

## Worship in Advent

<b>Sunday 8 December</b>	<b>Advent 2</b>
08.30	Holy Communion
10.30	Choral Eucharist
18.30	Choral Evensong & Sermon
<b>Sunday 15 December</b>	<b>Advent 3</b>
08.30	Holy Communion
10.30	Choral Eucharist
18.30	Choral Evensong & Sermon
<b>Sunday 22 December</b>	<b>Advent 4</b>
10.30	Sung Eucharist
18.00	Congregational Carol Singing
18.30	Service of Nine Lessons and Carols (by candlelight)

## Worship at Christmas

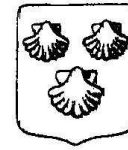
<b>Saturday 24 December</b>	<b>Christmas Eve</b>
18.30	Christingle Service
23.00	Choral Prelude
23.30	Midnight Eucharist of the Nativity (Communicants are asked to abstain from food and drink for at least <u>two hours</u> before the service.)
<b>Sunday 25 December</b>	<b>Christmas Day</b>
08.30	Holy Communion
10.30	Christmas Family Service
11.45	Holy Communion

<b>Sunday 12 January at 18.30</b> <b>Epiphany Carol Service</b>
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Anyone wishing to find out more about the Christian faith and way of life or seeking spiritual direction is encouraged to contact the Vicar who will be glad to follow up any enquiry: 254 4113

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: 254 2111. Enquiries from experienced older singers are also welcome.

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The Church of St James the Greater  
Leicester



## Advent Procession

Sunday 1 December 2013

WELCOME & INTRODUCTION by Canon Glynn Richerby, Vicar

*The congregation is seated in silence*

ORGAN Prelude on *Veni Emmanuel* Flor Peeters

CHOIR MATIN RESPONSORY Rule

I look from afar: and Lo, I see the power of God coming and a cloud covering the whole earth. Go ye out to meet him and say: Tell us, art thou he that should come to reign over thy people Israel?

High and low, rich and poor, one with another. Go ye out to meet him and say:

Tell us, art thou he that should come to reign over thy people Israel?

Stir up thy strength, O Lord And come to reign over thy people Israel.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

I look from afar: and Lo, I see the power of God coming and a cloud covering the whole earth. Go ye out to meet him and say:

Tell us, art thou he that should come to reign over thy people Israel?

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 Promise Jeremiah 23. 5-6

CHOIR Adam Lay Ybounden Warlock

SECOND LESSON Those who sit in darkness Isaiah 9. 2-3, 6-7

CHOIR A Spotless Rose Howells

**Hymn 484 choir only verse 4 Long ago, prophets knew**

THIRD LESSON The Angel Gabriel visits Mary Luke 1. 26-35, 38

CHOIR Magnificat in G Stanford

FOURTH LESSON John the Baptist Mark 1. 1-8

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

*The procession moves to the choir stalls*

FIFTH LESSON Good news for the poor Luke 4. 14-21

CHOIR The Spirit of the Lord Elgar

SIXTH LESSON The King and the Kingdom Luke 19. 28-40

**Hymn 31 Come thou long expected Jesus**

SEVENTH LESSON The parable of the foolish virgins Matthew 25. 1-13

CHOIR Tomorrow Shall Be My Dancing Day Gardiner

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

**SILENCE IS KEPT**

CHOIR Let all mortal flesh keep silence Bairstow

EIGHTH LESSON Judgement Matthew 25. 31-46

**Hymn 325 Choir only verse 1, omit verses 2 & 6  
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.**

Vicar We wait for thy loving kindness, O Lord.

Choir In the midst of thy temple

**SILENCE IS KEPT**

CHOIR VESPER RESPONSORY Rule

Judah and Jerusalem, fear not, nor be dismayed.

Tomorrow go ye forth, and the Lord will be with you.

Stand ye still, and ye shall see the salvation of the Lord.

Tomorrow go ye forth, and the Lord will be with you.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

Tomorrow go ye forth, and the Lord will be with you. Amen.

**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. Amen

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

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

CHOIR Gloria Gloucester Service Howells

**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 We not Those who set at nought and sold him**

*Following the hymn the procession departs*

ORGAN VOLUNTARY Toccata on Holy God we Praise thy Name Flor Peeters