

# Worship at Christmas

## Saturday 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.)*

## Sunday 25 December

## Christmas Day

08.30

Holy Communion

10.30

Christmas Family Service

11.45

Holy Communion

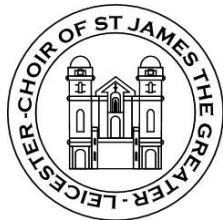
Sunday 8 January at 18.30

## Epiphany Carol Service

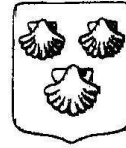
Anyone wishing to find out more about the Christian faith and way of life or seeking spiritual direction is encouraged to contact the Church Office who will be glad to follow up any enquiry: 254 2111

Anyone knowing of a boy or girl who may be interested in becoming a chorister is encouraged to contact the Director of Music via the Church Office: 254 2111. No experience is necessary.

Enquiries from adults and young people with prior experience who are interested in singing in our Choirs are also always welcome.



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The Church of St James the Greater  
Leicester



# Service of Nine Lessons and Carols

18 December 2016

*preceded by congregational carol singing*

Officiant: The Very Reverend Dr Derek Hole

Director of Music: Matthew Haynes

Organist: Michael Rule

*As the lights dim, please stand*

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

**Bidding Prayer**

*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 The Garden of Eden  
read by Alice Langridge, St James Singers

**Choir** **Adam lay ybounden** **Warlock**

**Second Lesson** Genesis 22 God's promise to faithful Abraham  
read by Phil Jones, PCC Secretary

**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 ...**

**Third Lesson** Isaiah 9 Christ's birth and kingdom are foretold  
read by Anne Sylvester, Flower Guild

**Choir** **What sweeter music** **Rutter**

**Fourth Lesson** Isaiah 11 The peace that Christ will bring is foreshown  
read by David Kibert, Eucharistic Assistant

**Choir** **Gabriel's Message** **Trad.**

**Fifth Lesson** St Luke 1 The Angel Gabriel  
read by Vicky Roe, Pastoral Assistant

**Hymn 41 omit verse 4** **It came upon the midnight clear**

**Sixth Lesson** St Luke 2 St Luke tells of the birth of Jesus  
read by Michael Bull, Server

**Choir** **Away in a manger** **Wilcocks**

**Hymn 40 third verse choir only** **O little town of Bethlehem**

**Seventh Lesson** St Luke 2 The Shepherds go to the Manger  
read by Angela Stray, Sidesman

**Hymn 37** **While Shepherds watched**

**Eighth Lesson** St Matthew 2 The Wise men are led by a star  
read by Keith Vaughan, Churchwarden

**Choir** **Christ is the morning star** **Pärt**

*Please remain standing for the remainder of the service*

**Ninth Lesson** John 1 The Great Mystery of the Incarnation  
read by The Very Reverend Dr Derek Hole

**Hymn 326 omit verses 4&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** **Rhapsodie sur des Noëls** **Gigout**