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This week at the Church of  
**St James the Greater**  
Leicester

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**11th DECEMBER 2022**  
**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:**

**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

**Rest In Peace**

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

**08.30**

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

Common Worship Order One (Traditional)

President: The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar

Assisted by: Janet Burton

Churchwarden: Paul Jenkins

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**10.30**

## **Sung Eucharist**

*See order of service*

President: The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar

Assisted by: Lucy Hutchinson

Churchwardens: April Rule and Janet Burton

Servers: Charles Samuel, William Woolley and Lucy Hutchinson

Setting: Darke in E

### **OPENING HYMN 45**

READING Isaiah 35.1-10

**O come, O come, Emmanuel**

*read by Mike Rule*

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.

### **GRADUAL HYMN 38**

### **Hark, a thrilling voice is sounding**

#### GOSPEL Matthew 11.2-11

When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples <sup>3</sup> and said to him, 'Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?' <sup>4</sup> Jesus answered them, 'Go and tell John what you hear and see: <sup>5</sup> the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. <sup>6</sup> And blessed is anyone who takes no offence at me.'

<sup>7</sup> As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: 'What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? <sup>8</sup> What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. <sup>9</sup> What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. <sup>10</sup> This is the one about whom it is written, "See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you."

<sup>11</sup> Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.

SERMON

The Reverend Andrew Quigley

INTERCESSIONS

The Reverend Andrew Quigley

**OFFERTORY HYMN 47**

**People, look east to see at last**

ANTHEM

This is the truth sent from above – *Vaughan Williams*

**POST COMMUNION HYMN 44 (i)**

**O Child of promise, come!**

**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 75**

**Long ago, prophets knew**

ORGAN VOLUNTARY - *Please be aware of those remaining to listen.*

*Everyone is invited for refreshments after the service.*

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## The Vicar Writes

I wonder if we are looking for the right thing during Advent? Is all we're looking for some comfy nostalgia – carols, mince pies, maybe some picturesque snow (as long as it doesn't disrupt things too much)? Perhaps we should be looking for disruption – the old order, with all its old suffering, upended. Between the pandemic and now economic woes we have experienced disruption whether we like it or not – but I fear we have not yet been disrupted enough...



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## 16.30 'Tears and Celebration' Carol Service

see special order of service

Officiant: Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar

Server: William Woolley

*Everyone is invited for refreshments after the service in the main hall.*

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## The Week Ahead

### Tuesday – Friday

08.00 Morning Prayer in church

### Tuesday

19.30 **Piccadilly Sinfonietta Concert (see notice below)**

### Wednesday

15.00 Doris Makepeace's coffin received into church to lie in repose overnight.

19.00 Choir Youth Group meet in the Undercroft.

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

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85697746312?pwd=d2hoeE4xUmhTRDVJcnRoUnorRnlpZz09>

Meeting ID: 856 9774 6312      Passcode: SM5UuY

### Thursday

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

Assisted by: Lin Mawer

11.30 Funeral of Doris Makepeace followed by a reception in the church hall.

19.30 **Leicester Philharmonic Choir Carol Concert. (see notice below)**

19.30 St. James Singers Rehearsal in Ashman Room

### Friday

16.30 Junior Choir

18.00 Choir Practice.

### Saturday

19.00 **City of Leicester Singers Carol Concert. (see notice below)**

## Sunday Next – Advent 4

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

10.30 **Sung Eucharist**      President: The Reverend Andrew Quigley

Readings: Isaiah 7.10-16 and Matthew 1.18-25

15.00 **BabyGigs Concert: A Christmas Rescue (see notice below)**

18.30 **Nine Lessons and Carols**      Officiant: The Reverend Andrew Quigley

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**COMMON CUP** Please **place a red token** into a small basket, which is on the large table at the back of church **before taking your seat**, if you wish to receive the wine, so appropriate quantities can be consecrated.

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**OFFERTORY** We have returned to blessing the offertory as part of our services. **Please place any envelopes or loose collection into the baskets at the back of the church before** taking your seat, so that it can be taken to the high altar and blessed during the service.

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**STAMPS FOR CHARITY** Please bring donations of stamps to help raise money for Inter Care and put them in the box provided. As the stamp design will be changing, the current ones will become more valuable.

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**SCHOOLS AT ST. JAMES** This week we have welcomed schools with their pupils, parents and friends to hold Carol Concerts: The Mead Educational Trust, Leicester High School for Girls and LGS Stoneygate School.

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## **JUNIOR CHOIR**

Our Junior Choir has now launched and meets on Fridays 4.30 pm-5.30 pm and welcomes children of primary age. They will sing roughly once a month at Sunday services to begin with, for which they will even earn a bit of pocket money! The choir is free to join, there are no auditions and the boys and girls will sing in our supportive and inclusive church environment. Being a chorister means getting a free music education. From the moment they start school onwards children can be part of an organisation where they will improve their singing voice, learn to read music, develop their confidence, work as a team with other children, perform at a high level with teenagers and adults and make friends for life. If you know of a child of primary school age who might be interested, or are willing to help at the choir, please get in touch with Emma Trounson: [DoM@stjamesthegreater.org.uk](mailto:DoM@stjamesthegreater.org.uk).

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**ST. JAMES VIDEO** filmed by John Davey and narrated by David Clark is available to view on the church website at [www.stjamesthegreater.org.uk](http://www.stjamesthegreater.org.uk)

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## **FORTHCOMING CONCERTS**

**Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> 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 15<sup>th</sup> 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 17<sup>th</sup> December at 7.00 pm. City of Leicester Singers Carol Concert.** Tickets £12 on the door or from [www.cityofleicestersingers.co.uk](http://www.cityofleicestersingers.co.uk)

**Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> 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>

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## CONTACTING THE TEAM

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## 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
Compline	Thursday at 11 pm in December	Radio 3
Sunday Worship	Sunday at 8.10 am	Radio 4
Songs of Praise	Sunday at 13.15 pm	BBC 2

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:

- # Sleep Well with Daily Hope– four reflections before bedtime.
- 1. Christmas at home on the 'phone.
- 2. Carol line for December – favourite hymns on a repeating loop.
- 3. C of E Advent Reflections on 'The Great Invitation'.
- 4. Chair Exercises.
- 5. Weekly service from C of E.
- 6. Morning and Evening Prayer from Common Worship.
- 7. Prayers for the situation in Ukraine.
- 8. Address for written communications or to make a donation.
- 0. Returns you to the main menu.

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

**Vicky Roe.**

**Pastoral Assistant**

**Compline** is being broadcast on Radio 3 at 11 pm on Thursdays during December and is also available on BBC Sounds.



**CHRISTIAN RESOURCES** located in St. Martins House next to the Cathedral, have now teamed up with Bookshop.org an Ethical B Company and an alternative to Amazon. If you follow the link to their website via Christian Resource website at <https://www.christianresourcesleicester.com/home> you can purchase any of their books, religious or not, and Christian Resources will get the commission.

You can still go into the Christian Resources shop or ask them to post books out to you, but this new link widens their stock offering and provides an ethical website if you have to buy online.

Currently they have Advent and Christmas books, cards and other resources in stock. Opening hours are Tuesday-Saturday 9.30 am to 4.00 pm.

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