

Stand Carol 34 **O come, all ye Faithful ...**

During which a collection is taken – please give generously



Welcome to
Church of Saint James the Greater
Leicester



Blessing

Vicar God sent his angels
to bring to shepherds
good news of the Saviour's birth.

All **Amen!**

You have seen his glory
the glory of the Father's only Son.

All **Amen!**

May he fill you with joy
and send you out
to bring this good new to others.

All **Amen!**

The blessing of God Almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
be with you and remain with you
this Christmas and for ever,

All **Amen.**

Organ In Dulci Jubilo

J.S. Bach

*A service of Holy Communion follows at 11.45 am
in the Lady Chapel*

*Please take this service sheet home
and use the prayer below as a grace before Christmas dinner:*

**Lord Jesus Christ, light of the world,
May your radiance shine in our hearts,
in our homes,
and upon all in need this Christmas.**

Christmas Morning 2013

Stand as the choir enters, and turn to face the back of the church

Choir **Welcome** by Canon Glynn Richerby, Vicar

Vicar I bring you good news of great joy:
a Saviour has been born to you. Alleluia!

All **Unto us a child is born, a son is given. Alleluia!**

Carol 35 **Hark! the herald angels sing ...**

during which children gather around the wreath

Sing **The holly and the ivy
are dancing in a ring,
round the berry-bright red candles,
and the white and shining king.**

A child lights the white central candle

Sing **And Christ is in the centre,
for this is his birthday,
with the shining lights of Christmas
singing: 'He has come today'.**

Vicar Joy to the world

All **the Lord has come!**

children return to their seats, and all sit



Choir **On this day** Hylton-Stewart

On this day earth shall ring with the song children sing
To the Son, Christ the King.
Born on earth to save us, him the Father gave us
Ideo, Ideo, Ideo. Gloria, gloria in excelsis Deo.

His the doom, ours the mirth, when he comes down to earth
Bethlehem saw His birth,
Ox and ass beside Him, from the cold wind hide Him. *Ideo, Ideo ...*

God's bright star, o'er his head, wise men three to Him led,
Kneel they low by his bed,
Lay their gifts beside Him, praise Him and adore Him. *Ideo, Ideo ...*

On this day Angels sing, with their song earth shall ring
Praising Christ, heaven's King.
Born on earth to save us, peace and love He gave us, *Ideo, Ideo ...*

The first Christmas with crib figures

The Birth of Jesus - Luke 2. 1 - 7

Remain sitting
All

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed
The little Lord Jesus lay down his sweet head,
The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,
The little Lord Jesus asleep in on the hay.

Children

The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes
But little Lord Jesus no crying he makes,
I love thee Lord Jesus, look down from the sky
And stay by my side until morning is nigh.

All

Be near me Lord Jesus, I ask thee to stay
Close by me for ever and love me, I pray,
Bless all the dear children in Thy tender care
And fit us for heaven to live with thee their.

Angels announce the birth - Luke 2. 8 - 15

Stand Carol 37 **While shepherds watched ...**

Wise men find the baby Jesus - Matthew 2.1a - 2, 8 - 11

Carol 51 **As with gladness men of old ...**

Procession to the crib to present our 'gifts'

The organ plays ...

Ends with all singing :

What can I give him,
poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd
I would bring a lamb;
if I were a wise man
I would do my part;
yet what I can I give him –
give my heart.

Kneel or sit

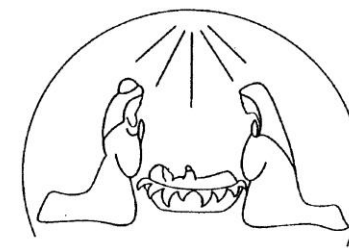
Prayers

each ends with :

Vicar Lord in your mercy,
All **hear our prayer.**

Vicar Rejoicing in God's presence
here among us,
in faith and trust we pray:

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.**



What can I give Him?



My gift to God is ...