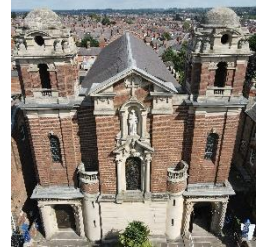


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This week at the Church of  
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**18th DECEMBER 2022**  
**ADVENT 4**

**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.

**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 : Rev'd Helen Newman

**Rest In Peace**

Doris Makepeace (92)

**08.30**

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

Common Worship Order One (Traditional)

President: The Reverend Canon Philip Norwood

Assisted by: Sheila Roberts

Churchwarden: Paul Jenkins

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**10.30**

## **Sung Eucharist**

*See order of service*

President: The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar

Assisted by: Margaret Sharman

Churchwardens: April Rule and Simon Edwards

Servers: Angela Finn, William Woolley and William Simpey

Setting: Mass of the Quiet Hour - Oldroyd

### **OPENING HYMN 52**

**The people that in darkness sat**

READING Isaiah 7.10-16

*read by Mike Bull*

Again the LORD spoke to Ahaz, saying, <sup>11</sup>Ask a sign of the LORD your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. <sup>12</sup>But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the LORD to the test. <sup>13</sup>Then Isaiah said: 'Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? <sup>14</sup>Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. <sup>15</sup>He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. <sup>16</sup>For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted.

### **GRADUAL HYMN 30**

**Come, thou long-expected Jesus**

GOSPEL Matthew 1.18-25

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. <sup>19</sup>Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. <sup>20</sup>But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, 'Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. <sup>21</sup>She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.' <sup>22</sup>All this took place to fulfil what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

<sup>23</sup> 'Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,  
and they shall name him Emmanuel',

which means, 'God is with us.' <sup>24</sup>When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, <sup>25</sup>but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

SERMON

The Reverend Andrew Quigley

INTERCESSIONS

The Reverend Andrew Quigley

**OFFERTORY HYMN 313**

**For Mary, Mother of our Lord**

ANTHEM

The Angel Gabriel – *arr. Pettman*

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

**Post Communion Prayer**

Eternal God,

as Mary waited for the birth of your Son,

so we wait for his coming in glory;

bring us through the birth pangs of this present age

to see, with her, our great salvation

in Jesus Christ our Lord.

**RECESSIONAL HYMN 41**

**Lo, he comes with clouds descending**

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 don't know why we don't see more Christmas cards with the message "Do not be afraid." It's the repeated message of the angels, to Mary, to Joseph, to the shepherds. And it's a message that in today's troubled world so many need to hear. So "Seasons Greetings", "Merry Christmas" and all, but above all, do not be afraid



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## 18.30 Service of Nine Lessons and Carols

see special order of service

Officiant: Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar

Churchwardens: Simon Edwards, April Rule, David Kibert, Paul Jenkins

Servers: Michael Bull, Hazel Carlin, Hilary Rees, Val Bailey, Tony Chizema

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# The Week Ahead

## Tuesday – Friday

08.00 Morning Prayer in church

## Wednesday

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

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/77573901731?pwd=E8cdopJWUZFiT4m0UtHP9gcSSl dyWu.l>

Meeting ID: 775 7390 1731 Passcode: ji9ae2

## Thursday

10.30 **Holy Communion**

President: The Reverend Andrew Quigley

Assisted by: Janet Burton

## Friday

18.00 Choir Practice.

## Saturday

16.00 **Children's Service for Christmas Eve**

23.30 **Midnight Mass**

## Sunday Next – Christmas Day

08.30 **Holy Communion**

President: The Reverend Andrew Quigley

10.30 **Family Service**

President: The Reverend Andrew Quigley

**followed by Communion** Readings: Luke 2.1-7 and Luke 2.8-16

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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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**A BIG 'THANK YOU'** to everyone who has worked so hard before, during and after the many services and concerts over the last few weeks to make them run smoothly. Your efforts have enabled hundreds of people to enjoy memorable experiences and helped to make this season special for them. Thanks to you all.

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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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## **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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**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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# 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 1

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.

## SERVICES FOR CHRISTMAS 2022 AND NEW YEAR 2023

<b>Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> December</b>	4.00 pm	Children's Service
	11.30 pm	Midnight Mass
<b>Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> December</b>	8.30 am	Holy Communion (BCP)
	10.30 am	Christmas Morning Service followed by Communion
<b>Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> January</b>	10.30 am	Sung Eucharist
	18.30 pm	New Year Service
<b>Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> January</b>	6.30 pm	Epiphany Carol Service
<b>Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> January</b>	6.30 pm	Candlemas Service



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