

Worship at Christmas

Sunday 24 December

Christmas Eve

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.)

Monday 25 December

Christmas Day

08.30	Holy Communion
10.30	Christmas Family Service
11.30	Holy Communion

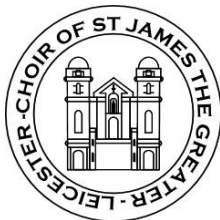
Sunday 7 January at 18.30

Epiphany Carol Service

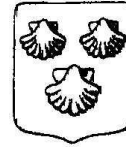
Anyone wishing to find out more about the Christian faith and way of life or seeking spiritual direction is encouraged to contact one of our team who will be glad to follow up any enquiry: ring the office 254 2111.

The new Vicar, Andrew Quigley, will be inducted on Tuesday 30th January at 7.30pm. Everyone welcome

Anyone knowing of a boy or girl who may be interested in joining one of our choirs is encouraged to contact the Director of Music via the Church Office: 254 2111



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The Church of St James the Greater
Leicester



Service of Nine Lessons and Carols 17 December 2017

Officiant: The Reverend David Clark
Director of Music: Matthew Haynes
Organist: Michael Rule

As the lights dim, please stand

HYMN 46 verses 1 & 2 sung by the choir **Once in royal David's city**

Bidding Prayer The Reverend David Clark

followed by
The Lord's Prayer

All: **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.**

The Congregation is invited to sit for the readings and choir items, and stand for the carols

First Lesson Genesis 3. 8-15 The Garden of Eden
read by Paige Carnell – Chorister

Choir **Adam lay ybounden** **Ord**

Second Lesson Genesis 22 selected verses The promise to Abraham
read by Joan Thomas – The Flower Guild

Choir **What sweeter music** **Rutter**

Third Lesson Isaiah 9. 2, 6-7 Prophecy of the Messiah's birth
read by Ian Stapleton, Servers' Guild

**Congregation
& Choir** **God rest you merry, gentlemen,
Let nothing you dismay,
For Jesus Christ our Saviour
Was born upon this day,
To save us all from Satan's power
When we were gone astray:
O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy,
O tidings of comfort and joy.**

Choir only From God our heav'nly Father ...
All **O tidings of comfort and joy ...**

**The shepherds at those tidings
Rejoicèd much in mind,
And left their flocks a-feeding,
In tempest, storm and wind,
And went to Bethlehem straightway,
The blessèd babe to find:
O tidings of comfort and joy ...**

Choir only But when to Bethlehem they came ...
All **O tidings of comfort and joy ...**

**Now to the Lord sing praises,
All you within this place,
And with true love and brotherhood
Each other now embrace;
This holy tide of Christmas
All others doth deface:
O tidings of comfort and joy ...**

Fourth Lesson Micah 4. 2-4 The Messiah from Bethlehem
read by Keith Vaughan, Churchwarden

Hymn 41 omit verse 4 **It came upon the midnight clear**

Fifth Lesson Luke 1. 2 6-35, 38 The Annunciation to Mary
read by Sarah Clark, member of the congregation

Choir **A maiden most gentle** **Carter**

Sixth Lesson Luke 2. 1, 3-7 Luke tells of the birth of Jesus
read by William Simpey, Eucharistic Assistant

Choir **Bethlehem Down** **Warlock**

Seventh Lesson Luke 2. 8-16 The Shepherds go to the Manger
read by Vicky Roe, Pastoral Assistant and Child Protection
Officer

Hymn 37 **While shepherds watched**

Eighth Lesson Matthew 2. 1-11 Magi are led by the star to Jesus
read by Claire Prowse, Saturday Stop-By Volunteer and
Administrative Assistant at One Roof, Leicester

Choir **I wonder as I wander** **Rutti**

Please remain standing for the remainder of the service

Ninth Lesson John 1. 1-14 The great mystery of the Incarnation
read by Honorary Assistant Priest, David Clark

Hymn 326 omit verse 7 **O Come all ye faithful**

*during which a collection is taken
please be as generous as your means allow*

Prayers & Blessing

Hymn 35 **Hark, the herald-angels sing**

Organ Voluntary In dulci jubilo (In sweet rejoicing) J S Bach