

## Worship in Advent

<b>Sunday 6 December</b>	<b>Advent 2</b>
08.30	Holy Communion
10.30	Choral Eucharist
18.30	Choral Evensong & Sermon in a series on <i>Messiah</i>
<b>Sunday 13 December</b>	<b>Advent 3</b>
08.30	Holy Communion
10.30	Choral Eucharist
18.30	Choral Evensong & Sermon in a series on <i>Messiah</i>
<b>Sunday 20 December</b>	<b>Advent 4</b>
10.30	Sung Eucharist
18.00	Congregational Carol Singing
18.30	Service of Nine Lessons and Carols (by candlelight)

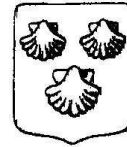
## Worship at Christmas

<b>Thursday 24 December</b>	<b>Christmas Eve</b>
18.30	Christingle Service
23.00	Choral Prelude
23.30	Midnight Eucharist of the Nativity <i>(Communicants are asked to abstain from food and drink for at least <u>two hours</u> before the service.)</i>
<b>Friday 25 December</b>	<b>Christmas Day</b>
08.30	Holy Communion
10.30	Christmas Family Service
11.45	Holy Communion

**Sunday 10 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 the choirs is encouraged to contact the Director of Music via the Church Office: 2542111  
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Welcome to  
The Church of St James the Greater  
Leicester



## Advent Procession

Sunday 29 November 2015

WELCOME & INTRODUCTION by Canon Glynn Richerby, Vicar

***The congregation is seated in silence***

ORGAN	Es ist ein ros entsprungen	Brahms
CHOIR	Matin Responsory	Palestrina (Arr. Wilcocks)

A COLLECT FOR ADVENT

Stir up, we beseech thee, O Lord, the wills of thy faithful people: that they plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may of thee be plenteously rewarded, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***During the service, the congregation remains seated for the readings and choir items, standing for the hymns***

**Hymn Choir only verses 1 & 2**

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| 1. Come, Thou Redeemer of the earth,<br>And manifest Thy virgin birth:<br>Let every age adoring fall;<br>Such birth befits the God of all.         | 4. From God the Father He proceeds,<br>To God the Father back He speeds;<br>His course He runs to death and hell,<br>Returning on God's throne to dwell.    |
| 2. Begotten of no human will,<br>But of the Spirit, Thou art still<br>The Word of God in flesh arrayed,<br>The promised Fruit to man displayed.    | 5. Thy cradle here shall glitter bright,<br>And darkness breathe a newer light,<br>Where endless faith shall shine serene,<br>And twilight never intervene. |
| 3. The virgin womb that burden gained<br>With virgin honour all unstained;<br>The banners there of virtue glow;<br>God in His temple dwells below. | 6. All laud eternal Son to thee<br>Whose advent sets thy people free;<br>Whom with the Father we adore;<br>And Holy Ghost for evermore.                     |

*The procession moves to the Chancel steps*

FIRST LESSON	The Promise	Jeremiah 23. 5-6
CHOIR	O come Emmanuel	(Arr. Carter)

SECOND LESSON Those who sit in darkness Isaiah 9. 2-3, 6-7

CHOIR Hail Gladdening Light Wood

**Hymn 484 omit verse 4 Long ago, prophets knew**

THIRD LESSON The Angel Gabriel visits Mary Luke 1. 26-35, 38

CHOIR Magnificat Stanford in C

FOURTH LESSON John the Baptist Mark 1. 1-8

**Hymn 27 On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry**  
*The procession moves to the choir stalls*

FIFTH LESSON Good news to the poor Luke 4. 14-21

CHOIR Peace be to you Manz

SIXTH LESSON The King and the Kingdom Luke 19. 28-40

**Hymn 31 Come thou long expected Jesus**

SEVENTH LESSON The parable of the foolish virgins Matthew 25. 1-13

CHOIR Wake, O wake Nicolai (Bach harmonisation)

**Hymn 30 Hark the glad sound! the Saviour comes**

**SILENCE IS KEPT**

CHOIR Let all mortal flesh keep silence Bairstow

EIGHTH LESSON Judgement Matthew 25. 31-46

**Hymn 325 Choir only verse 1, omit verses 2 & 6**  
**Of the Father's love begotten**

*During the hymn a collection is taken*  
**Please be as generous as your means allow**

*The procession moves to the Sanctuary*

**After the hymn, the congregation kneels or sits**

As we await the fulfilment of the promise of glory, let us pray for the coming of the Kingdom in the words our Saviour taught us, saying:

**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.**

Vicar We wait for thy loving kindness, O Lord.

Choir In the midst of thy temple

**SILENCE IS KEPT**

CHOIR Vesper Responsory Palestrina (Arr. Wilcocks)

**THE COLLECT FOR ADVENT SUNDAY**

Almighty God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armour of light, now and in the time of this mortal life, in which thy Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty, to judge both the quick and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal, through him who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, now and for ever.

CHOIR Amen (from Geistliches Lied)

**The congregation now stands for the remainder of the service**

NINTH LESSON The vision of heaven Revelation 5. 11-12

CHOIR Gloria Gloucester Service Howells

**BLESSING**

The Lord is at hand.

Be careful for nothing:

but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving,

let your requests be made known unto God.

And the peace of God, which passes all understanding,

shall keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God,

and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be amongst you, and remain with you always. Amen.

**Hymn 28 Lo! he comes with clouds descending**

**Please note Verse 2 third line All not Those who set at nought and sold him**

*Following the hymn the procession departs*

ORGAN VOLUNTARY Fantasy on 'Helmesley' Kenneth Leighton