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

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5th JANUARY 2025
EPIPHANY

Prayer for the Week

Almighty God,
in the birth of your Son
you have poured on us the new light of your incarnate Word,
and shown us the fullness of your love:
help us to walk in his light and dwell in his love
that we may know the fullness of his joy;
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 : 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
Rex Woolhouse : Penny Judge : Mark Sadler : Nicola Shilton : Mandy Stephensen :
Mollie Drake : Revd Jane Sharp : Michael Molloy : Chris Jones :
Revd David Clark

Rest in peace

John Rudd
Judith Smith

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: Mike Rule, Associate Minister

Churchwarden: Julia Walker

A card reader donation machine is available.

10:30 Sung Eucharist

President: The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar

Assisted by: William Woolley and Angela Jagger, Reader

Churchwarden: April Rule

Sidesperson: David Pugh

Servers: Tony Chizema, William Woolley and Charles Samuel

Setting: A People's Eucharist - Greening

HYMN 105
GLORIA

We three kings of Orient are
Lécot

READING Isaiah 60.1-6 *read by Val Bailey*

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, Vicar

INTERCESSIONS

Angela Jagger, Reader

OFFERTORY HYMN 94

As with gladness men of old

MOTET

Brightest and Best - Archer

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

Post Communion Prayer

All praise to you,
almighty God and heavenly king,
who sent your Son into the world
to take our nature upon him
and to be born of a pure virgin:
grant that, as we are born again in him,
so he may continually dwell in us
and reign on earth as he reigns in heaven,
now and for ever.

RECESSIONAL HYMN 96 i

**Brightest and best of the sons of the
morning**

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Please be aware of those remaining to listen.

Please stay for refreshments at the end of the service.

A card reader donation machine is available at the back of church.

Please take this leaflet away with you at the end of the Service.

The Vicar Writes The story of the magi gives us much to reflect on: what guides us, and who do we ask for guidance? What journey are we on, and what gift do we bring? Are we looking for Christ in the right places? At the start of a new year, these are all good things to re-evaluate.



18:30

New Year Taizé Service

See order of service

Officiant: Sheila Roberts, Associate Minister
Churchwardens: Simon Edwards and April Rule
Sidespeople: Vacant
Server: Hilary Rees

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The Week Ahead

Wednesday 8th

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

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81259880030?pwd=TG9JbmJzUW56VmFrMmJxdDJBTHFNQT09>

Meeting ID: 812 5988 0030 Passcode: u7iqca

Thursday 9th

12:30 **Holy Communion** Common Worship, Order 1 (traditional)
President: The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar
Assisted by: Lin Mawer

Friday 10th

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

Sunday 12th January

Baptism of Christ / 1st Sunday of Epiphany

08:30 **Holy Communion** President: The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar
10:30 **Sung Eucharist** President: The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar
Readings: Isaiah 43.1-7 and Luke 3.15-17, 21-22
15.00 **Recital** Knighton Chamber Players
18:30 **Epiphany Carol Service** Officiant: The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar

THE SHELL deadline is Sunday 2nd 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

STEWARDS FOR SUNDAY CONCERTS Help is needed with providing stewards for forthcoming Sunday recitals to ensure the safety and enjoyment of those attending. Refreshments are served afterwards. If you can help on 12th January, 9th February or 9th March, please sign up on the list at the back of church.

LEICESTER THEOLOGICAL SOCIETY The next meeting of the LTS is on Friday 10th January at 7.30 pm in the Frassati Centre at Holy Cross Priory. The subject this time is 'Cultivating wild spaces: A storying pilgrimage around the world on the theme of Theodicy' and will be presented by The Rt Revd Saju Muthalaly, Bishop of Loughborough. For more information, please visit <https://sites.google.com/view/leicester-theological-society/home?pli=1>

THURSDAY HOLY COMMUNION Please note that this service now takes place at **12.30 pm**. The next Thursday Holy Communion will take place on Thursday 9th January at 12.30 pm. It will be followed by refreshments.

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.

PLANNED GIVING St. James relies on donations for funding. The Parish Giving Scheme enables donations directly from your bank account and adds Gift Aid for the church, if you are a taxpayer. Information packs are on the table at the back of church. Alternatively, boxes of envelopes for cash donations for each Sunday from 1st December 2024 to 30th November 2025 can be provided. If you would like to have a box, please see Vicky Roe, leave a message for her at the church office (0116 2542111) or send an E-mail to:

pastoral.assistant@sthamesthegreater.org.uk

ARCHIVES The Church archives in the south tower are currently in a rather disorganised state. William Woolley is planning to sort and catalogue them and will be delighted to hear from anyone with surplus bookshelves, cupboards, filing cabinets etc which could be donated to the project.

CHRISTMAS STAMPS FOR CHARITY Please save Christmas stamps by cutting them out surrounded by a border of paper and put them in the box provided to help raise money for Inter Care.

Resources for Home Worship

Broadcast Media

Daily Service Monday – Friday at 9.45am Radio 4 Extra on DAB
Freeview 708, Freesat 708, Sky 0126, Virgin Media 910 and online at
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b006wzfs>

Sunday Worship	Sunday at 8.10 am	Radio 4
Songs of Praise	Sunday at 1.15 pm	BBC 1
Choral Evensong	Sunday and Wednesday at 3 pm	Radio 3

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

DAILY HOPE TELEPHONE SERVICE - Freephone 0800 804 8044

Funded by the charity 'Faith in Later Life', which welcomes donations for the service at: www.faithinlaterlife.org.uk/donate

The options available from a telephone keypad are:

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

The options available from a telephone keypad are:

1. Christmas at home on the 'phone
2. How to support Daily Hope
3. C of E Advent and Christmas reflections
4. One-minute Advent sermon by J. John
5. Weekly Church of England Service
6. Sleep Well with Daily Hope
7. Christmas with J. John and friends
8. Morning and Evening Prayers



Recitals at St James

St James the Greater Church
London Rd, Leicester

Monthly concerts **Sundays 3.00pm**

Followed by refreshments

Free with retiring collection



12 Jan Mozart Flute Quartet
& Clarinet Quartet

**Knighton
Chamber Players**

9 Feb Organ & Piano duets

**Ian Orr
& Nikki Booth**



9 Mar Chamber Music

**University of
Leicester**

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contacted at fabric@stjamesthegreater.org.uk Please do not hesitate to get in
touch. Further details are on our website: www.stjamesthegreater.org.uk

The Church Office opening hours are generally Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays
from 1.15pm until 4.15pm. These days/hours sometimes vary because our
Administrator is also a professional musician and organist, and sometimes has to
play for services elsewhere. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

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