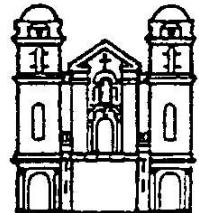


**This week at the Church of  
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**5<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2021  
ADVENT 2**

**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.**

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**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.

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

<sup>3</sup> for God will show your splendour everywhere under heaven.

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

<sup>5</sup> 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.

<sup>6</sup> 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.

<sup>7</sup> 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.

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

<sup>9</sup> 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,<sup>2</sup> during the high-priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness.<sup>3</sup> He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins,<sup>4</sup> as 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.

## RECESSATIONAL HYMN 41

**Lo, he comes with clouds descending**

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

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## 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**

**CONFESION**

**RESPONSES**

**PSALM 75**

**FIRST LESSON** Isaiah 40. 1-11

Comfort, O comfort my people,  
says your God.

<sup>2</sup> Speak tenderly to Jerusalem,

**Hark! A thrilling voice is sounding**

**see yellow service card**

**Ferial**

**see music sheet**

**read by Paul Jenkins**

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.

<sup>3</sup> A voice cries out:

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

<sup>4</sup> 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.

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

<sup>6</sup> 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.

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

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

<sup>9</sup> 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!'

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

<sup>11</sup> 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

SECOND LESSON Luke I. 1-25

see music sheet

read by Brenda Thompson

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

5 In 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.<sup>6</sup> Both of them were righteous before God, living blamelessly according to all the commandments and regulations of the Lord.<sup>7</sup> But they had no children, because Elizabeth was barren, and both were getting on in years.

8 Once when he was serving as priest before God and his section was on duty,<sup>9</sup> he was chosen by lot, according to the custom of the priesthood, to enter the sanctuary of the Lord and offer incense.<sup>10</sup> Now at the time of the incense-offering, the whole assembly of the people was praying outside.<sup>11</sup> Then there appeared to him an angel of the Lord, standing at the right side of the altar of incense.<sup>12</sup> When Zechariah saw him, he was terrified; and fear overwhelmed him.<sup>13</sup> But 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.<sup>14</sup> You will have joy and gladness, and many will rejoice at his birth,<sup>15</sup> for 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.<sup>16</sup> He will turn many of the people of Israel to the Lord their God.<sup>17</sup> With 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.’<sup>18</sup> Zechariah 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.’<sup>19</sup> The 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.<sup>20</sup> But 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.’

21 Meanwhile, the people were waiting for Zechariah, and wondered at his delay in the sanctuary.<sup>22</sup> When 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.<sup>23</sup> When 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, <sup>25</sup>'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](mailto: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=UE9ITUZVUzRUb0pDWDQ2MTE4SnF4dz09>

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](http://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

Officiant: Angela Jagger

**18.30 Choral Evensong**

**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 16<sup>th</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.cityofleicestersingers.co.uk) and on the door.

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