

09/07



## Sunday Next – Next Before Lent

- 08.30 **Holy Communion** Celebrant: Canon Glynn Richerby  
 10.20 Sunday Club meets in the Large Hall  
 10.30 **Sung Eucharist** Celebrant: The Reverend David Clark  
 Preacher: Canon Glynn Richerby  
 Readings: 2 Kings 2 : 1 – 12 and Mark 9 : 2 – end  
 18.30 **Evensong**  
 Officiant: Canon Glynn Richerby  
 Preacher: Angela Jagger, Reader

### *The Vicar writes ...*

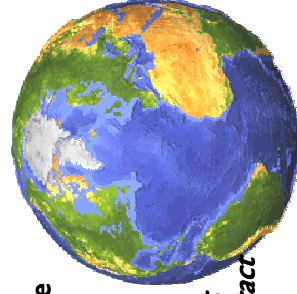
#### SYNODICAL FOLLY!

Meeting this past week, the Church of England's General Synod hit the news on successive days in a way that I think amounts to a public relations disaster. First, it was announced that members of the clergy and some lay employees were to be banned from joining the British National Party. How many people would this apply to? One or two pathetically misguided people at the most, I should think. But the general public are left with the impression that, without a strict prohibition, the C of E's clergy and lay officials would flock to join this nasty political party.

Next day, it was reported that the Synod had enthusiastically supported the aim of converting people of other faiths. If there is one thing guaranteed to weaken good relations between people of different faiths and damage social cohesion, it is fear of each religion actively seeking converts from the others.

Taken together, these two reports in the news give the impression of a Church with fanatically nationalistic, immigrant-hating tendencies, setting out to promote a religious monopoly. This is, of course, unintended and as far from the truth as could be.

I despair of the ineptitude of the General Synod in the past week. I hope that the Church of England's reputation for reasonableness, tolerance and broad sympathies has not been irreparably damaged.



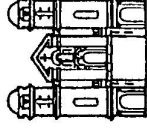
**WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER – 'In Christ, there are many members, yet one body'** Everyone (men, women and children) is welcome at a service prepared by the Christian Women of Papua New Guinea. **On Friday 6 March, Christchurch, Clarendon Park Road is host at 14.00 and St Guthlac's is host at 19.30. Volunteer readers to represent St James the Greater are required at both services – please contact Tricia Dean (Tel: 254 2111).**

**MOTHERING SUNDAY (22 March) LUNCH** in aid of the **Lord Mayor's Appeal for the Special Olympics**. The Charity Committee invites you to give your mother (or yourself!) a treat: everyone is welcome. **Adults - £8, children under 12 - £4, free for children under 3. Further details to follow.**

This Week at the Church of

## St James the Greater Leicester

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### 15 FEBRUARY 2009 – SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE LENT

*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,

you have created the heavens and the earth  
 and made us in your own image:

teach us to discern your hand in all your works  
 and your likeness in all your children;  
 through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,

who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns supreme over all things,  
 now and for ever.

08.30

### Holy Communion

Common Worship, Order 1 (Traditional)

Celebrant: The Reverend Canon Glynn Richerby  
 Churchwarden: David Brunning

10.20

### Children's Sunday Club

in the Church Hall

10.30

### Sung Eucharist

Sung by the **Voluntary Choir**  
 Common Worship, Order 1

*see service sheet and music card*

Celebrant: The Reverend Canon Glynn Richerby, Vicar

Assisted by: John Raven and the Vicar

Churchwardens: Tricia Dean and Owen Jones

Sidesmen: George Daley, Cherry Falloway and Will Warner

Servers: John Finn and Della Evans

Setting: Mass of St Thomas – Thorne

HYMN 207 **Praise to the Lord ...**  
 Proverbs 8 : 1, 22 – 31 read by David Kibert  
 READING  
 HYMN 511 (c. 247) **The great Creator of the worlds ...**  
 GOSPEL John 1 : 1 – 14  
 SERMON John Raven, Reader  
 INTERCESSIONS The Vicar  
 HYMN 468 **God who spoke in the beginning ...**  
 ANTHEM Fairest Lord Jesus arr. How  
 COMMUNION HYMN 252 (Part 2) **Therefore we ...**  
 HYMN 356 **Father, Lord of all Creation ...**

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

## 18.30

### Choral Evensong

Sung by the Leicester Church Music Consort

*see service card and music sheet*

Officiant: The Reverend Glynn Richerby, Vicar  
 Churchwardens: Marilyn Dorum and David Brunning  
 Sidesmen: Ivan Eames and Owen Shepherd  
 Servers: John Goadby, April Burton and Janet Burton

INTROIT O Praise the Lord Batten  
 HYMN 195 **Praise the Lord ! Ye heavens, adore him ...**  
 CONFESSION **Almighty and most merciful Father...**  
 PSALM 65 *see music sheet*  
 FIRST LESSON Genesis 2 : 4b – end read by Vicky Roe  
 MAGNIFICAT Wood in D  
 SECOND LESSON Luke 8 : 22 – 35 read by William Woolley  
 NUNC DIMITTIS *see music sheet*  
 THE CREED I believe in God ... Shephard  
 RESPONSES *sung by the choir* Haydn  
 ANTHEM The Heavens are telling  
 PRAYERS The Vicar  
 HYMN 122 **How sweet the name of Jesus sounds ...**  
 SERMON Anthony Green, Reader  
 HYMN 530 (c. 360) **With joy we meditate the grace ...**  
 BLESSING  
 DISMISSAL *Plainsong* The Lord be with you. **And with thy spirit.**  
 Let us bless the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

**OUR THANKS to Alan McWhirr** for repeating his illustrated talk and guided tour during the Church Open Day yesterday. We are deeply grateful for all that he has done for the Church over many years and for his continuing enthusiasm.

## OUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR:

**All prevented from worshipping with us, remembering this week**

Alan Clowes : Dora Daniels : Susan Lacey

### Unwell

Barry Butler : Doris Eberli : Trudy Harris : Deborah Hogarth-Jones  
 Trevor Quibell : Robert Semeonoff

### Recovering

Jeanette Loomes (Good Companion) : Bessie Body : Ian McKeivey  
 Elsie Sharp (knee surgery) Jane's mother-in-law : Pat Ware

### Rest In Peace

Mary Garrett (93) Elizabeth Bentley's aunt  
 Neville Hamilton (48) Leicester City Football Club – Funeral on Friday  
 Elisabeth Kemp (97) - Memorial Service on 30 March at 1.00 pm  
 Susan Muchenje (48) died 23 January, her body repatriated to Zimbabwe

*The chancel steps flowers this week have been kindly given by Alan Clowes, in memory of Sheila Ann*

## The Rest of the Week

**Daily** 08.30 **Morning Prayer in the Lady Chapel**  
*Vicar's day off*  
**Monday 16th** 19.30 Christian Aid Week – Why Bother? (see on)  
 19.30 Camden House Group meets at 4 St James Terrace  
**Tuesday 17th** 07.15 **Holy Communion** Common Worship, Order I  
*Janini Luwum of Uganda, Archbishop and Martyr (1977)*  
 Celebrant: The Reverend Canon Glynn Richerby  
**Wednesday 18th** *Church Office closed*  
 14.15 Good Companions meet in the Large Hall  
 19.00 SJ2 (Junior Youth Club) meets in the Undercroft  
**Thursday 19th** 10.15 **Holy Communion** Common Worship, Order I (traditional)  
 Celebrant: The Reverend Canon Glynn Richerby  
 10.45 Coffee Drop-in in the Ashman Music Room  
 17.00 41st Leicester Scouts (boys and girls) meet in the Undercroft  
 19.45 Stewardship Committee meets at the Vicarage  
**Friday 20th** 10.30 Funeral of Neville Hamilton

**LEICESTERSHIRE HISTORIAN** is on sale at the back of the Church, price £6, of which £2 is donated to the Disabled Access Appeal.