

# Worship at Christmas

## Tuesday 24 December

## Christmas Eve

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 two hours before the service.)*

## Wednesday 25 December

## Christmas Day

08.30

Holy Communion

10.30

Christmas Family Service

11.45

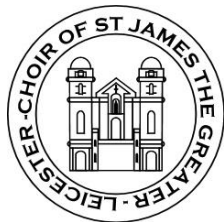
Holy Communion

Sunday 12 January at 18.30

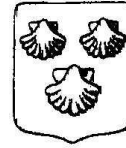
## Epiphany Carol Service

Anyone wishing to find out more about the Christian faith and way of life or seeking spiritual direction is encouraged to contact 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 our choirs is encouraged to contact the Director of Music via the church office: 254 2111  
There are also vacancies for tenors and basses



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The Church of St James the Greater  
Leicester



# Service of Nine Lessons and Carols

22 December 2013

*preceded by congregational carol singing*

Organist: Michael Rule  
Director of Music: Matthew Haynes

*As the lights dim, please stand*

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

**Bidding Prayer** by Canon Glynn Richerby, Vicar

*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 Alex Coles, Boys' Choir Head Chorister

**Choir** Adam lay ybounden Warlock

**Second Lesson** Genesis 22 selected verses The promise to Abraham  
read by Ellie Tobin, Girls' Choir Head Chorister

**Choir** Away in a manger Wilcocks

**Third Lesson** Isaiah 9.2, 6-7 Prophecy of the Messiah's birth  
read by Phil Jones, Church Council Secretary

**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*  
**All** From God our heav'nly Father ...  
**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*  
**All** But when to Bethlehem they came ...  
**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 Annabel Cowley, Church Administrator

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

**Fifth Lesson** St Luke 1:26-35, 38 The Annunciation to Mary  
read by Francis Ciza, Church Premises Supervisor

**Choir** Christ is the Morning star Pärt

**Sixth Lesson** St Luke 2.1, 3-7 Luke tells of the birth of Jesus  
read by April Burton, Electoral Roll Secretary

**Choir** Balulalow Sirret

**Seventh Lesson** St Luke 2.8-16 The Shepherds go to the Manger  
read by John Sharp, Church Treasurer

**Hymn 37** While shepherds watched their flocks

**Eighth Lesson** St Matthew 2.1-11 Magi are led by the star to Jesus  
read by Julia Walker, Church Warden

**Choir** When Jesus our Lord Mendelssohn

***Please remain standing for the remainder of the service***

**Ninth Lesson** John 1.1-14 The great mystery of the incarnation  
read by The Vicar

**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** Rhapsodie Sur Des Noels Gigout