

## Worship in Advent

<b>Sunday 10 December</b>	<b>Advent 2</b>
08.30	Holy Communion
10.30	Sung Eucharist
15.30	Radio Leicester Carol Service (admission by ticket)
18.30	Choral Evensong & Sermon

<b>Sunday 17 December</b>	<b>Advent 3</b>
08.30	Holy Communion
10.30	Sung Eucharist
18.30	Service of Nine Lessons and Carols (by candlelight)

## Worship at Christmas

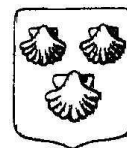
<b>Sunday 24 December</b>	<b>Christmas Eve</b>
10.30	Eucharist with carols
18.30	Christingle Service
23.00	Choral Prelude
23.30	Midnight Eucharist of the Nativity (Communicants are asked to abstain from food and drink for at least <u>two hours</u> before the service.)

<b>Monday 25 December</b>	<b>Christmas Day</b>
08.30	Holy Communion
10.30	Christmas Family Service

**Sunday 7 January at 18.30**  
**Epiphany Carol Service**

Anyone knowing of a boy or girl  
who may be interested in joining one of the choirs  
is encouraged to contact the Director of Music via the Church Office:  
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Welcome to  
The Church of St James the Greater  
Leicester



## Advent Procession

Sunday 3 December 2017

WELCOME & INTRODUCTION by the Very Rev'd Dr Derek Hole

***The congregation is seated in silence***

ORGAN	Prelude on Veni Emmanuel	Flor Peeters
CHOIR	Matin Responsory	Rule

### A COLLECT FOR ADVENT

Stir up, we beseech thee, O Lord, the wills of thy faithful people:  
that they plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works,  
may of thee be plenteously rewarded, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***During the service, the congregation remains seated for  
the readings and choir items, standing for the hymns***

### **Hymn 26 Choir only verses 1&4 O come, O come Emmanuel**

*The procession moves to the Chancel steps*

FIRST LESSON	The prophet speaks of the Judge	Isaiah 11 verses 1-5
CHOIR	A tender shoot	Goldschmidt
SECOND LESSON	The call to be vigilant	1 Thessalonians 5 verses 1-11
CHOIR	Adam lay y bounden	Ord
THIRD LESSON	The prophet's vision	Micah 4 verses 1-4

### **Hymn 484 omit verse 4 Long ago, prophets knew**

FOURTH LESSON	The words of the Prophet	Luke 4 verses 14-21
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CHOIR The spirit of the Lord Elgar

**Hymn 31** **Come thou long expected Jesus**  
*The procession moves to the choir stalls*

FIFTH LESSON The day of God's appearing Malachi 3 verses 1-7

CHOIR If ye love me Tallis

SIXTH LESSON John the Baptist Matthew 3 verses 1-11

**Hymn 27** **On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry**

SEVENTH LESSON Mary shares her joyful news Luke 1 verses 39-49

CHOIR Mary's Magnificat Carter

**Hymn 30** **Hark the glad sound! the Saviour comes**

**SILENCE IS KEPT**

CHOIR Let all mortal flesh keep silence Bairstow

EIGHTH LESSON Jesus speaks with Nicodemus John 3 verses 1-8

**Hymn 325 Choir only verse 1, omit verses 6 & 7**  
**Of the Father's love begotten**

*During the hymn a collection is taken*  
**Please be as generous as your means allow**  
*The procession moves to the Sanctuary*

**After the hymn, the congregation kneels or sits**

As we await the fulfilment of the promise of glory, let us pray for the coming of the Kingdom in the words our Saviour taught us, saying:

**Our Father, who art in heaven,**  
**hallowed be thy name;**  
**thy kingdom come;**  
**thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.**  
**Give us this day our daily bread.**  
**And forgive us our trespasses,**

**as we forgive those who trespass against us.**  
**And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**  
**For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory for ever and ever.**  
**Amen.**

*Priest* We wait for thy loving kindness, O Lord.  
*Choir* In the midst of thy temple

**SILENCE IS KEPT**

CHOIR Vesper Responsory Rule

THE COLLECT FOR ADVENT SUNDAY

Almighty God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armour of light, now and in the time of this mortal life, in which thy Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty, to judge both the quick and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal, through him who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, now and for ever.

CHOIR Amen Brahms

***The congregation now stands for the remainder of the service***

NINTH LESSON The vision of heaven Revelation 5. 11-12

CHOIR Gloria in Eb No. 2 Wood

BLESSING

The Lord is at hand.

Be careful for nothing:

but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving, let your requests be made know unto God.

And the peace of God, which passes all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be amongst you, and remain with you always. Amen.

**Hymn 28** **Lo! he comes with clouds descending**  
**Please note** Verse 2 third line **All not Those who set at nought and sold him**

*Following the hymn the procession departs*

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