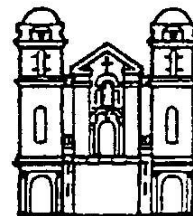


Welcome to
The Church of St James the Greater
Leicester



SUNG EUCHARIST
CHRISTMAS DAY 2020
FRIDAY 25TH DECEMBER 10:30

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**For details of how we are following COVID-19 Track and Trace guidelines
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Almighty God,
you have given us your only-begotten Son
to take our nature upon him
and as at this time to be born of a pure virgin:
grant that we, who have been born again
and made your children by adoption and grace,
may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit;
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.

Welcome by The Reverend Andrew Quigley, Vicar

Introit

Ding Dong Merrily on High

arr. Wood

Please stand

BLESSING OF THE CRIB



LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Choir

Once in Royal David's City

Please follow the order of service in your gold covered booklet

Kyrie

Rawsthorne Festive Eucharist

Please stand

The Gloria

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.

THE READINGS FOR CHRISTMAS DAY

Isaiah 9. 2 – 7

Read by Kathryn Haynes

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness — on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire.

For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onwards and for evermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

Please stand

The Gospel

Luke 2. 1 – 20

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

SERVICE OF NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS Our thanks go out to Matt, Mike and everyone in the choir, together with the readers, for their efforts in putting together our wonderful service of Nine Lessons and Carols last Sunday evening. If you were unable to be with us last week, or were there and would like to relive the service, you can view it on our YouTube channel by clicking [here](#).

Forthcoming Services

Sunday 27th December:	Said Eucharist	10:30am
Our service will be taken by the Reverend Rosie Woodall, the Bishop's Chaplain		
Sunday 3rd January:	Said Eucharist	10:30am
Sunday 10th January:	Said Eucharist	10:30am
	Epiphany Carol Service	4:00pm

COVID-19

If you've downloaded the NHS app, which allows you to check-in to venues, we have created our own unique QR code for St James and you'll find it displayed on the right. To check-in, please take the following steps:

1. Open the NHS COVID-19 app.
2. Select **Venue Check In**.
3. Hold your phone up to the QR code. When the app registers it, you'll see a tick and the name of the venue.



If you don't have a smartphone, you'll find a Track and Trace form on your seat. We ask that you complete this and place it in one of the boxes at the back of church before you leave.

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

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