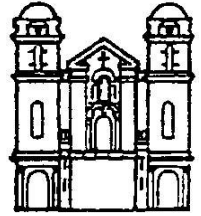


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This week at the Church of  
**St James the Greater**  
Leicester

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**17 DECEMBER 2017 – 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY IN ADVENT**

*If you wear a hearing-aid, please switch to T to benefit from the inductive loop*  
**Large-print hymn books are available from sidesmen**

*The high altar may be approached via the side steps, which have handrails*  
*Please inform a Churchwarden if you wish to receive a gluten-free wafer*  
*or receive Communion in your seat.*

**Prayer for the Week**

O Lord Jesus Christ, who at your first coming sent your messenger  
to prepare your way before you:  
grant that the ministers and stewards of your mysteries  
may likewise so prepare and make ready your way  
by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just,  
that at your second coming to judge the world  
we may be found an acceptable people in your sight;  
for you are alive and reign with the Father  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**08.30**

**Holy Communion**

Common Worship, Order I (Traditional)  
Celebrant: The Very Reverend Dr Derek Hole  
Assisted by: Phil Jones  
Churchwarden: Julia Walker

**10.30**

**Children's Sunday Club**

Starting off together in Church

**10.30**

**Sung Eucharist**

Common Worship, Order I  
**see service sheet and music card**  
Celebrant: The Reverend Diane Johnson  
Assisted by: Vicky Roe and William Simpey  
Churchwardens: Keith Vaughan and Simon Edwards  
Sidesmen: Cherry Fulloway, Jan Vaughan and Jean Warren  
Servers: Peter Ireson, William Woolley and Della Evans  
Setting: Short Service - Batten

**HYMN 27**                      **On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry**  
 READING                      Isaiah 61. 1-4, 8-end                      *read by Sarah Kirby*  
**ADVENT REFRAIN**  
 GOSPEL                      John 1. 6-8, 19-28  
 SERMON                      The Reverend Diane Johnson  
 INTERCESSIONS              The Reverend Diane Johnson  
**HYMN 28**                      **Lo, he comes with clouds descending**  
 ANTHEM                      Coventry Carol                      *Trad.*  
**COMMUNION HYMN 30** Hark the glad sound  
**HYMN 31**                      **Come, thou long-expected Jesus**  
 ORGAN VOLUNTARY – *please be aware of those remaining to listen*

*Everyone is invited to the Hall for refreshments after the service*

## **14.30                      Koolgigs : Christmas Sparkles**

*Suitable for the whole family. Refreshments available.*

## **18.30                      Nine Lessons and Carols**

*see order of service*

Officiant: The Reverend David Clark  
 Churchwardens: Phil Jones and April Rule  
 Sidesmen: Owen Shepherd and Chris Geere  
 Servers: Ian Stapleton, Hazel Carlin, Hilary Rees,  
 Keith Vaughan and John Finn

### **Our Prayers are asked for:**

**All prevented from worshipping with us, remembering this week**

Tom Skinner : Conceição Fernandes : John Goadby

**Unwell**

Ann Blanchard (Jane Sharp's sister) surgery

Augustino Ramadhani (Francis's Uncle) chemotherapy

Pat Ireson

**Rest in Peace**

Don Andrews (96) : Charles Wicksteed (92)

**2018 DIARIES** are now at the back of the Church, please place a donation in the wall safe.

## The Rest of the Week

### Thursday

- 10.15 **Holy Communion** Common Worship, Order I (traditional)  
Celebrant: The Reverend Canon Philip Norwood  
Assisted by: Vicky Roe
- 10.45 Coffee Drop-In in the Hall (access from the Church via the lift)
- 12.00 Christmas Lunch at the Old Horse (see back page)

### Friday

- 18.00 Choir Practice

### Saturday

- 11.00 Stop-by in the Undercroft

## Sunday Next – Christmas Eve

08.30 **NO SERVICE**

- 10.30 **Eucharist with carols** Celebrant: Reverend David Clark  
Preacher: Reverend David Clark  
Readings: Romans 16. 25-end & Luke 1. 26-38
- 18.30 **Christingle** Officiants: John Raven & Vicky Roe
- 23.30 **Midnight Mass** Celebrant: Canon Stephen Foster  
Preacher: Canon Stephen Foster

**CHRISTMAS LUNCH** The annual St James Old Horse lunch will take place on Thursday 21 December. ***Please contact the Church Office by Monday 18 December if you would like to go.*** From £10, everyone welcome.

**CHRISTMAS FOLIAGE** The flower guild need donations of ivy and conifer for the Christmas displays. ***Please contact the Church Office if you can help.***

**CHRISTINGLE MAKING** join us in the Church Hall on Friday 22 December at 11.30am. ***Please sign up on the back table. Contributions of snacks, mince pies or mulled wine would be greatly appreciated.***

**PILGRIMAGE** Canon Philip Norwood will be leading a group to the Holy Land next October. The itinerary can be found on the back table. ***For brochures and further information please contact Philip on 0116 241 0255.***

**STAMPS** Please remember to save used stamps - they can raise funds for charity. Please cut them with a little paper surrounding the stamp. We send them to Intercare, a charity who send medical aid to hospitals and clinics in sub Saharan Africa. ***A collection box is on the back table of the Church.***

**THE QUARTERLY** is now being collated. Please send articles for the winter edition to [office@stjamesthegreater.org.uk](mailto:office@stjamesthegreater.org.uk). All contributions welcome!

**A CRÈCHE ROOM** (the Servers' Vestry) is available where babies and toddlers can be taken if they become fractious during services. There is a changing mat, a play mat and a Noah's Ark to play with. A sound link with the service in Church is provided. ***Please ask a Churchwarden or Sidesman for further details.***

**GIVING TO ST JAMES THE GREATER** YOUR GIFT is a vital contribution to the costs of ministry and maintenance of this fabulous place of worship. ***Please be as generous as your means allow.*** If you are a UK tax payer please use Gift Aid envelopes available in front of each seat. Gift Aid increases the value of your gift by 25%. ***Further information on Giving to St James and the Parish Giving Scheme is available at the back of the Church. Please ask a Church Warden or call the Church Office for further information.***

## **CONCERTS AT ST JAMES**

**Cambridge Fundraising Choir** are returning with their **Epiphany Carol Concert** in aid of **Cancer Research UK** on 6 January at 7.30pm. *Tickets £10 on the door. Doors open and refreshments from 6.45pm*

**Tickets can be purchased from [www.stjamesthegreater.org.uk](http://www.stjamesthegreater.org.uk) or by calling 0116 254 2111 during weekday mornings.**