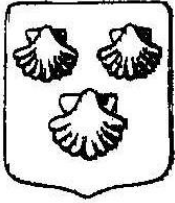
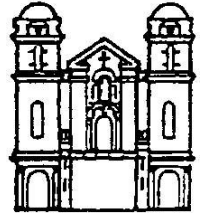


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This week at the Church of
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Leicester

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5th DECEMBER 2021
ADVENT 2

Prayer for the Week

O 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.

Our Prayers are asked for:

All prevented from worshipping with us, remembering

Conceicáo Fernandes : Gwen Leather :
Marilyn Dorum : Margaret Norman
and all those currently unable to attend services.

Those who are unwell and who are recovering

Mark Sadler : Ann Blanchard :
Anthony Green : Owen Shepherd :
Josephine Chizema : Darienne Griffith :
Rachel Bentley

Rest in Peace

Ann Hodgson (Cousin of William Woolley)

08.30

Welcome to St James the Greater Holy Communion

Book of Common Prayer

Celebrant: The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar

Churchwarden: Paul Jenkins

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If you are joining us in church for the 10:30 or 18:30 services, you will find a hymn book on a table at the back of church after you enter through the South main door. Inside the hymn book you will find a service booklet, this weekly leaflet and a Track and Trace form. **Completion of this form is voluntary.**

10.30

Sung Eucharist

See order of service

Celebrant: The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar

Churchwardens: April Rule and Janet Burton

Server: Michael Bull

Setting: Mass of the Quiet Hour - *Oldroyd*

OPENING HYMN 39

READING Baruch 5

Hills of the North, rejoice

read by Jennifer Smith

Take off the garment of your sorrow and affliction, O Jerusalem,
and put on for ever the beauty of the glory from God.

² Put on the robe of the righteousness that comes from God;
put on your head the diadem of the glory of the Everlasting;

³ for God will show your splendour everywhere under heaven.

⁴ For God will give you evermore the name,
'Righteous Peace, Godly Glory'.

⁵ Arise, O Jerusalem, stand upon the height;
look towards the east,

and see your children gathered from west and east
at the word of the Holy One,
rejoicing that God has remembered them.

⁶ For they went out from you on foot,
led away by their enemies;
but God will bring them back to you,
carried in glory, as on a royal throne.

⁷ For God has ordered that every high mountain and the everlasting hills
be made low

and the valleys filled up, to make level ground,
so that Israel may walk safely in the glory of God.

⁸ The woods and every fragrant tree
have shaded Israel at God's command.

⁹ For God will lead Israel with joy,
in the light of his glory,
with the mercy and righteousness that come from him.

GRADUAL HYMN 44 (i)

O Child of promise, come!

GOSPEL Luke 3. 1-6

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was
governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of
the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, ²during the
high-priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of
Zechariah in the wilderness. ³He went into all the region around the Jordan,
proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, ⁴as it is written in
the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah,

'The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

"Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight.

Every valley shall be filled,
and every mountain and hill shall be made low,
and the crooked shall be made straight,
and the rough ways made smooth;
and all flesh shall see the salvation of God."'

SERMON

The Reverend Andrew Quigley

INTERCESSIONS

The Reverend Andrew Quigley

OFFERTORY HYMN 46

On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry

ANTHEM

How beautiful upon the mountains *Stainer*

POST COMMUNION HYMN 36

Hark the glad sound!

Post Communion Prayer

Father in heaven,
who sent your Son to redeem the world
and will send him again to be our judge:
give us grace so to imitate him
in the humility and purity of his first coming
that, when he comes again,

we may be ready to greet him
with joyful love and firm faith;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

RECESSIONAL HYMN 41

Lo, he comes with clouds descending

ORGAN VOLUNTARY – Bach: Fugue on Nun Komm der Heiden Heiland

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Please leave the hymnbook on your chair as you depart.

Everyone is invited for refreshments at the back of church after the service

The Vicar Writes ...

Our Gospel contains an intriguing juxtaposition between the very precise historical and geo-political detail of who was ruling where, and the poetic, transcendent prophecy of John the Baptist. It suggests something of the strangeness of the season – an historic recollection, and a timeless expectation.



18.30

Choral Evensong

See yellow order of service

Officiant: The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar

Churchwardens: Simon Edwards and David Kibert

Servers: Rod Eynon-Baldock, Sara King and Hazel Carlin

HYMN 38

CONFESSION

RESPONSES

PSALM 75

FIRST LESSON Isaiah 40. 1-11

Hark! A thrilling voice is sounding

see yellow service card

Ferial

see music sheet

read by Paul Jenkins

Comfort, O comfort my people,
says your God.

² Speak tenderly to Jerusalem,

and cry to her
that she has served her term,
that her penalty is paid,
that she has received from the LORD's hand
double for all her sins.

³ A voice cries out:

'In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD,
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

⁴ Every valley shall be lifted up,
and every mountain and hill be made low;
the uneven ground shall become level,
and the rough places a plain.

⁵ Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed,
and all people shall see it together,
for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.'

⁶ A voice says, 'Cry out!'

And I said, 'What shall I cry?'

All people are grass,
their constancy is like the flower of the field.

⁷ The grass withers, the flower fades,
when the breath of the LORD blows upon it;
surely the people are grass.

⁸ The grass withers, the flower fades;
but the word of our God will stand for ever.

⁹ Get you up to a high mountain,
O Zion, herald of good tidings;
lift up your voice with strength,
O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings,
lift it up, do not fear;

say to the cities of Judah,
'Here is your God!'

¹⁰ See, the Lord GOD comes with might,
and his arm rules for him;
his reward is with him,
and his recompense before him.

¹¹ He will feed his flock like a shepherd;
he will gather the lambs in his arms,
and carry them in his bosom,
and gently lead the mother sheep.

MAGNIFICAT

see music sheet

SECOND LESSON Luke 1. 1-25

read by Brenda Thompson

Since many have undertaken to set down an orderly account of the events that have been fulfilled among us, ²just as they were handed on to us by those who from the beginning were eyewitnesses and servants of the word, ³I too decided, after investigating everything carefully from the very first, to write an orderly account for you, most excellent Theophilus, ⁴so that you may know the truth concerning the things about which you have been instructed.

⁵In the days of King Herod of Judea, there was a priest named Zechariah, who belonged to the priestly order of Abijah. His wife was a descendant of Aaron, and her name was Elizabeth. ⁶Both of them were righteous before God, living blamelessly according to all the commandments and regulations of the Lord. ⁷But they had no children, because Elizabeth was barren, and both were getting on in years.

⁸Once when he was serving as priest before God and his section was on duty, ⁹he was chosen by lot, according to the custom of the priesthood, to enter the sanctuary of the Lord and offer incense. ¹⁰Now at the time of the incense-offering, the whole assembly of the people was praying outside. ¹¹Then there appeared to him an angel of the Lord, standing at the right side of the altar of incense. ¹²When Zechariah saw him, he was terrified; and fear overwhelmed him. ¹³But the angel said to him, 'Do not be afraid, Zechariah, for your prayer has been heard. Your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you will name him John. ¹⁴You will have joy and gladness, and many will rejoice at his birth, ¹⁵for he will be great in the sight of the Lord. He must never drink wine or strong drink; even before his birth he will be filled with the Holy Spirit. ¹⁶He will turn many of the people of Israel to the Lord their God. ¹⁷With the spirit and power of Elijah he will go before him, to turn the hearts of parents to their children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the righteous, to make ready a people prepared for the Lord.' ¹⁸Zechariah said to the angel, 'How will I know that this is so? For I am an old man, and my wife is getting on in years.' ¹⁹The angel replied, 'I am Gabriel. I stand in the presence of God, and I have been sent to speak to you and to bring you this good news. ²⁰But now, because you did not believe my words, which will be fulfilled in their time, you will become mute, unable to speak, until the day these things occur.'

²¹Meanwhile, the people were waiting for Zechariah, and wondered at his delay in the sanctuary. ²²When he did come out, he could not speak to them, and they realized that he had seen a vision in the sanctuary. He kept motioning to them and remained unable to speak. ²³When his time of service was ended, he went to his home.

24 After those days his wife Elizabeth conceived, and for five months she remained in seclusion. She said, ²⁵‘This is what the Lord has done for me when he looked favourably on me and took away the disgrace I have endured among my people.’

NUNC DIMITTIS

Sung by the Choir *Stanford in B flat*

Please remain seated but stand for the Gloria.

THE CREED

see yellow service card, p 3

RESPONSES

Ferial

ANTHEM

People Look East *arr. Ferguson*

PRAYERS

The Reverend Andrew Quigley

HYMN 816 (i)

Thy Kingdom come, O God

SERMON

The Reverend Andrew Quigley

HYMN 37

Hark what a sound

DISMISSAL *Plainsong*

The Lord be with you. **And with thy spirit.**

Let us bless the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

ORGAN VOLUNTARY – Jean Langlais - Mon âme cherche une fin paisible

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The Week Ahead

Monday

14.30 House Group online. E-mail A.F.Jagger@dunelm.org.uk for the link.

Wednesday

13.00 Wednesday Wondering at One

21.00 **Compline** via Zoom. To join, please use the link or codes below:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84887150386?pwd=UE9lTUZVUzRUb0pDWDQ2MTE4SnF4dz09>

Meeting ID: 848 8715 0386 Passcode: uTV4Hf

Thursday

10.30 **Holy Communion** Common Worship, Order I (traditional)

Celebrant: The Reverend Jane Sharp

11.00 Coffee Drop-In at the back of the Church

19.30 St. James Singers rehearsal in the Ashman Room

Friday

18.00 Choir Practice

19.30 Leicester Theological Society: Newman Ecumenical Lecture

‘Music and Revelation’ by Revd. Canon Johannes Arens.

<https://sites.google.com/view/leicester-theological-society/current-season>

Saturday

19.30 Ratby Band and Fosse Singers concert in the church. Booking is via the website www.ratbyband.com and tickets may be purchased on the door.

Sunday Next – Advent 3

08.30 Holy Communion

Celebrant: The Reverend Andrew Quigley

10.30 Sung Eucharist

Celebrant: The Reverend Andrew Quigley

Readings: Zephaniah 3. 14-20 and Luke 3. 7-18

18.30 Choral Evensong

Officiant: Angela Jagger

ENTRY TO CHURCH Entry to and exit from church will be through the South West porch door. **Please take care on the slope and use the handrails if it is or has been raining, there may be damp leaves to avoid too. It is very easy to slip on wet or icy surfaces this includes the steps and whole area of our forecourt.** Hand sanitiser will still be available inside the church.

FORTHCOMING CONCERTS

LEICESTER PHILHARMONIC CHOIR CAROLS AT ST JAMES

Thursday 16th December at 7.30 pm. Tickets £15 or £5 for under 25s, which includes wine and a mince pie. Tickets can be purchased online through <https://www.ticketor.com/thephil/carols> and on the door before the concert.

HALLELUJAH: CITY OF LEICESTER SINGERS return to present Carols at St. James the Greater on Saturday 18th December 2021 at 7 pm, with Choruses from Handel's 'Messiah' in support of Rainbows Hospice for Children and Young People. A traditional Christmas Concert with a sprinkling of festive Handel choruses, carols new and familiar, a chance for audience participation, the Earl Shilton Bell Ringers, mince pies and mulled wine. Tickets £10 available from choir members or www.cityofleicestersingers.co.uk and on the door.

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