



Welcome to the
The Church of St James the Greater
Leicester



Service of
Nine Lessons and Carols
SUNDAY 20th December 2020

Officiant: The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar
Director of Music: Matthew Haynes
Organist: Michael Rule

Welcome to the Church of Saint James the Greater for our traditional service of Nine Lessons and Carols. As with everything in 2020, this unique service will be different to how you may have experienced it in the past. It is with deep regret that there will be no communal singing of time-honoured carols this year. However, whilst we know our worship may be different, we are indeed grateful that we are able to give glory to God at this most important festival for Christians as we celebrate the birth of Jesus. Our thanks once again go out to Matt Haynes, Mike Rule and all of the choir for their efforts in putting together this service for us.

Current restrictions mean there won't be an Offertory as part of our worship this afternoon. To allow you to show your appreciation of the wonderful music you'll listen to over the next hour or so, you'll find collection bowls on the tables at the back of church. We know that 2020 has been a difficult year for all of us and any contribution you are able to make to help St James continue its matchless musical tradition is truly appreciated by all of us.

COVID-19

If you've downloaded the NHS app, which allows to allow you to check-in to venues, we have created our own unique QR code for St James and you'll find it displayed on the right. To check-in, please take the following steps:

1. Open the NHS COVID-19 app.
2. Select **Venue Check In**.
3. Hold your phone up to the QR code. When the app registers it, you'll see a tick and the name of the venue.



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If you don't have a smartphone, you'll find a Track and Trace form on your seat. We ask that you complete this and place it in one of the boxes at the back of church before you leave.

As the lights dim and the choir enter, please remain sitting

Choir **Once in Royal David's City**

Bidding Prayer The Reverend Andrew Quigley

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.**

FIRST LESSON Genesis 3. 8 – 15: The garden of Eden
read by Kathryn Jackson

Choir **Adam Lay Ybounden** **Ord**

SECOND LESSON Genesis 22. 15 – 18: The promise to Abraham
read by Caroline Beardsmore

Choir **It Came Upon the Midnight Clear**

THIRD LESSON Isaiah 9. 2, 6 – 7: Prophecy of the Messiah's birth
read by Jennifer Clegg

Choir **Ding Dong Merrily on High** **arr. Wilcocks**

FOURTH LESSON Micah 5. 2 – 4: The Messiah from Bethlehem
read by Vicky Roe

SERVICES FOR CHRISTMAS 2020 AND NEW YEAR 2021

Friday 25th December 10:30am Christmas Morning Sung Eucharist
All are welcome to worship with us on Christmas Day and reservations aren't required, however seating will be limited.

Sunday 10th January 4:00pm Epiphany Carol Service

Sunday 31st January 4:00pm Candlemas Service

To find out more about the Christian faith and way of life or to seek spiritual direction please contact us.



For information on our choirs please contact the Director of Music
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