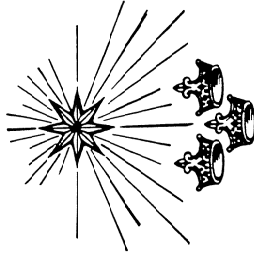


THIS EVENING at 6.30 pm there is a service for New Year's Eve, devised by our Church's Worship Committee. It is a candle-lit service, with readings, hymns and a psalm to aid reflection on the past year, and through entering into a Covenant with God to "step with confidence through the gate of the year". A glass of mulled wine or fruit juice will be on offer at the end of the service.



NEXT SUNDAY is kept as Epiphany Sunday. Crib figures will be brought into church, and wise men replace shepherds – 'in the house where he was staying'. **The Epiphany Carol Service** on the following Sunday, 11 January evening explores the rich symbolism of Epiphany. The season of Epiphany lasts until 7 February.

'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 have just enjoyed. **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!**

A GOOD CHRISTMAS was kept at St James and was much appreciated by large congregations. There was a further increase in numbers compared to last year at all services, notably at Nine Lessons & Carols and at Midnight. The BBC Radio Leicester Carol Service recorded at St James's was broadcast on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

THE MINISTRY TEAM thanks members of the congregation who have kindly sent cards and messages of appreciation. We wish everyone a fulfilling New Year as together we seek to live out the prayer:

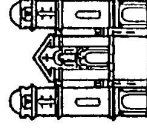
**God bless our church and parish,
and prosper all our attempts to be faithful to you,
and to draw others into the life of your Kingdom.**

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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

Heavenly Father,
whose children suffered at the hands of Herod,
though they had done no wrong:
by the suffering of your Son
and by the innocence of our lives
frustrate all evil designs
and establish your reign of justice and peace;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
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 Glynn Richerby
Churchwarden: Marilyn Dorum

10.30

Holy Communion

see *service sheet and music card*
New Hymns & Worship Songs

Celebrant: The Reverend Canon Glynn Richerby, Vicar
Assisted by: Gillian Russell and William Simpey
Churchwardens: Tricia Dean and Alan McWhirr
Sidesmen: Angela Hefford, John Sharp and Amber Webster
Servers: William Woolley & Mandy Stephensen

HYMN NH&WS 230 See amid the winter's snow ...
 READING Jeremiah 31 : 15 – 17 read by Angela Hefford
 HYMN NH&WS 35 Child in the manger ...
 GOSPEL Matthew 2 : 13 - 18
 SERMON The Vicar
 INTERCESSIONS Gillean Russell
 HYMN NH&WS 88 Good Christians all, rejoice ...
 HYMN NH&WS 272 Unto us a boy is born
 VOLUNTARY

18.30

New Year's Eve Service

see special Order of Service and music sheet

New Hymns & Worship Songs

Officiant: The Reverend Canon Glynn Richerby
 Assisted by members of the Worship Group
 Churchwardens: Marilyn Dorum and John Finn
 Sidesmen: Paul Dean, Ivan Eames, Rosemary Freer and Ken Lumb
 Servers: April Burton and Teri White

Everyone is invited to toast the New Year in mulled wine or fruit juice

OUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR:

Thanksgiving for childbirth

Anna Sophia - a grandchild to David & Sarah Clark
 All prevented from worshipping with us, remembering this week
 Pat Buckingham Muriel McDermott Tim Moore-Trimble
 Unwell

Ella Ashbury-Sharp – a friend of the McBain family
 Barry Butler Trudy Harris Deborah Hogarth-Jones
 Judy Jones Janette Loomes (Good Companion) Ian McKelvey
 Trevor Quibell Robert Semeonoff Peter Tahany

Recovering

Jean Mason (hip operation) convalescing in Loughborough Hospital
 Arthur Higginson (St George's Nursing Home, Radcliffe Road)

*The altar flowers on Christmas Day were kindly given by Joy Johnson,
 in memory of Christopher and Alan*

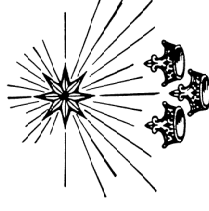
*The altar flowers this week have been kindly given by Angela Hefford,
 in memory of her brother, William R Barrett*

*Lady Chapel pedestal is kindly given by Sid & Audrey Wheeler
 In memory of their parents*

The Rest of the Week

Daily 08.30 Morning Prayer in the Lady Chapel
 Church Office closed
 Monday 29th Winter Walk at Gaulby – see below
 Church Office closed
 Tuesday 30th 07.15 NO SERVICE
 Church Office closed
 Wednesday 31st December 2008 Church Office closed
 Church Office closed
 Thursday 1st January 2009 Naming of Jesus
 10.30 NO SERVICE
 Church Office closed
 Friday 2nd Church Office closed

Sunday Next – Epiphany



08.30 Holy Communion Celebrant: Canon Glynn Richerby
 10.30 Sung Eucharist
 Celebrant & Preacher: Canon Glynn Richerby
 Readings: Isaiah 60 : 1 – 6 and John 1 : (1 – 9) 10 - 18
 18.30 Evensong Preacher: The Reverend David Clark

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

OUR THANKS to the Flower Guild for decoration of the Church for Christmas – the theme announced at the font and carried through to great effect.
 From next Sunday, the main arrangement of flowers, lovingly created week-by-week by members of the Flower Guild will adorn the Chancel Steps – rather than the High Altar – for reasons that have been explained in the current edition of the *Quarterly*.

Members of the congregation may still dedicate flowers to departed loved ones or to mark special occasions. These flowers will be all the more visible from the nave.

We thank the Flower Guild for their artistry and commitment.

Anyone who would like to have a go at flower arranging – whether male or female, our Guild has both – is encouraged to contact Julia Walker on 271 9347.