

Sunday Next – Advent 3

- 08.30 Holy Communion
10.20 Sunday Club meets in the Large Hall
10.30 Sung Eucharist Celebrant and Preacher: Revd Jane Sharp
Readings: Isaiah 61 : 1 – 4, 8 – end and John 1 : 6 – 8, 19 – 28
15.30 BBC Radio Leicester Carol Service
Admission only by tickets obtained in advance from Radio Leicester
18.30 A Christmas Meditation in words and organ music:
La Nativité du Seigneur – Olivier Messiaen.

CHRISTMAS AT ST JAMES THE GREATER is to be publicised through a postcard to be delivered to every household and business in the parish, inviting everyone to a *genuine* Christmas experience at St James'. **Would every able-bodied member of the congregation please help with the delivery?** Postcards bundled and labelled with a street name will be available next weekend. *Please put your name to a particular street or streets for delivery on the list.*

'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 are now available (£7.50) from Margaret Terry (288 3668) or the Church Office (254 2111) or sign the board at the back of the Church. Offers of mince pies and raffle prizes will be gratefully accepted.*

A WINTER WALK on Monday 29 December offers the opportunity to enjoy the local countryside before sipping a warming hot drink in front of Caroline Beardsmore's open fire, rather than getting glued to the TV or mooching round the interminable sales. *More details and a signing-up board at the back of the Church to follow.*



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.

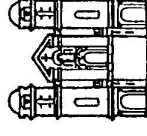
Please note the date in your diary. Tickets are £34 to £10, available from the Church Office – the price has been kept as low as possible consistent with the cost of bringing over forty high quality professional musicians to Leicester. You may wish to donate tickets as a gift to music-loving friends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

A GUITAR suitable for a learner, is offered free by *Gill Bickerstaffe 273 5221*.

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This Week at the Church of
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7 DECEMBER 2008 – SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

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

- Lord, raise up, we pray, your power and come among us,
and with great might succour us;
that whereas, through our sins and wickedness
we are grievously hindered
in running the race that is set before us,
your bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honour and glory, now and for ever.

08.30

Holy Communion

Book of Common Prayer pages 237 – 245, 251 – 259
Celebrant: The Very Reverend Dr Derek Hole
Churchwarden: David Brunning

10.20

Children's Sunday Club

in the Church Hall

10.30

Sung Eucharist

Common Worship, Order 1

see service sheet and music card

Celebrant: The Reverend Canon Glynn Richerby, Vicar
Assisted by: The Reverend David Clark and Lucy Hutchinson
Churchwardens: Owen Jones and Michael Bull

Sidesmen: George Daley, Pat Ireson, Graham or Claire Prowse and David Pugh
Servers: David Nisbet, Angela Finn and Emma-Jane Finn
Setting: German Mass – Schubert

HYMN 27**READING****GRADUAL PSALM****GOSPEL****SERMON****INTERCESSIONS****HYMN 526****ANTHEM****COMMUNION HYMN 256****HYMN 470****VOLUNTARY**

Everyone is invited to the Hall for refreshments after the service

On Jordan's bank the Baptist cry ...
Isaiah 40 : 1 – 11 read by Barbara Penrose
sung by the choir
Mark 1 : 1 – 8 85 w 1 – 13

The Reverend David Clark
The Vicar

When Jesus came to Jordan ...

Holy is the true light

Hills of the North, rejoice ...

Passacaglia in D minor

Buxtehude

Harris

18.30**Choral Evensong**

see service card and music sheet

Officiant: The Reverend Canon Glynn Richerby, Vicar

Churchwardens: Marilyn Dorum and David Brunning

Sidesmen: Colin Stray and Maggie Weller

Servers: Ian Stapleton, Janet Burton and Hilary Rees

HYMN 301**CONFESSION****PSALM 126****FIRST LESSON****MAGNIFICAT****SECOND LESSON****NUNC DIMITTIS****THE CREED****ANTHEM****PRAYERS****HYMN 30****SERMON****HYMN 178****BLESSING****DISMISSAL Plainsong****VOLUNTARY**

How beautiful are the feet ...
Almighty and most merciful Father ...
see music sheet

I Kings : 22 : 1 – 28 read by David Brunning

The Short Service Gibbons

Matthew 11.2 – 11 read by Anne Laurence

see music sheet

I believe in God ...

How beautiful upon the mountains Stainer

The Reverend Gillian Boorne

Hark the glad sound ...

The Vicar

Thy kingdom come! On bended knee ...

The Lord be with you. **And with thy spirit.**

Let us bless the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

Chorale orné sur *Rorate Caeli* Demessieux

NEXT SUNDAY – in place of Evensong – will be a service of organ music and words. *La Nativité du Seigneur* (The Birth of the Lord) was composed by Olivier Messiaen in 1935 and is a profound meditation on the one who joins things earthly and heavenly – time and eternity – Jesus Christ. **Do come along to experience worship with a difference in our approach to Christmas this year.**

OUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR:

All prevented from worshipping with us, remembering this week
Vivian and Margaret Edwards : Elisabeth Kemp : Winnie Walker

Unwell

Barry Butler : Trudy Harris : Arthur Higginson (Leicester General Ward 5)
Deborah Hogarth-Jones

Cindy Howden (Mandy Stephensen's sister) post-operative complications

Judy Jones : Janette Loomes (Good Companion) : Ian McKeivley

John Metcalfe : Trevor Quibell : Robert Semeonoff : Peter Tahany

Recovering

Jean Mason (hip operation) convalescing in Loughborough Hospital

Rest in Peace

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

Mary Coombes (77) Doris Eberli's sister

By tradition, there are no flowers in Church during Advent

The Rest of the Week**Daily**

08.30

Morning Prayer in the Lady Chapel**Monday 8th**

18.00

Boys' Choir practice

Vicar's day off

Tuesday 9th

07.15

Church Office closed**Wednesday 10th**

14.15

Good Companions Christmas Lunch at the Ramada Jarvis Hotel

19.00

SJ2 (Junior Youth Club) meets in the Undercroft

Thursday 11th

10.15

Holy Communion Common Worship, Order 1 (traditional)

10.45

Coffee Drop-in in the Small Hall

17.00

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

18.00

Girls' Choir practice

Friday 12th

19.00

Choir Practice

19.30

Leicester Theological Society meets at Christchurch, Clarendon

Park Road. Professor Keith Ward speaks on *Science and Religion*

– *Beyond Rapprochement.*

ADVENT and CHRISTMAS SERVICES at St James the Greater are detailed in the programme notes for the very successful *Tallis Scholars* concert.
Please help yourself to a programme from the back of the Church.