

A Christmas present to the church and its people!

THE EXTENSION incorporating a lift and flight of stairs to new facilities in the Undercroft was formally handed over to the church by the builders last Thursday. We owe a tremendous debt of gratitude to **Will Warner** who has seen through this project on behalf of the church from beginning to end – an intensive period of two years, including a frustrating year getting through all the ‘red tape’ of satisfying English Heritage and sundry amenity societies, and gaining necessary permissions. Then, when the building work began, Will made almost daily site visits – constantly smoothing the way for the contractors and all affected by the work going on – including the Vicarage! We thank Will for all of the time, patience and energy expended with unrelenting good cheer.

It so happened that the handover-day coincided with the last event in a series of fund-raising efforts over the last six months. This was a most enjoyable Christmas evening of carol singing, stories and poems brought together by **Margaret Terry**. This was very well attended and raised **£506**.

Our thanks to **Geoffrey Simpson** and **Tony Rudge** who coordinated the fund-raising drive which has been a great success both financially and socially. **A total of £65,000 of new money has now been raised towards the project.** There are some grant applications still under consideration and a Gift Day coming up on 14 February that will hopefully take us to the target of £100,000.

‘THANK YOU FOR THE MUSIC’ After the **Epiphany Carols** at the evening service on **Sunday 11 January**, the congregation is invited to join our music-makers and their families for refreshments in the Large Hall. This is our opportunity to show our appreciation for their dedication in providing musical accompaniment and leadership for our worship throughout the year, but especially during the major festivals, such as Advent and Christmas, which we are now enjoying. We look forward to Easter!

Please sign up at the back of Church if you are able to contribute something sweet or savoury towards the spread: drinks will be provided!

Tricia Dean and Marilyn Dorum



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.

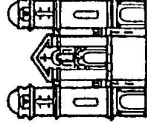
Please note the date in your diary. Tickets are £34 to £10, available from the Church Office – the price has been kept as low as possible, while remaining consistent with the cost of bringing over forty high-quality professional musicians to Leicester. You may wish to donate tickets as a gift to music-loving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

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This Week at the Church of
St James the Greater
Leicester

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21 DECEMBER 2008 – FOURTH 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

God our redeemer,
who prepared the Blessed Virgin Mary
to be the mother of your Son:
grant that, as she looked for his coming as our saviour,
so we may be ready to greet him
when he comes again as our judge;
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, Order 1 (Traditional)
Celebrant: The Reverend Canon Glyn Richeby
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 Glyn Richeby
Assisted by: Sara King and John Raven
Churchwardens: Tricia Dean and Pam Spokes
Sidesmen: George Daley and Cherry Falloway
Servers: William Woolley, Emma-Jane Finn and Mandy Stephensen
Setting: Addington Service – Shepherd

HYMN 26
READING
HYMN 422
GOSPEL
SERMON
INTERCESSIONS
HYMN 360
ANTHEM
COMMUNION HYMN 275
HYMN 33
VOLUNTARY

O come, O come, Emmanuel ...
2 Samuel 7 : 1 – 11, 16 read by Tricia Dean
Tell out, my soul ...
Luke 1 : 26 - 38
John Raven, Reader
Sara King
For Mary, Mother of our Lord ...
Ave Maria
Wherefore, O Father ...
Of the Father's love begotten ...
Incantation, Pastorale & Danse (Mariales)

Lindley
Hakim

Everyone is invited to the Hall for refreshments after the service

18.30 Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols

see carol sheet and order of service

Officiant: The Reverend Canon Glynn Richerby, Vicar
Churchwardens: Marilyn Dorum and David Brunning
Sidesmen: Caroline Beardsmore, Paul and Tricia Dean, Cherry Falloway,
Angela Hefford, Pat Ireson, Owen Shepherd and Maggie Weller
Servers: Michael Bull, Della Evans, Angela Finn,
John Goadby, Ian Stapleton and Teri White

OUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR:

All prevented from worshipping with us, remembering this week

Margaret Bell Alan Clowes Dora Daniels Susan Lacey
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

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 Intercare – local charities we have supported on previous occasions.

CHURCH DIARIES are at last available from the back of the church. **Donations of at least £1 each are invited**

The Rest of the Week

Daily 08.30 Morning Prayer in the Lady Chapel
Vicar's day off
Church Office closed

Monday 22nd 18.00 Boys' Choir practice
Church Office closed

Tuesday 23rd 07.15 Holy Communion
Common Worship, Order 1
Church Office closed

Wednesday 24th - Christmas Eve 18.30 Christingle Service
23.30 Midnight Mass
Church Office closed

Thursday 25th - Christmas Day 08.30 Holy Communion – BCP
10.30 Family Service
Church Office closed

Friday 26th 11.45 Holy Communion in the Lady Chapel
Stephen, 1st Christian martyr
Church Office closed

Sunday Next – The Holy Innocents

08.30 Holy Communion
Preacher: Canon Glynn Richerby

10.30 Sung Eucharist
Readings: Jeremiah 31 : 15 – 17 and Matthew 2 : 13 - 18

18.30 New Year Service
Preacher: Canon Glynn Richerby

PLEASE NOTE there will no mid-week services on Tuesday, 30 December and Thursday, 1 January.

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 chringles! **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).

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.**

