

Worship at Christmas

Wednesday 24 December Christmas Eve

18.30 Christingle Service
23.00 Choral Prelude
23.30 Midnight Eucharist of the Nativity
(Communicants are asked to abstain from food and drink for at least two hours before the service.)

Thursday 25 December Christmas Day

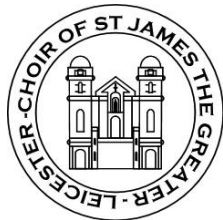
08.30 Holy Communion
10.30 Christmas Family Service
11.45 Holy Communion

Sunday 11 January at 18.30

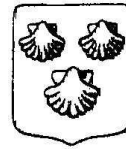
Epiphany Carol Service

Anyone wishing to find out more about the Christian faith and way of life or seeking spiritual direction is encouraged to contact the Vicar who will be glad to follow up any enquiry: 254 4113

Anyone knowing of a boy or girl who may be interested in joining one of our choirs is encouraged to contact the Director of Music via the church office: 254 2111



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The Church of St James the Greater
Leicester



Service of Nine Lessons and Carols

21 December 2014

preceded by congregational carol singing

Organist: Michael Rule
Director of Music: Matthew Haynes

As the lights dim, please stand

HYMN 46 verses 1 & 2 sung by the choir **Once in royal David's city**

Bidding Prayer by Canon Glynn Richerby, Vicar

followed by
The Lord's Prayer

**All: Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come,
thy will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Congregation is invited to sit for the readings and choir items, and stand for the carols

First Lesson Genesis 3.8-15 The Garden of Eden
read by Alex Coles, Boys' Choir Head Chorister

Choir Adam lay ybounden Warlock

Second Lesson Genesis 22 selected verses The promise to Abraham
read by Hannah Cowley & Emma Nisbet, Girls' Choir
Head Choristers

Choir Away in a manger Willcocks

Third Lesson Isaiah 9.2, 6-7 Prophecy of the Messiah's birth
read by Penny Judge, maintaining choristers' robes

**Congregation
& Choir** **God rest you merry, gentlemen,
Let nothing you dismay,
For Jesus Christ our Saviour
Was born upon this day,
To save us all from Satan's power
When we were gone astray:
O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy,
O tidings of comfort and joy.**

Choir only From God our heav'nly Father ...
All **O tidings of comfort and joy ...**

**The shepherds at those tidings
Rejoicèd much in mind,
And left their flocks a-feeding,
In tempest, storm and wind,
And went to Bethlehem straightway,
The blessèd babe to find:
O tidings of comfort and joy ...**

Choir only But when to Bethlehem they came ...
All **O tidings of comfort and joy ...**

**Now to the Lord sing praises,
All you within this place,
And with true love and brotherhood
Each other now embrace;
This holy tide of Christmas
All others doth deface:
O tidings of comfort and joy ...**

Fourth Lesson Micah 4.2-4 The Messiah from Bethlehem
read by Francis Ciza, caretaking

Hymn 41 omit verse 4 It came upon the midnight clear

Fifth Lesson St Luke 1:26-35, 38 The Annunciation to Mary
read by read by Barbara Penrose, dusting

Choir A hymn to the virgin Britten

Sixth Lesson St Luke 2.1, 3-7 Luke tells of the birth of Jesus
read by Rosemary Freer, catering

Hymn **O little town of Bethlehem**

Seventh Lesson St Luke 2.8-16 The Shepherds go to the Manger
read by Steve Wright, seats & staging

Choir Shepherds Pipe Carol Rutter

Eighth Lesson St Matthew 2.1-11 Magi are led by the star to Jesus
read by Andy Packham, sound & light

Choir Three Kings Cornelius

Please remain standing for the remainder of the service

Ninth Lesson John 1.1-14 The great mystery of the incarnation
read by The Vicar

Hymn 326 omit verse 7 O Come all ye faithful

*during which a collection is taken
please be as generous as your means allow*

Prayers & Blessing

Hymn 35 **Hark! The herald angels sing**

Organ Voluntary In dulci jubilo (In sweet rejoicing') J S Bach