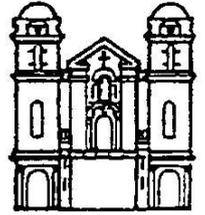


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**This week at the Church of  
St James the Greater  
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**12<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2021  
ADVENT 3**

**Prayer for the Week**

O Lord Jesus Christ,  
who at your first coming sent your messenger  
to prepare your way before you:  
grant that the ministers and stewards of your mysteries  
may likewise so prepare and make ready your way  
by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just,  
that at your second coming to judge the world  
we may be found an acceptable people in your sight;  
for you are alive and reign with the Father  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**Our Prayers are asked for:**

**To be baptised today**

Elise Louise Magume Simpey

**All prevented from worshipping with us, remembering**

Conceição 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 : Barbara Penrose :  
Olive Quigley : Doris Makepeace

# 08.30      **Welcome to St James the Greater Holy Communion**

Common Worship

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, although masks are now mandatory** (unless legally exempt).

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## 10.30      **Sung Eucharist with Baptism**

*See order of service*

Celebrant: The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar

Churchwardens: Simon Edwards and Janet Burton

Servers: William Woolley and Tony Chizema

Setting: Short Communion Service – *Batten*

### **OPENING HYMN 45**

**O come, O come, Emmanuel**

READING Zephaniah 3. 14-20

*read by Andy Judge*

<sup>14</sup> Sing aloud, O daughter Zion;  
shout, O Israel!

Rejoice and exult with all your heart,  
O daughter Jerusalem!

<sup>15</sup> The LORD has taken away the judgements against you,  
he has turned away your enemies.

The king of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst;  
you shall fear disaster no more.

<sup>16</sup> On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem:  
Do not fear, O Zion;  
do not let your hands grow weak.

<sup>17</sup> The LORD, your God, is in your midst,  
a warrior who gives victory;  
he will rejoice over you with gladness,  
he will renew you in his love;  
he will exult over you with loud singing

<sup>18</sup> as on a day of festival.  
I will remove disaster from you,  
so that you will not bear reproach for it.  
<sup>19</sup> I will deal with all your oppressors  
at that time.

And I will save the lame  
and gather the outcast,  
and I will change their shame into praise  
and renown in all the earth.

<sup>20</sup> At that time I will bring you home,  
at the time when I gather you;  
for I will make you renowned and praised  
among all the peoples of the earth,  
when I restore your fortunes  
before your eyes, says the LORD.

### **GRADUAL HYMN 302 (ii)**

### **How beautiful are their feet**

GOSPEL Luke 3. 7-18

<sup>7</sup> John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, 'You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? <sup>8</sup>Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, "We have Abraham as our ancestor"; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. <sup>9</sup>Even now the axe is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.'

<sup>10</sup> And the crowds asked him, 'What then should we do?' <sup>11</sup>In reply he said to them, 'Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise.' <sup>12</sup>Even tax-collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, 'Teacher, what should we do?' <sup>13</sup>He said to them, 'Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you.' <sup>14</sup>Soldiers also asked him, 'And we, what should we do?' He said to them, 'Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages.'

<sup>15</sup> As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, <sup>16</sup>John answered all of them by saying, 'I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. <sup>17</sup>His winnowing-fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.'

18 So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

SERMON

The Reverend Andrew Quigley

BAPTISM

The Reverend Andrew Quigley

**OFFERTORY HYMN 392 (T. 806)**

**Bless the Lord, the God of Israel**

ANTHEM

The truth from above *Vaughan Williams*

**POST COMMUNION HYMN 33**

**Come, thou Redeemer of the earth**

**Post Communion Prayer**

We give you thanks, O Lord, for these heavenly gifts;  
kindle in us the fire of your Spirit  
that when your Christ comes again  
we may shine as lights before his face;  
who is alive and reigns now and for ever.

**RECESSIONAL HYMN 30**

**Come, thou long expected Jesus**

ORGAN VOLUNTARY –

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

## The Vicar Writes ...

Baptism brings new life, and we naturally associate it with life that is just beginning, as at Christenings. John the Baptist makes it clear that whilst God offers us this new life, we must strive to live it as God would want, with justice, generosity and compassion. Just as John's baptism set the scene for Jesus' ministry, our own baptism prepares us to greet him again, at Christmas, and each day of our lives.



**18.30**

**Choral Evensong**

*See yellow order of service*

Officiant: Angela Jagger

Churchwardens: Simon Edwards and April Rule

Servers: Michael Bull, Hilary Rees and William Woolley

**HYMN 51**

**The Lord will come and not be slow**

## **CONFESSION**

*see yellow service card*

## **RESPONSES**

*Ferial*

## **PSALM 50. 1-6**

**see music sheet**

## **FIRST LESSON Isaiah 35**

*read by John Thompson*

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad,  
the desert shall rejoice and blossom;  
like the crocus <sup>2</sup>it shall blossom abundantly,  
and rejoice with joy and singing.

The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it,  
the majesty of Carmel and Sharon.

They shall see the glory of the LORD,  
the majesty of our God.

<sup>3</sup> Strengthen the weak hands,  
and make firm the feeble knees.

<sup>4</sup> Say to those who are of a fearful heart,  
'Be strong, do not fear!

Here is your God.

He will come with vengeance,  
with terrible recompense.

He will come and save you.'

<sup>5</sup> Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,  
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;

<sup>6</sup> then the lame shall leap like a deer,  
and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.

For waters shall break forth in the wilderness,  
and streams in the desert;

<sup>7</sup> the burning sand shall become a pool,  
and the thirsty ground springs of water;  
the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp,  
the grass shall become reeds and rushes.

<sup>8</sup> A highway shall be there,  
and it shall be called the Holy Way;  
the unclean shall not travel on it,  
but it shall be for God's people;  
no traveller, not even fools, shall go astray.

<sup>9</sup> No lion shall be there,  
nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it;

they shall not be found there,  
but the redeemed shall walk there.  
<sup>10</sup> And the ransomed of the LORD shall return,  
and come to Zion with singing;  
everlasting joy shall be upon their heads;  
they shall obtain joy and gladness,  
and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

## **MAGNIFICAT**

**see music sheet**

SECOND LESSON Luke I. 57-66

*read by Vicky Roe*

<sup>57</sup> Now the time came for Elizabeth to give birth, and she bore a son. <sup>58</sup> Her neighbours and relatives heard that the Lord had shown his great mercy to her, and they rejoiced with her.

<sup>59</sup> On the eighth day they came to circumcise the child, and they were going to name him Zechariah after his father. <sup>60</sup> But his mother said, 'No; he is to be called John.' <sup>61</sup> They said to her, 'None of your relatives has this name.' <sup>62</sup> Then they began motioning to his father to find out what name he wanted to give him. <sup>63</sup> He asked for a writing-tablet and wrote, 'His name is John.' And all of them were amazed. <sup>64</sup> Immediately his mouth was opened and his tongue freed, and he began to speak, praising God. <sup>65</sup> Fear came over all their neighbours, and all these things were talked about throughout the entire hill country of Judea. <sup>66</sup> All who heard them pondered them and said, 'What then will this child become?' For, indeed, the hand of the Lord was with him.

## **NUNC DIMITTIS**

**see music sheet**

## **THE CREED**

**see yellow service card, p 3**

## RESPONSES

*Ferial*

## ANTHEM

Adam lay y bounden *Ord*

## PRAYERS

Angela Jagger

## **HYMN 36**

**Hark the glad sound! The Saviour comes**

## SERMON

Angela Jagger

## **HYMN 75**

**Long ago prophets knew**

## DISMISSAL *Plainsong*

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

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

ORGAN VOLUNTARY –

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## The Week Ahead

### Tuesday

19.30 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://us04web.zoom.us/j/78191607944?pwd=cTFVbW5lTWVUWUJjOVlhGRi9DQlNZUT09>

Meeting ID: 781 9160 7944 Passcode: :7TsEce

### Thursday

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

Celebrant: The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar

11.00 Coffee Drop-In at the back of the Church

19.30 Leicester Philharmonic Choir Carols

### Friday

18.00 Choir Practice

19.00 Bible Study via Zoom. To join, please use the link or codes below:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83054314360?pwd=RU4yUzhVSnpSajZHanBZlU93K3pOdz09>

Meeting ID: 830 5431 4360 Passcode: 922881

### Saturday

19.30 City of Leicester Singers. Choruses from 'Messiah' and Carols

## Sunday Next – Advent 4

08.30 **Holy Communion**

Celebrant: The Reverend Jane Sharp

10.30 **Sung Eucharist**

Celebrant: The Reverend Andrew Quigley

Readings: Micah 5. 2-5a and Luke 1. 39-45

18.30 **Nine Lessons and Carols**

Officiant: The Reverend Andrew Quigley

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**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, which includes the steps and whole area of our forecourt.** Hand sanitiser will still be available inside the church.

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### 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. **CITY OF LEICESTER SINGERS:HALLELUJAH** 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. Tickets £10 available from choir members or [www.cityofleicestersingers.co.uk](http://www.cityofleicestersingers.co.uk) and on the door.

## Resources for Home Worship

### Broadcast Media

Daily Service	Monday – Friday at 9.45am	Radio 4 LW
Choral Evensong	Wednesday at 4 pm and Sunday at 3 pm	Radio 3
Sunday Worship	Sunday at 8.10am	Radio 4
Songs of Praise	Sunday at 1.15pm	BBC 1

There is also a service on Radio Leicester at 8:00am on a Sunday morning

**Online** at [www.churchofengland.org](http://www.churchofengland.org) and [www.leicestercathedral.org](http://www.leicestercathedral.org)

**DAILY HOPE TELEPHONE SERVICE** Freephone 0800 804 8044

This offers music, prayers and reflections as well as full worship services from the Church of England at the end of a telephone line. The line – which is available 24 hours a day on 0800 804 8044 – has been set up particularly with those unable to join online church services in mind. This is a Freephone number.

Some of the options have been changed and are detailed below:

- \* A message from the Archbishop of Canterbury Justin Welby.
- # Sleep Well – four reflections before bedtime.
- 1. Christmas at home on the phone – The Christmas Story.
- 2. Carol line – carols and the stories behind them with reflections from Pam Rhodes.
- 3. 'The Heart of Christmas' Reflections from the C of E.
- 4. Chair Exercises.
- 5. Weekly service from C of E.
- 6. Morning and Evening Prayer from Common Worship.
- 9. Details of where to send written communications.
- 0. Returns you to the main menu.

It is helpful to have the telephone on speakerphone to avoid having to hold the handset.

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