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

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7th JANUARY 2024
EPIPHANY

Prayer for the Week

O God,
who by the leading of a star
manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth:
mercifully grant that we,
who know you now by faith,
may at last behold your glory face to face;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

Our Prayers are asked for:

All prevented from worshipping with us, remembering
Marilyn Dorum : Mollie Drake : Anne Sylvester : Nina French
Anthony Green : Gillian Boorne : Josephine Chizema : Ann Blanchard
and all those currently unable to attend services.

Those who are unwell and who are recovering
Mark Sadler : Nicola Shilton : Andrew King : Rachel Bentley
Mandy Stephensen : Jean Warren : Revd David Clark

Welcome to St James the Greater

08:30 Holy Communion in the Lady Chapel

Book of Common Prayer

President: The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar

Assisted by: Phil Jones

Churchwarden: Paul Jenkins

A card reader donation machine is available.

10:30

Sung Eucharist

See order of service

President: The Reverend Andrew Quigley

Assisted by: William Woolley and Angela Jagger

Churchwardens: April Rule and Janet Burton

Servers: Tony Chizema, Charles Samuel and William Woolley

Setting: Rawsthorne Festive Eucharist

HYMN 103

GLORIA

O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness

Rawsthorne Festive Eucharist

READING Isaiah 60.1-6 *read by Michael Bull*

Arise, shine; for your light has come,
and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.

² For darkness shall cover the earth,
and thick darkness the peoples;

but the LORD will arise upon you,
and his glory will appear over you.

³ Nations shall come to your light,
and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

⁴ Lift up your eyes and look around;
they all gather together, they come to you;

your sons shall come from far away,
and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms.

⁵ Then you shall see and be radiant;
your heart shall thrill and rejoice,
because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you,
the wealth of the nations shall come to you.

⁶ A multitude of camels shall cover you,
the young camels of Midian and Ephah;
all those from Sheba shall come.

They shall bring gold and frankincense,
and shall proclaim the praise of the LORD.

GRADUAL HYMN 93

Arise, shine out, your light has come

GOSPEL Matthew 2.1-12

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, ²asking, 'Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.' ³When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; ⁴and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. ⁵They told him, 'In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

⁶ "And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;
for from you shall come a ruler
who is to shepherd my people Israel." '

⁷ Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. ⁸Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, 'Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.' ⁹When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. ¹⁰When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. ¹¹On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure-chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. ¹²And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

SERMON

The Reverend Andrew Quigley

INTERCESSIONS

Angela Jagger

OFFERTORY HYMN 94

As with gladness men of old

MOTET

Tomorrow shall be my dancing day – Gardiner

Please remember that intinction (dipping the bread in the wine) is not permitted due to the infection risk. If you do not wish to drink from the chalice, please receive the bread only (which is still full and valid communion).

**POST COMMUNION HYMN 52 (omit verses 3&4) The people that in
darkness sat**

Post Communion Prayer

Lord God,
the bright splendour whom the nations seek:
may we who with the wise men have been drawn by your light
discern the glory of your presence in your Son,
the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ our Lord.

RECESSIONAL HYMN 96 i Brightest and best of the sons of the morning

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Please be aware of those remaining to listen.

*A card reader donation machine is available at the back of church.
Everyone is invited for refreshments after the service.*

18:30

Choral Evensong

See order of service

Officiant: The Reverend Philip Norwood
Churchwardens: Simon Edwards and April Rule
Servers: Hazel Carlin, Lydia Doughty and Hilary Rees

HYMN 95
CONFESSION
PRECES
PSALM 98

Bethlehem, what greater city
see white service card
Forbes-L'Estrange
(see music sheet)

FIRST LESSON Baruch 4.36-5.9 *read by Colin Stray*

Look towards the east, O Jerusalem,
and see the joy that is coming to you from God.
³⁷ Look, your children are coming, whom you sent away;
they are coming, gathered from east and west,
at the word of the Holy One,
rejoicing in the glory of God.

⁵ Take off the garment of your sorrow and affliction, O Jerusalem,
and put on for ever the beauty of the glory from God.

² Put on the robe of the righteousness that comes from God;
put on your head the diadem of the glory of the Everlasting;

³ for God will show your splendour everywhere under heaven.

⁴ For God will give you evermore the name,

'Righteous Peace, Godly Glory'.

⁵ Arise, O Jerusalem, stand upon the height;
look towards the east,

and see your children gathered from west and east
at the word of the Holy One,
rejoicing that God has remembered them.

⁶ For they went out from you on foot,
led away by their enemies;
but God will bring them back to you,
carried in glory, as on a royal throne.

⁷ For God has ordered that every high mountain and the everlasting hills be made
low
and the valleys filled up, to make level ground,
so that Israel may walk safely in the glory of God.

⁸ The woods and every fragrant tree
have shaded Israel at God's command.

⁹ For God will lead Israel with joy,
in the light of his glory,
with the mercy and righteousness that come from him.

HYMN 97 (Tune 210)

Christ is our light!

MAGNIFICAT

Chanted

SECOND LESSON John 2.1-11 *read by Angela Stray*

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. ²Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. ³When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' ⁴And Jesus said to her, 'Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.' ⁵His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' ⁶Now standing there were six stone water-jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. ⁷Jesus said to them, 'Fill the jars with water.' And they filled them up to the brim. ⁸He said to them, 'Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.' So they took it. ⁹When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom ¹⁰and said to him, 'Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.' ¹¹Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

NUNC DIMITTIS

Brewer in D

Remain sitting then stand for the Gloria

THE CREED

see white service card, p. 3

RESPONSES

Forbes-L'Estrange

ANTHEM

Bethlehem down – Warlock

PRAYERS

The Reverend Philip Norwood

HYMN 63

'Glory to God!' all heav'n with joy is ringing

SERMON

The Reverend Philip Norwood

HYMN 104 (omit verse 4)

Songs of thankfulness and praise

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

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The Vicar Writes A new star, a new king, a journey into the unknown – there is much novelty at the Epiphany. At the start of the new year, we may be thinking about new things – new habits, new ideas. We are challenged afresh to lift our eyes and see what new things God may be doing, and what new paths we may be called to tread.



The Week Ahead

Tuesday - Friday

08:00 Morning Prayer in the Lady Chapel

Monday 8th

14.30 **House Group** via Zoom. To join, please use the link

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/4049355092?pwd=ZU5aZ2JaTWlBK0V3aHZUTlp4bGVGUT09&omn=72467005622>

Meeting ID: 404 935 5092 Passcode: 6Hyy6R

Wednesday 10th

21:00 **Compline** via Zoom. To join, please use the link

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81259880030?pwd=TG9JbmJzUW56VmFrMmJxdDJBTjBTHFNQT09>

Meeting ID: 812 5988 0030 Passcode: u7iqca

Thursday 11th

10:30 **Holy Communion** Common Worship, Order 1 (traditional)

President: The Reverend Jane Sharp Assisted by: Lin Mawer

11:00 **Coffee Drop-In** - back of Church

Friday 12th

16.30 Junior Choir. 18.15 Chorister Training. 18.45 Full Choir Rehearsal.

19.30 Leicester Theological Society Lecture

“Detecting God: Dorothy L Sayers and Theology”

Peter Kilty – President of the Society

Sunday 14th January

2nd Sunday of Epiphany

08:30 Holy Communion

President: The Reverend Andrew Quigley

10:30 Sung Eucharist

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18:30 Epiphany Carol Service

Readings: 1 Samuel 3.1-10 and John 1.43-51

Officiant: The Reverend Andrew Quigley

CONCERT DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

Saturday 20th January 2024 at 7.00 pm.

Knighton Chamber Orchestra

Featuring music by Copland, Glass and Beach.

Tickets are £10 and are available on the door by cash or card

Saturday 23rd March 2024 at 7.30 pm

St. John Passion – J. S. Bach

Performed by Luminatus

Luminatus professional vocal ensemble and the 18th century Sinfonia will be performing Bach's St John Passion with period instruments. This version will feature the small scale forces available to Bach in Leipzig, with solos taken by members of the ensemble. Luminatus draws together singers from the local area, aiming to perform a wide range of early and contemporary repertoire.

Tickets are available through www.luminatus.co.uk or

<https://www.tickettailor.com/events/luminatus/1052364>

“In the Footsteps of St. Paul” - a 14-day pilgrimage in Greece from Philippi and Thessaloniki to Athens and Corinth, from April 8th to 21st, 2024. Details from Canon Philip Norwood on 0116 241 0255 or norwood-p@outlook.com.

THE SHELL deadline is Sunday 3rd February for contributions to the next edition. Please send content to the church office by post or to Paul Jenkins at editor@stjamesthegreater.org.uk

JUNIOR CHOIR

Our Junior Choir 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.

ST. JAMES' YOUTH GROUP Meeting alternate Wednesdays from 7.00pm – 8.30pm. All young people in school years 8-13 are welcome to join us for games, food and a short discussion based on a Bible passage. See fliers on back tables at church. The next Youth Group will meet on **Wednesday 10th January**.

STAMPS FOR CHARITY Please bring donations of stamps to help raise money for Inter Care and put them in the box provided.

Resources for Home Worship

Broadcast Media

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

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

DAILY HOPE TELEPHONE SERVICE Freephone 0800 804 8044

1. Christmas at home on the phone - reflections by Steve Cramer
2. Carol Line
3. Christmas 'Join the Song' reflections from the Church of England
4. Weekly Church of England Service
5. Morning and Evening Prayers
6. Sleep Well with Daily Hope
7. Details of how to write to the Daily Hope Team

CONTACTING THE TEAM

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