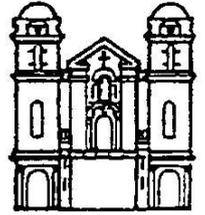


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**This week at the Church of
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**19th DECEMBER 2021
ADVENT 4**

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.

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

Common Worship Order One (Traditional)

Celebrant: The Reverend Jane Sharp

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).

10.30 **Sung Eucharist**

See order of service

Celebrant: The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar

Churchwardens: April Rule and Janet Burton

Servers: William Woolley and William Simpey

Setting: Communion Service in E flat – *White*

OPENING HYMN 313

READING Micah 5. 2-5a

For Mary, Mother of our Lord

read by Val Bailey

² But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah,
who are one of the little clans of Judah,
from you shall come forth for me
one who is to rule in Israel,
whose origin is from of old,
from ancient days.

³ Therefore he shall give them up until the time
when she who is in labour has brought forth;
then the rest of his kindred shall return
to the people of Israel.

⁴ And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the LORD,
in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God.
And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great
to the ends of the earth;

⁵ and he shall be the one of peace.

If the Assyrians come into our land
and tread upon our soil,
we will raise against them seven shepherds
and eight installed as rulers.

GRADUAL HYMN 79

O little town of Bethlehem

GOSPEL Luke I. 39-45

39 In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, ⁴⁰where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. ⁴¹When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit ⁴²and exclaimed with a loud cry, 'Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. ⁴³And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? ⁴⁴For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leapt for joy. ⁴⁵And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfilment of what was spoken to her by the Lord.'

SERMON

The Reverend Andrew Quigley

OFFERTORY HYMN 41

Lo, he comes with clouds descending

ANTHEM

A Tender Shoot *Goldschmitt*

POST COMMUNION HYMN 316 The God whom earth and sea and sky

Post Communion Prayer

Heavenly Father,
who chose the Blessed Virgin Mary
to be the mother of the promised saviour:
fill us your servants with your grace,
that in all things we may embrace your holy will
and with her rejoice in your salvation;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

RECESSIONAL HYMN 395 (T. 448ii)

With Mary let my soul rejoice

ORGAN VOLUNTARY – Wachet auf, Ruf uns die Stimme BWV 645 *J.S. Bach*

Please be aware of those remaining to listen

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Please leave the hymnbook on your chair as you depart.

The Vicar Writes ... as a child I remember these last days before Christmas as an almost unbearable wait: would Father Christmas come? Would he bring what I wanted? Now we wait for Christmas with additional preoccupations – will we be locked down? Will we and those we love be safe? Interwoven with this is the wait of Elizabeth and Mary for their children, the wait of Bethlehem down the centuries to again fulfil its royal destiny, the wait of anyone in fear, pain or danger for release, rescue and healing. The message of the coming Christ child is that when the waiting is over, we will all jump for joy.



18.30 Service of Nine Lessons and Carols

See Order of Service

Officiant: The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar
Churchwardens: Simon Edwards, April Rule,
Paul Jenkins and David Kibert
Servers: Michael Bull, Hilary Rees, Hazel Carlin,
Val Bailey and Angela Finn

To watch the service live online via our YouTube channel, please click **here**.

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/88313311117?pwd=UGNJQ3ZCNkZRdTN2NkVPOS9GQU93Zz09>

Meeting ID: 883 1331 1117 Passcode: rVY7Bx

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

Friday – Christmas Eve

16.00 Family Carols

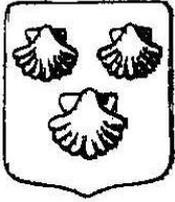
23.30 Midnight Mass

Saturday – Christmas Day

08.30 Holy Communion (BCP)

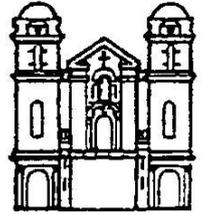
10.30 Christmas Morning Service followed by Holy Communion (shortened)

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26th DECEMBER 2021
CHRISTMAS I AND ST. STEPHEN

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,
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Holy Communion

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READING 2 Chronicles 24. 20-22

read by Vicky Roe

²⁰ Then the spirit of God took possession of Zechariah son of the priest Jehoiada; he stood above the people and said to them, 'Thus says God: Why do you transgress the commandments of the LORD, so that you cannot prosper? Because you have forsaken the LORD, he has also forsaken you.' ²¹ But they conspired against him, and by command of the king they stoned him to death in the court of the house of the LORD. ²² King Joash did not remember the kindness that Jehoiada, Zechariah's father, had shown him, but killed his son. As he was dying, he said, 'May the LORD see and avenge!'

GOSPEL Matthew 10. 17-22

¹⁷ Beware of them, for they will hand you over to councils and flog you in their synagogues; ¹⁸ and you will be dragged before governors and kings because of me, as a testimony to them and the Gentiles. ¹⁹ When they hand you over, do not worry about how you are to speak or what you are to say; for what you are to say will be given to you at that time; ²⁰ for it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you. ²¹ Brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death; ²² and you will be hated by all because of my name. But the one who endures to the end will be saved.

SERMON

The Reverend Andrew Quigley

Post Communion Prayer

Heavenly Father,
whose blessed Son shared at Nazareth the life of an earthly home:
help your Church to live as one family,
united in love and obedience,
and bring us all at last to our home in heaven;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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The Week Ahead

There will be no services from 27th December 2021 to 1st January 2022.

Sunday Next – Christmas 2 – The Epiphany

08.30 **Holy Communion (BCP)** Celebrant: The Reverend Andrew Quigley
10.30 **Holy Communion** Celebrant: The Reverend Andrew Quigley
Readings: Jeremiah 1. 7-14 and John 1. (1-9) 10-18
18.30 **Evensong** Officiant: Sheila Roberts

THANK YOU We are grateful to all those who stepped up to act as stewards for the rehearsals and concerts at St. James over the past few weeks. These events could not have happened safely without your presence and support.

We have received messages of appreciation from several of the hirers, making reference to the helpfulness of the stewards on duty for their events.

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.

CONTACTING THE TEAM

Andrew can be contacted by email at: revdaquigley@gmail.com or 0116 254 4113. The Church Office can be contacted by E-mail at: office@stjamesthegreater.org.uk or by telephoning 0116 254 2111 and leaving a message. Simon Edwards can be contacted at fabric@stjamesthegreater.org.uk. Please don't hesitate to get in touch, further details are on our website: www.stjamesthegreater.org.uk

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 and 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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