

CHRISTIAN AID APEAL Retiring collections last Sunday raised **£246** in support of the victims of unrest in the Democratic Republic of Congo. Many donations were gift aided, so the final sum will increase.

ANNUAL BAZAAR Due to the sterling efforts of all the stallholders and those who contributed items for sale, not to mention a good crowd of customers, the **Disabled Access Appeal will receive proceeds of £1,204**. Many thanks to all concerned, including Oliver Parker, who provided mood music for everyone.

'CHRISTMAS IS COMING' at 19.30 on Wednesday 17 December in the Large Hall! This will be the final event of this year in aid of the Disabled Access Appeal. Enjoy an evening of seasonal food, music and readings by candlelight. **Tickets now available (£7.50) from Margaret Terry (Tel: 288 3668) or the Church Office (Tel: 254 2111) or sign the board at the back of the Church. Offers of mince pies and raffle prizes will be gratefully accepted.**

TOWARDS £100,000 ... Tony Rudge and Geoffrey Simpson would like to thank everyone who has responded to the Disabled Access Appeal – by a personal donation or by supporting one or more of the 14 events which have been held so far – and they are very grateful to the clergy and members of the congregation, who have organised the different activities. We have raised over **£64,000** so far and, with the continued support of the whole of the St James the Greater family, we are determined to reach our target!

LONG SERVICE? Not the act of worship, but the dedication of two of our servers! Michael Bull and William Woolley have completed 44 and 45 years, respectively. We tend to take such quiet dedication for granted, but we thank them heartily and hope that they will celebrate their golden anniversary with us, in due course!



THE SIXTEEN – the world famous choral ensemble with their internationally acclaimed conductor Harry Christophers are coming to St James the Greater again on **23 April 2009** (St George's Day) - plus a 22 piece Orchestra - to perform Handel's Coronation Anthems.

Please note the date in your diary. Tickets are £34 to £10, available from the Church Office – the price has been kept as low as possible consistent with the cost of bringing over forty high quality professional musicians to Leicester. You may wish to donate tickets as a gift to music-loving friends or relatives. This will be the concert of the year.

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This Week at the Church of
St James the Greater
Leicester

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30 NOVEMBER 2008 – ADVENT SUNDAY

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 Communion in your seat

Collect

Almighty God,

give us grace to cast away the works of darkness
and to put on the armour of light,
now in the time of this mortal life,

in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility;
that on the last day,

when he shall come again in his glorious majesty
to judge the living and the dead,

we may rise to the life immortal;

through him who is alive and reigns with you,

in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and for ever.

08.30

Holy Communion

Common Worship 1 (Traditional)

Celebrant: The Reverend Jane Sharp

Churchwarden: Tricia Dean

10.30

All Age Eucharist

see Order of Service

Celebrant: The Reverend Canon Glynn Richerby, Vicar

Assisted by: Angela Jagger and Phil Jones

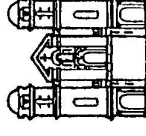
Churchwardens: Marilyn Dorum and David Brunning

Sidesmen: Angela Hefford, Pat Ireson and David Kibert

Servers: John, Angela and Emma-Jane Finn

Setting: Shepherd *Addington Service*

Everyone is invited to the Hall for refreshments after the service



18.30

Advent Procession

see Order of Service

Officiant: The Reverend Canon Glynn Richerby
Churchwardens: Tricia Dean and Owen Jones

Sidesmen: Ivan Eames, Rosemary Freer, Chris Geere, Ken Lumb, Owen Shepherd
and John Sharp

Servers: William Woolley, Michael Bull, April Burton, Janet Burton, Della Evans,
Cynthia McLauchlan, David Nisbet and Mandy Stephensen

The Rest of the Week

Daily 08.30 **Morning Prayer in the Lady Chapel** *Vicar's day off*

Boys' Choir practice

Tuesday 2nd 07.15 **Holy Communion** Common Worship, Order 1

Wednesday 3rd

14.15 Good Companions Holy Communion in the Large Hall

18.30 Lemon Jelly Carol Concert in Church

19.00 SJ2 (Junior Youth Club) meets in the Undercroft

19.30 Worship Committee meets at the Vicarage

Thursday 4th

10.15 **Holy Communion** Common Worship, Order 1 (traditional)

10.45 Coffee Drop-in in the Small Hall

14.30 At Home with Hilary Simpson at 24 Holmfield Road (1st in month)

17.00 41st Leicester Scouts (boys *and* girls) meet in the Undercroft

18.00 Girls' Choir practice

19.30 Rainbows Hospice Carol Concert in Church

Friday 5th

19.00 Choir Practice

Saturday 6th

19.30 Leicestershire Chorale concert in Church

Sunday Next – Advent 2

08.30 **Holy Communion**

10.20 Sunday Club meets in the Large Hall

10.30 **Sung Eucharist** Preacher: The Reverend David Clark

Readings: Isaiah 40 : 1 – 11 and Mark 1 : 1 – 8

Evensong Preacher: Canon Glynn Richerby

OUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR:

Confirmed at the Cathedral yesterday († also Baptised)

†Ian Barnacle Zoë Judge †Walter McAteer David Nisbet Elaine Nisbet
†Anna Rochford Pat Ware Jo Wood Max Zielonka

To be Confirmed in the New Year

Christopher Beoku-Betts and Natasha Stevens

All prevented from worshipping with us, remembering this week

Rob Burton, Monica Corbin, Pat Russell and Charles Wicksteed

Unwell

Keith Parker (Oliver's father) after a minor stroke Jean Mason (hip operation)

Barry Butler Trudy Harris Deborah Hogarth-Jones Judy Jones

Ian McKelvey John Metcalfe Trevor Quibell Robert Semeonoff

Peter Tahany

Rest in Peace

Pauline Gittens (59) a family friend of Vicky Roe

Lady Peggy Martin (83) - "a life of public service"

By tradition, there are no flowers in Church during Advent

ADVENT means 'coming' or 'arrival'. The focus of the entire season is the celebration of the birth of Jesus the Christ in his First Advent, and the anticipation of the return of Christ the King in his Second Advent. Scripture readings in Advent will reflect this emphasis on the Second Advent, including themes of accountability for faithfulness at His coming, judgment on sin, and the hope of eternal life.

Advent is the beginning of the Church Year for most churches in the Western tradition. It begins on the fourth Sunday before Christmas Day, which is the Sunday nearest November 30, and ends on Christmas Eve (24 December).

The colour of Advent is Purple. This is the colour of penitence and fasting as well as the colour of royalty to welcome the Advent of the King. The purple of Advent is also the colour of suffering used during Lent and Holy Week. This points to an important connection between Jesus' birth and death. The nativity, the Incarnation, cannot be separated from the crucifixion.

The Advent Wreath is a circular evergreen wreath with five candles, four around the wreath and one in the centre. Since the wreath is symbolic and a vehicle to tell the Christmas story, there are various ways to understand the symbolism. The exact meaning given to the various aspects of the wreath is not as important as the story to which it invites us to listen, and participate.

BIBLE READING FELLOWSHIP Now is the time to request sets of notes for the New Year – they usually arrive several weeks early. **Contact Gillian Russell (Telephone: 274 5424)**