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This week at the Church of
St James the Greater
Leicester

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18 DECEMBER 2016 – 4TH SUNDAY IN 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

God our redeemer,
who prepared the Blessed Virgin Mary
to be the mother of your Son:
grant that, as she looked for his coming as our saviour,
so we may be ready to greet him
when he comes again as our judge;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

08.30

Holy Communion

Common Worship, Order I (Traditional)

Celebrant: The Reverend David Clark

Churchwarden: Phil Jones

10.30

Sung Eucharist

Common Worship, Order I

see service sheet and music card

Celebrant: The Very Reverend Dr Derek Hole

Assisted by: John Raven and Phil Jones

Churchwardens: Pam Spokes and Simon Edwards

Sidesmen: Cherry Fulloway, Jan Vaughan and Jean Warren

Servers: Ian Stapleton, William Woolley and Hazel Carlin

Setting: Sumsion in F

HYMN 24 **Hark, a thrilling voice is sounding**
 READING Isaiah 7. 10-16 *read by Jennifer Smith*
ADVENT REFRAIN
 GOSPEL Romans 1. 1-7
 SERMON The Very Reverend Dr Derek Hole
 INTERCESSIONS John Raven
HYMN 360 **For Mary, Mother of our Lord**
 ANTHEM Rorate Coeli *Webbe*
COMMUNION HYMN 309 **The God whom earth and sky and sea**
HYMN 31 **Come, thou long expected Jesus**
 ORGAN VOLUNTARY – *please be aware of those remaining to listen*

Everyone is invited to the Hall for refreshments after the service

18.00 Congregational Carol Singing

18.30 Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols

see order of service

Officiant: The Very Reverend Dr Derek Hole

Churchwardens: Julia Walker and April Rule

Sidesmen: Owen Shepherd and Jan & Chris Geere

Servers: Michael Bull, Hilary Rees, Valerie Bailey, John Finn and Keith Vaughan

Our Prayers are asked for:

All prevented from worshipping with us, remembering this week

Tom Skinner : Conceição Fernandes : John Gonsalves

Unwell

Margaret Damant (in Glenfield Hospital) : Pat Ireson

Recovering

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

Rest in Peace

Jean Mason (91) Funeral at St James on 4 January at 12pm

Betty Clark (91) Funeral at St James on 6 January at 11am

DISASTERS EMERGENCY COMMITTEE YEMEN APPEAL

We will be collecting for the crisis in Yemen over the next two weeks.

Please place donations in a gift aid envelope clearly marked Yemen on collecting plate or hand to a warden.

The Rest of the Week

Thursday

- 10.15 **Holy Communion** Common Worship, Order I (traditional)
Celebrant: The Reverend David Clark
- 10.45 Coffee Drop-In in the Hall (access from the Church via the lift)

Friday

- 18.00 Choir Practice
- 18.30 Christingle making in the Large Hall



Christmas Eve

- 11.00 Stop-by in the Undercroft
- 18.30 Christingle Service Officiant: The Reverend David Clark
- 23.00 Choral Prelude
- 23.30 Midnight Mass Celebrant: The Reverend Stephen Foster

Sunday Next – Christmas Day

- 08.30 **Holy Communion** Celebrant: The Reverend David Clark
- 10.30 **Family Service** Officiant: The Reverend David Clark
Preacher: The Reverend David Clark
- 11.45 **Holy Communion** Celebrant: The Reverend David Clark
- NO EVENSONG ON CHRISTMAS DAY

ST JAMES DIARIES These can be found at the back of the Church, suggested donation £1. ***Please put money in the wall safe.***

CHRISTMAS CONCERT Young musicians, including choral scholars of St James the Greater, have come together to present this concert to help Year 6 at Stokes Wood Primary School fundraise for their trip to see Matilda in the London. Tuesday 20th December at Christchurch, Clarendon Park starting at 7pm.
Tickets will be available on the door £7.50/£5/£2.50.

CHRISTINGLE MAKING On the 23rd 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 and indicate if you can contribute something.***

QUARTERLY The latest issue can be found at the back of the Church, please put donations in the wall safe to cover the costs. ***If you can contribute an article to a future issue, please speak to Annabel in the Church Office who will be most appreciative! Send articles to office@stjamesthegreater.org.uk.***



CHRISTMAS SERVICES AT ST JAMES



24 December	Christingle Service	18.30
24 December	Midnight Mass	23.30
25 December	Holy Communion	08.30
25 December	Family Service	10.30
25 December	Holy Communion	11.45
01 January	New Years Service	18.30
08 January	Epiphany Carol Service	18.30

WINTER WALK Join us on a Winter Walk on the afternoon of Monday 2nd January 2017. Weather permitting, we will walk for 4 or 5 miles along country lanes and across fields, ending up in front of an open fire with tea and cake. **Please see the notice at the back of church for more details and to sign up.**

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS Between Christmas and New Year the Church Office will be closed it will reopen on the 3rd January 2017. If you have an urgent matter that cannot wait, an emergency number can be found on the Church Office answerphone, by calling 0116 254 2111. Contact details for the ministry team can be found in the quarterly or on the website. Email will be checked daily, so this is a good alternative, office@stjamesthegreater.org.uk.

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

David Cowen: Messiaen - La Nativité du Seigneur on 20 December at 7.30pm
Epiphany Carol Concert in aid of Cancer Research UK on 7 January at 7.30pm
Koolgigs -The Story of the Cello: 29 January at 3pm. *Suitable for children*
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

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from St James the Greater