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This week at the Church of
St James the Greater
Leicester

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4th DECEMBER 2022
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

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

Those who are unwell and who are recovering

Mark Sadler : Ann Blanchard : Anthony Green :
Josephine Chizema : Kath Higginson : Gillian Boorne :
Peter Relph : Nicola Shilton : Anne Sylvester : Nina French:
Sue Ingle: Rev'd Helen Newman
(recently Chaplain at LOROS and Co-Warden at Launde Abbey)

Rest In Peace

Joan Lumb (91) Funeral at St. Mary Magdalene Church, Knighton
on Friday 9th December at 11.45 am

Doris Makepeace (92) Funeral at St. James on 15th December at 11.30 am

08.30

Welcome to St James the Greater Holy Communion

Book of Common Prayer

President: The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar

Assisted by: Phil Jones

Churchwarden: Paul Jenkins

10.30

Sung Eucharist

See order of service

President: The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar

Assisted by: William Simpey

Churchwardens: April Rule and Janet Burton

Servers: William Simpey, William Woolley and Tony Chizema

Setting: A People's Eucharist; Greening

OPENING HYMN 39

READING Isaiah 11.1-10

Hills of the North, rejoice

read by Andrew Curry

A shoot shall come out from the stock of Jesse,
and a branch shall grow out of his roots.

² The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him,
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the spirit of counsel and might,
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.

³ His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD.

He shall not judge by what his eyes see,
or decide by what his ears hear;

⁴ but with righteousness he shall judge the poor,
and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;
he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.

⁵ Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist,
and faithfulness the belt around his loins.

⁶ The wolf shall live with the lamb,
the leopard shall lie down with the kid,
the calf and the lion and the fatling together,
and a little child shall lead them.

⁷ The cow and the bear shall graze,
their young shall lie down together;

and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.

⁸ The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp,
and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den.

⁹ They will not hurt or destroy
on all my holy mountain;

for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD
as the waters cover the sea.

¹⁰ On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

GRADUAL HYMN 51

The Lord will come and not be slow

GOSPEL Matthew 3.1-12

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, ²‘Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.’ ³This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, ‘The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: “Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.” ’

⁴Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. ⁵Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, ⁶and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

⁷ But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, ‘You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? ⁸Bear fruit worthy of repentance. ⁹Do not presume 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. ¹⁰Even 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.

¹¹ ‘I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹²His winnowing-fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing-floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.’

SERMON

The Reverend Andrew Quigley

INTERCESSIONS

The Reverend Andrew Quigley

OFFERTORY HYMN 46

On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry

ANTHEM

POST COMMUNION HYMN 36

Advent Message - *How
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 37

**Hark what a sound, and too divine
for hearing**

ORGAN VOLUNTARY - D. Buxtehude, Toccata in F

Please be aware of those remaining to listen.

Everyone is invited for refreshments after the service.

The Vicar Writes

Today we hear about roots and fruit. It's not a gardening guide, but describing the utterly new thing God is doing in the coming Messiah – from the roots of the past a new tree will grow, and all of us are called to bear its fruit.



15.00

Freemasons Carol Service

Officiant: Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar
Churchwardens: Simon Edwards and David Kibert
Server: William Woolley

18.30

Evensong

see order of service

Officiant: The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar
Churchwardens: Simon Edwards and David Kibert
Servers: Michael Bull and Hilary Rees

HYMN 50 (Tune 602)

CONFESSION

PRECES

PSALM 11

FIRST LESSON | Kings 18.17-39

The advent of our King

see service card

Ferial

see music sheet

read by William Woolley

When Ahab saw Elijah, Ahab said to him, 'Is it you, you troubler of Israel?' ¹⁸He answered, 'I have not troubled Israel; but you have, and your father's house, because you have forsaken the commandments of the LORD and followed the Baals. ¹⁹Now therefore have all Israel assemble for me at Mount Carmel, with the four hundred and fifty prophets of Baal and the four hundred prophets of Asherah, who eat at Jezebel's table.'

²⁰So Ahab sent to all the Israelites, and assembled the prophets at Mount Carmel. ²¹Elijah then came near to all the people, and said, 'How long will you go limping with two different opinions? If the LORD is God, follow him; but if Baal, then follow him.' The people did not answer him a word. ²²Then Elijah said to the people, 'I, even I only, am left a prophet of the LORD; but Baal's prophets number four hundred and fifty. ²³Let two bulls be given to us; let them choose one bull for themselves, cut it in pieces, and lay it on the wood, but put no fire to it; I will prepare the other bull and lay it on the wood, but put no fire to it. ²⁴Then you call on the name of your god and I will call on the name of the LORD; the god who answers by fire is indeed God.' All the people answered, 'Well spoken!' ²⁵Then Elijah said to the prophets of Baal, 'Choose for yourselves one bull and prepare it first, for you are many; then call on the name of your god, but put no fire to it.' ²⁶So they took the bull that was given them, prepared it, and called on the name of Baal from morning until noon, crying, 'O Baal, answer us!' But there was no voice, and no answer. They limped about the altar that they had made. ²⁷At noon Elijah mocked them, saying, 'Cry aloud! Surely he is a god; either he is meditating, or he has wandered away, or he is on a journey, or perhaps he is asleep and must be awakened.' ²⁸Then they cried aloud and, as was their custom, they cut themselves with swords and lances until the blood gushed out over them. ²⁹As midday passed, they raved on until the time of the offering of the oblation, but there was no voice, no answer, and no response.

30 Then Elijah said to all the people, 'Come closer to me'; and all the people came closer to him. First he repaired the altar of the LORD that had been thrown down; ³¹Elijah took twelve stones, according to the number of the tribes of the sons of Jacob, to whom the word of the LORD came, saying, 'Israel shall be your name'; ³²with the stones he built an altar in the name of the LORD. Then he made a trench around the altar, large enough to contain two measures of seed. ³³Next he put the wood in order, cut the bull in pieces, and laid it on the wood. He said, 'Fill four jars with water and pour it on the burnt-offering and on the wood.' ³⁴Then he said, 'Do it a second time'; and they did it a second time. Again he said, 'Do it a third time'; and they did it a third time, ³⁵so that the water ran all round the altar, and filled the trench also with water.

36 At the time of the offering of the oblation, the prophet Elijah came near and said, 'O LORD, God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, let it be known this day that you are God in Israel, that I am your servant, and that I have done all these things at your bidding. ³⁷Answer me, O LORD, answer me, so that this people may know that you, O LORD, are God, and that you have turned their hearts back.' ³⁸Then the fire of the LORD fell and consumed the burnt-offering, the wood, the stones, and the dust, and even licked up the water that was in the trench. ³⁹When all the people saw it, they fell on their faces and said, 'The LORD indeed is God; the LORD indeed is God.'

MAGNIFICAT HYMN 394 Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!
SECOND LESSON John I.19-28 *read by Vicky Roe*

This is the testimony given by John when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, 'Who are you?' ²⁰He confessed and did not deny it, but confessed, 'I am not the Messiah.' ²¹And they asked him, 'What then? Are you Elijah?' He said, 'I am not.' 'Are you the prophet?' He answered, 'No.' ²²Then they said to him, 'Who are you? Let us have an answer for those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?' ²³He said, 'I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, "Make straight the way of the Lord" ', as the prophet Isaiah said.

24 Now they had been sent from the Pharisees. ²⁵They asked him, 'Why then are you baptizing if you are neither the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the prophet?' ²⁶John answered them, 'I baptize with water. Among you stands one whom you do not know, ²⁷the one who is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandal.' ²⁸This took place in Bethany across the Jordan where John was baptizing.

NUNC DIMITTIS

see music sheet

**THE CREED
RESPONSES**

PRAYERS

HYMN 52 (omit vs 3&4)

SERMON

HYMN 815

see service card, p 3

Ferial

The Reverend Andrew Quigley

The people that in darkness sat

The Reverend Andrew Quigley

Thy Kingdom come! On bended knee

ORGAN VOLUNTARY - J. S. Bach, Fugue in D minor, BWV 565

Please be aware of those remaining to listen

The Week Ahead

Tuesday – Friday

08.00 Morning Prayer in church

Monday

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

Wednesday

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

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/74633375758?pwd=w7mbLlwL0RZelz6OcgulGQBqHYfzCy.1>

Meeting ID: 746 3337 5758 Passcode: w6b1dN

Thursday

10.30 **Holy Communion** President: The Reverend Jane Sharp

Assisted by: Lin Mawer

11.00 Coffee Drop-In at the back of the Church

Friday

16.30 Junior Choir

18.00 Choir Practice.

Saturday

19.30 **Ratby Cooperative Band and Fosse Singers Concert.** Tickets £10

from www.ratbyband.com or on the door

Sunday Next – Advent 3

08.30 **Holy Communion** President: The Reverend Andrew Quigley

10.30 **Sung Eucharist**

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Readings: Isaiah 35.1-10 and Matthew 11.2-11

16.30 **Community Carol Service (see notice below)**

18.30 **There is No Evensong this Sunday**

SUNDAY 11th DECEMBER 2022 4.30-6.00 pm - Tears and Celebration, a carol service celebrating the message and meaning of Christmas, dedicated to the late Queen Elizabeth II. Tickets free, with a retiring collection for Leicester Children's Hospital Appeal and the church. **Everyone wishing to attend is strongly advised to reserve a place** by calling the church office 0116 2542111 or booking via Eventbrite on: <https://tearscelebration.eventbrite.com>

FORTHCOMING CONCERTS

Tuesday 13th December at 7.30 pm. The Piccadilly Sinfonietta and soloists perform Pachelbel *Canon in D*, Corelli *Christmas Concerto*, Chopin *Piano Concerto No. 2 in F minor* and Vivaldi *Four Seasons*. Tickets £19, £29 or £38 available on the door or from <https://citymusicpromotions.co.uk/buy-tickets/>

Thursday 15th December at 7.30 pm. Leicester Philharmonic Choir Carol Concert. Tickets £15 or £10 with a glass of wine available on the door or <https://thephil.org.uk/concerts/>

Saturday 17th December at 7.00 pm. City of Leicester Singers Carol Concert. Tickets £12 on the door or from www.cityofleicestersingers.co.uk

Sunday 18th December at 3-3.45 pm. BabyGigs: A Christmas Rescue. Tickets: Adults £5.50, Children over 6 months: £3.50 (Babies under 6 months are free). Tickets are available here: <https://www.tickettailor.com/events/babygigs>

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 8.10 am	Radio 4
Songs of Praise	Sunday at 13.15 pm	BBC 1

Online at www.churchofengland.org and www.leicestercathedral.org

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