

This week at the Church of St James the Greater

Leicester

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25 DECEMBER 2016 – CHRISTMAS DAY

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

Almighty God,
you have given us your only-begotten Son
to take our nature upon him
and as at this time to be born of a pure virgin:
grant that we, who have been born again
and made your children by adoption and grace,
may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

08.30 Holy Communion

Book of Common Prayer Celebrant: The Reverend David Clark Churchwarden: Phil Jones

10.30 Family Service

see order of service

Officiant: The Reverend David Clark
Assisted by: Vicky Roe
Churchwardens: Julia Walker and April Rule
Sidesmen: Cherry Fulloway and Janet Burton

Servers: William Woolley, John Finn and Emma-Jane Hunt

No refreshments this week

Holy Communion

Common Worship (shortened)
Celebrant: The Reverend David Clark

NO EVENSONG TODAY

Our Prayers are asked for:

Thanksgiving for Childbirth

Xavier Junior Francis – a son for Edith and Francis, a brother for Charlene All prevented from worshipping with us, remembering this week

Arthur Higginson: Charles Wicksteed: George Daley

Unwell

John Rudd: Margaret Damant (in Glenfield Hospital)

Pat Ireson: John Ball (chemotherapy)

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 1 Jam

The chancel steps flowers this week have been kindly given by Tim Johnson in memory of Alan, Joy & Christopher. The Lady Chapel Pedestal was kindly given by Audrey Wheeler in memory of Sid and their parents.

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 www.stjamesthegreater.org.uk. Email will be checked daily, so this is a good alternative, office@stjamesthegreater.org.uk.

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 a collecting plate or hand to a Churchwarden.

ST JAMES DIARIES

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

Church Diary for the next TWO weeks

Thursday 29 December

10.15 NO SERVICE THIS WEEK

Saturday 31 December

11.00 Stop-by in the Undercroft

Sunday 1st - New Year's Day

08.30 Holy Communion

Common Worship, Order I (Traditional)
Celebrant: The Very Reverend Dr Derek Hole
Churchwarden: Julia Walker

10.30 Sung Eucharist

Common Worship, Order I

see service sheet and music card

Celebrant: The Reverend David Clark

Assisted by: Emma Jones and Emmanuel Okoli

Churchwardens: Simon Edwards and Michael Molloy Sidesmen: David Pugh and Graham & Claire Prowse

Servers: Michael Bull, Angela Finn and John Finn

Setting: Mass of St Thomas - Thorne

HYMN AM43 A great and mighty wonder

READING Numbers 6. 22-end

HYMN AM527 (2nd tune) Where is this stupendous stranger

GOSPEL Luke 2. 15-21

SERMON The Reverend David Clark

INTERCESSIONS Gillian Boorne

HYMN NH273 Unto us a boy is born

HYMN NH88 Good Christians all, rejoice

18.30 New Year Service

see order of service

Officiant: Canon Philip Norwood Churchwardens: Phil Jones and Julia Walker

Thursday 5 January

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)

14.30 At Home with Hilary Simpson at 24 Holmfield Road

Friday 6 January

18.00 Choir Practice

Saturday 7 January

11.00 Stop-by in the Undercroft

Sunday 8th - Epiphany

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: Very Rev'd Dr Derek Hole

Preacher: Angela Jagger

Readings: Isaiah 60. I-6 & Matthew 2. I-12

18.30 Epiphany Carol Service Officiant: Reverend David Clark

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.

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.

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

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