This week at the Church of St James the Greater Leicester

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23 DECEMBER 2018 4TH 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

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 Andrew Quigley, Vicar Assisted by: Phil Jones Churchwarden: Paul Jenkins

10.30

Sung Eucharist

See order of service

Celebrant: The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar Assisted by: William Simpey and Lin Mawer Churchwardens: Julia Walker and Simon Edwards Sidesmen: David & Margaret Sharman and Joan Thomas Servers: William Woolley and Hazel Carlin Setting: Mass of the Quiet Hour – Oldroyd

HYMN 360	For Mary, Mother of our Lord			
READING	Micah 5.2-5a	read by Mike Rule		
HYMN 40 (omit v3)	O little town of Bethlehem			
GOSPEL	Luke 1.39-45			
SERMON	Angela Jagger			
INTERCESSIONS	Angela Jagger			
HYMN 28	Lo, he comes with clouds descending			
ANTHEM	A hymn to a virgin	Britten		
COMMUNION HYMN 309 The God whom earth and sea and sky				
HYMN 484	Long ago, prophets knew			
ORGAN VOLUNTARY – please be aware of those remaining to listen				

18.30

Nine Lessons and Carols

see order of service

Officiant: The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar Churchwardens: Phil Jones and April Rule Sidesperson: Barbara Penrose Servers: Hazel Carlin, Hilary Rees, Della Evans and Angela & John Finn

Our Prayers are asked for:

All prevented from worshipping with us, remembering this week

Arthur Higginson : John Goadby : David Muddimer

Unwell

Arthur Higginson : Ann Blanchard : Tim Allen (Nicky Barton's brother)

The Christmas Day chancel steps flowers have been kindly given by Tim Johnson in memory of Alan, Joy and Christopher.

The Rest of the Week

Please note there will be no Morning Prayer until the 2 January

Monday Christmas Eve

23.30 Midnight Mass

Celebrant: The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar

Tuesday Christmas Day

08.30 Holy Communion

10.30 **Christmas Day Family Service** Celebrant: The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar followed by Holy Communion (shortened)

Thursday

10.15 No Service

Saturday

11.00 Stop-by in the Undercroft

30 DECEMBER 2018 – CHRISTMAS I

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Prayer for the Week

Almighty God, who wonderfully created us in your own image and yet more wonderfully restored us through your Son Jesus Christ: grant that, as he came to share in our humanity, so we may share the life of his divinity; 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 Andrew Quigley, Vicar Assisted by: Lin Mawer Churchwarden: Phil Jones

10.30

Sung Eucharist

See order of service Celebrant: The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar Assisted by: Lin Mawer Churchwardens: April Rule and Phil Jones Sidesmen: Jean Warren, Cherry Fulloway and Renie Lewis Servers: David Roberts, Della Evans and Hazel Carlin Setting: Mass of St Thomas - Thorne

HYMN 46	Once in Royal David's city	
READING	I Samuel 2.18-20, 26	read by Phil Jones
HYMN 43	A great and mighty wonder	
GOSPEL	Luke 2.41-52	
SERMON	The Vicar	
INTERCESSIONS	The Vicar	
HYMN 42	In the bleak midwinter	
HYMN 39	Angels from the realms of glory	

New Years Service

see order of service

Officiant: Angela Jagger Churchwarden: Julia Walker Sidesmen: Chris Geere and Cherry Fulloway Server: Michael Bull

The Rest of the Week Morning Prayer will start again on 2 January

Thursday

10.15 Holy Communion Common Worship, Order I (traditional) Celebrant: The Reverend Andrew Quigley

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

Saturday

11.00 Stop-by in the Undercroft

FLOWERS thank you to the flower guild for their wonderful decorations this week and throughout the year. It is much appreciated by everyone.

SUNDAY COFFEE there will be no Sunday coffee from the 30 December onwards due to a lack of volunteers. If you are able to offer to help please contact the Church Office on 0116 254 2111.

WINTER WALK Back by popular demand! On Friday 28 December join us for a walk of 4-5 miles across fields & along country lanes, ending up with a hot drink in front of an open fire. Either meet at the back of the church (St James Terrace) at 1.30 OR join us in Gaulby at 2.00pm (directions from Caroline Beardsmore on 2596341). More details and a sign-up sheet on the table at the back of church.

FOOD BANK Thank you for your generous donations for Leicester South Food Bank, they were most grateful for our support.

NURSERY From the 2nd January we will be welcoming a Montessori Nursery to St James. They will be occupying the Large Hall Monday to Friday daytimes which will mean a few changes for us. *Please note this means there will be no parking during the week in the Hall car park for any reason*. Please use the Vicarage forecourt for Thursday services/visiting the Church, but *parking there will no longer be available for other reasons except by prior arrangement*.

Save the Date

On Saturday 2nd March there will be a St James the Greater Vision and Lent preparation day open to all, including children and young people. Further information to follow in the New Year.