

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

**CHRISTINGLES** are to be assembled in the Church Hall ready for the Christmas Eve service on **Monday, 22 December 18.00** until 19.30 – providing there are enough hands to make light work of making 200 christingles! *Please put your name to the list at the back of the church* if you wish to join a merry band (mulled wine and mince pies).



**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, while remaining 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 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 are at the back of the Church.**



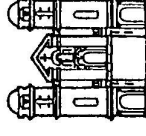
**STAMP OUT WASTE!** *Please clip all the stamps from your Christmas mail and put them in the collecting boxes at the back of the Church.* They will be used to raise funds for Action Deafness and Interserve – local charities we have supported on previous occasions.

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

08/50



This Week at the Church of  
**St James the Greater**  
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## 14 DECEMBER 2008 – THIRD 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 Jesus Christ,

who at your first coming sent your messenger to prepare your way before you: grant that the ministers and stewards of your mysteries may likewise so prepare and make ready your way by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, that at your second coming to judge the world we may be found an acceptable people in your sight; for you are alive and reign with the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

08.30

### Holy Communion

Common Worship, Order 1 (Traditional)  
Celebrant: The Reverend Canon Glynn Richerby  
Churchwarden: Marilyn Dorum

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 Jane Sharp  
Assisted by: The Reverend Canon Glynn Richerby, Vicar, and William Simpey  
Churchwardens: Tricia Dean and Owen Jones  
Sidesmen: Cherry Fulloway and David Kibert  
Servers: Michael Bull, April Burton and Sara King  
Setting: Darke in F

**HYMN 24** Hark, a thrilling voice ...  
**READING** Isaiah 61 : 1 – 4, 8 – end read by Michael Bull  
**GRADUAL PSALM 126** *sung by the choir*  
**GOSPEL** John 1 : 6 – 8, 19 – 28  
**SERMON** The Reverend Jane Sharp  
**INTERCESSIONS** The Vicar  
**HYMN 180** Thou, whose almighty word ...  
**ANTHEM** Let all mortal flesh keep silence Holst  
**COMMUNION HYMN 384** (t387) Lo, in the wilderness a voice ...  
**HYMN 28** Lo, he comes with clouds descending ...

*Everyone is invited to the Hall for refreshments after the service*

**15.30 BBC Radio Leicester Carol Service**  
*(recorded for broadcasting on Christmas Day)*  
*Admission only by tickets previously issued by BBC Radio Leicester*

**18.30 A Christmas Meditation**  
 in words and organ music:  
*La Nativité du Seigneur* by Olivier Messiaen  
 “worship with a difference in our approach to Christmas”

Organist: Mark Batten  
 Commentary: The Reverend Canon Glynn Richerby  
 Churchwardens: Marilyn Dorum and David Brunning  
 Sidesmen: Rosemary Freer, John Sharp and Frederick Sylvester

### OUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR:

**Thanksgiving for childbirth**  
 Gabriel – a son to Rachel and Will Smith  
**All prevented from worshipping with us, remembering this week**  
 Rob Burton Monica Corbin Pat Russell Charles Wicksteed  
 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 McKelvey  
 John Metcalfe : Trevor Quibell : Robert Semeonoff : Peter Tahany  
**Recovering**  
 Jean Mason (hip operation) convalescing in Loughborough Hospital  
**Rest in Peace**  
 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** *Vicar’s day off*  
 18.00 Boys’ Choir practice  
**Monday 15th** 07.15 **Holy Communion** Common Worship, Order I  
 19.00 **Leicester High School Carol Service** in Church  
**Tuesday 16th** Good Companions in the Large Hall  
 14.15 Christmas is Coming! in the Large Hall  
 19.30  
**Wednesday 17th** 10.15 **Holy Communion** Common Worship, Order I (traditional)  
 10.45 Coffee Drop-in in the Small Hall  
 14.30 **Stoneygate School Carol Service** in Church  
 18.00 Girls’ Choir practice  
 19.30 Leicester Philharmonic Choir concert in Church  
**Friday 19th** Choir Practice  
 19.00  
**Saturday 20th** 19.30 City of Leicester Singers concert in Church

## Sunday Next – Advent 4

08.30 **Holy Communion**  
 10.30 **Sung Eucharist** Preacher: John Raven, Reader  
 Readings: 2 Samuel 7 : 1 – 11, 16 and Luke 1 : 26 - 38  
 18.30 **Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols**

**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.*

**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 are available at the back of Church. **Please put your name on the list, next to a particular street or streets for which you have picked up postcards.**