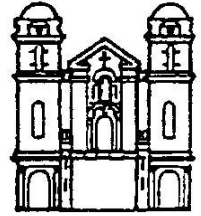


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This week at the Church of  
**St James the Greater**  
Leicester

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**4 DECEMBER 2016**  
**SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

*If you wear a hearing-aid, please switch to T to benefit from the inductive loop*  
**Large-print hymn books are available from sidesmen**

*The high altar may be approached via the side steps, which have handrails  
Please inform a Churchwarden if you wish to receive a gluten free wafer  
or receive Communion in your seat.*

**Prayer for the Week**

○ Lord, raise up, we pray, your power and come among us,  
and with great might succour us;  
that whereas, through our sins and wickedness  
we are grievously hindered in running the race that is set before us,  
your bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be honour and glory, now and for ever.

**08.30**

**Holy Communion**

Book of Common Prayer  
Celebrant: The Reverend David Clark  
Churchwarden: Keith Vaughan

**10.30**

**Children's Sunday Club**

Starting off together in Church

**10.30**

**Sung Eucharist**

Common Worship, Order I  
**see service sheet and music card**  
Celebrant: The Venerable Tim Stratford, Archdeacon of Leicester  
Assisted by: The Very Reverend Dr Derek Hole and Vicky Roe  
Churchwardens: Julia Walker and Simon Edwards  
Sidesmen: David Pugh and Claire & Graham Prowse  
Servers: William Woolley, Della Evans and David Nisbet  
Setting: Viadana

**HYMN 470**                      **Hills of the North, rejoice**  
READING                      Isaiah 11. 1-10                      *read by Margaret Terry*

**ADVENT REFRAIN**

GOSPEL                      Matthew 3. 1-12

SERMON                      The Archdeacon

INTERCESSIONS              Vicky Roe

**HYMN 27**                      **On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry**

ANTHEM                      O come, O come Emmanuel                      *arr. Carter*

**COMMUNION HYMN 177** **Thy Kingdom come, O God**

**HYMN 28**                      **Lo, he comes with clouds decending**

ORGAN VOLUNTARY – *please be aware of those remaining to listen*

*Everyone is invited to the Hall for refreshments after the service*

**15.00                      Koolgigs Childrens Concert**

**18.30                      Choral Evensong**

*see service card and music sheet*

Officiant: The Reverend Canon Philip Norwood

Churchwardens: Phil Jones and Simon Edwards

Sidesmen: Lin Mawer and Angela & Colin Stray

Servers: Ian Stapleton, Valerie Bailey and Emma-Jane Hunt

**HYMN 24**                      **Hark, a thrilling voice is sounding**

**CONFESSION**                      *see buff service card*

**RESPONSES**

**PSALM 62 vs 1-8**              *see green music sheet*

FIRST LESSON                      1 Kings 18. 17-39                      *read by Helen Parsons*

**MAGNIFICAT**                      *see green music sheet*

SECOND LESSON                      John 1. 19-28                      *read by Lin Mawer*

NUNC DIMITTIS                      sung by the Choir                      *Dyson in C minor*

**THE CREED**                      *see buff service card, p 3*

**RESPONSES**

ANTHEM                      Creator of the stars of night                      *Scott*

PRAYERS                      John Raven

**HYMN 25**                      **The advent of our King**

SERMON                      David Brunning

**HYMN 178**                      **Thy Kingdom come! on bended knee**

**BLESSING**

DISMISSAL *Plainsong*              The Lord be with you.                      **And with thy spirit.**  
Let us bless the Lord.                      **Thanks be to God!**

ORGAN VOLUNTARY – *please be aware of those remaining to listen*

## Our Prayers are asked for:

**All prevented from worshipping with us, remembering this week**

Arthur Higginson : Charles Wicksteed : George Daley

**Unwell**

Pat Ireson : Edna Willett (William Woolley's aunt) in hospital following a fall

## The Rest of the Week

### Tuesday

19.30 Concert by Ex Cathedra

### Thursday

10.15 **Holy Communion** Common Worship, Order I (traditional)  
Celebrant: The Very Reverend Dr Derek Hole

10.45 Coffee Drop-In in the Hall (access from the Church via the lift)

17.00 41st Leicester Scouts (boys *and* girls) meet in the Undercroft

19.30 St James Singers Choir Practice

### Friday

18.00 Choir Practice

### Saturday

11.00 Stop-by in the Undercroft

## Sunday Next – Advent 3

08.30 **Holy Communion** Celebrant: Reverend Jane Sharp

10.30 Sunday Club meets in the Large Hall, starting off in Church

10.30 **Sung Eucharist** Celebrant: Reverend David Clark

Preacher: Angela Jagger

Readings: Isaiah 35 & Matthew 11. 2-11

18.30 **Evensong** Officiant: Peter Mackenzie

Preacher: Peter Mackenzie

## Toys on the Table – Special Christmas Appeal

PLEASE BRING new toys to services today, **Sunday 4 December** – for children in Leicester and Leicestershire who might not otherwise receive gifts at Christmas, or drop into the office by Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December.

The need this year is as great as ever – especially for gifts suitable for toddlers under the age of two and for teenage boys. Early play toys specifically intended for toddlers would be highly appreciated. Teenage boy needs are best catered for with stationery, wallets and gift sets for personal hygiene.

**Please note that gifts should NOT be wrapped.**

Cash donations are also extremely useful so the charity can purchase well-aimed gifts for the age groups where insufficient presents are donated.

## CHRISTMAS SPARKLES

Children's concert featuring choristers from St James the Greater along with the Koolgigs team. Music includes traditional and popular Christmas classics. Suitable for all ages, running time 60 minutes. **Today** at 3pm. **Tickets are on the door, from £5.**

## CHRISTMAS BY CANDLELIGHT

On Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December Ex Cathedra return to St James but this time with their acclaimed Christmas concert. Doors open at 6.30pm, there will be a bar serving hot and cold drinks and light refreshments. **Tickets cost £15-30 and are available by calling the Church Office on 0116 254 2111, from [www.stjamesthegreater.org.uk](http://www.stjamesthegreater.org.uk) or on the door.**

## CHRISTMAS LUNCH

The now annual Old Horse Christmas Lunch will take place on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December this year. Forms with menu options can be found at the back of the Church. Everyone is welcome. **Please return the form and payment to the Church Office no later than Thursday 8 December.**

## CHRISTINGLE MAKING

On the 23<sup>rd</sup> December at 6.30pm we invite you to join us to make Christingles in the hall. Contributions of snacks, mince pies or mulled wine would be greatly appreciated. **Please sign up at the back of the church from next week and indicate if you can contribute something.**

## GIVING TO ST JAMES THE GREATER

YOUR GIFT is a vital contribution to the costs of ministry and maintenance of this fabulous place of worship. **Please be as generous as your means allow.** If you are a UK tax payer please use Gift Aid envelopes available in front of each seat. Gift Aid increases the value of your gift by 25%. **Further information on Giving to St James and the Parish Giving Scheme is available at the back of the Church. Please ask a Church Warden or call the Church Office for further information.**

## FORTHCOMING CONCERTS

**Ex Cathedra: 6 December at 7.30pm** Christmas Music by Candlelight  
**City of Leicester Singers: 17 December at 7.30pm** Christmas concert  
**David Cowen: 20 December at 7.30pm** Messiaen - La Nativité du Seigneur  
**Full listings of all our future concerts can be found on our website. To buy tickets please call 0116 254 2111 or visit [www.stjamesthegreater.org.uk](http://www.stjamesthegreater.org.uk)**