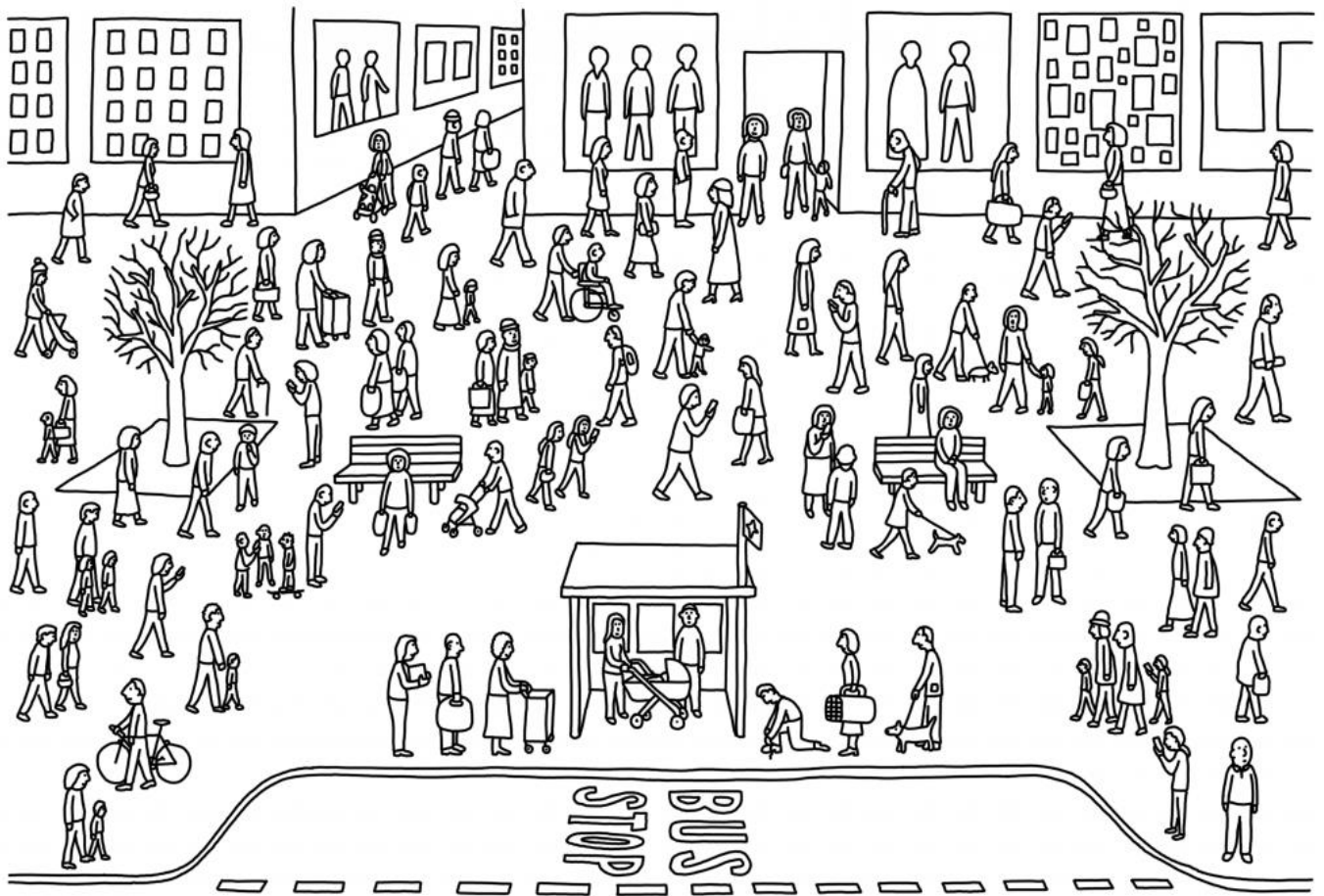
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