

## TOYS ON THE TABLE APPEAL

An article about this charity appears in the current issue of the *Quarterly*. Today, we welcome two representatives of the Appeal, **Terry and Margaret Watts**, to our All Age Eucharist to receive our gifts. If you have missed this opportunity, you may bring gifts to the Church Office and they will be passed on to the Appeal.

## CHRISTMAS IS COMING ...

9 Dec	Lemon Jelly Arts Christmas Concert
12 Dec	City of Leicester Singers concert
13 Dec	BBC Radio Leicester Carol Service

**ST JAMES' CHRISTMAS EVENING** on Tuesday 15 December when we shall celebrate in the Large Hall with our traditional evening of fun, food, readings and carols in a relaxed, candle-lit atmosphere. **Tickets £7.50 – all proceeds will support the Launde Abbey Appeal. Please sign up at the back of Church or contact Margaret Terry (Tel: 288 3668).**

16 Dec	Leicester High School Carol Service
17 Dec	Stoneygate School Carol Service
	Leicester Philharmonic Choir concert
19 Dec	City of Leicester Singers concert

**FESTIVAL OF NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS** at 6.30 pm on Sunday 20 December with congregational carol singing from 6.00 pm

**CHRISTINGLE** at 6.30 pm on Christmas Eve

**MIDNIGHT EUCHARIST OF THE NATIVITY** at 11.30 pm on Christmas Eve

**HOLY COMMUNION** at 8.30 am on Christmas Day

**FAMILY SERVICE** at 10.30 am on Christmas Day

Details of these festive events are available in the winter issue of the *Quarterly*, now available – **please take spare copies to hand to family, friends and neighbours, and to leave in waiting rooms and so on.**

Also flyers, with a superb picture of the Church during a carol service and with Christmas service details, are to be available for delivery to everyone in the parish in the week beginning Sunday 13 December. **Please be ready to lend a hand with the delivery.**

**BISHOP STEPHEN COTTERELL's** talks given at the Bishop's Lay Congress, are on the *Shaped By God* blog – <http://sbg.dioceseofleicester.com> – if you would like to listen to them. They are well worth hearing!

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This Week at the Church of  
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Leicester

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## 29 NOVEMBER 2009 – ADVENT SUNDAY

*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,  
give us grace to cast away the works of darkness  
and to put on the armour of light,  
now in the time of this mortal life,  
in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility;  
that on the last day,  
when he shall come again in his glorious majesty  
to judge the living and the dead,  
we may rise to the life immortal;  
through him 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 1 (Traditional)  
Celebrant: The Reverend Jane Sharp  
Churchwarden: Tricia Dean

10.30

### All Age Eucharist

**with Toys on the Table**

**see separate order of service**

Celebrant: The Reverend Canon Glynn Richerby  
Assisted by: Angela Jagger

Churchwardens: Graham Jagger and Owen Jones  
Sidesmen: Pat Ireson and David Kibert

Servers: John Finn, Janet Burton and Emma-Jane Finn  
Setting: The Addington Service – Richard Shephard

18.30

## Advent Procession

*see separate order of service*

Officiant: The Reverend Canon Glynn Richerby

Churchwardens: David Brunning and Angela Hefford

Sidesmen: Rosemary Freer, Cherry Fulloway, Chris Geere, Jan Geere, Pat Ireson,

David Kibert, John Sharp and Owen Shepherd

Servers: William Woolley, Michael Bull, April Burton, Angela Finn, Cynthia

McLauchlan, David Nisbet, Ian Stapleton and Mandy Stephensen

## The Rest of the Week

### Daily

08.30 **Morning Prayer in the Lady Chapel**

**Monday 30th** *St Andrew, Patron of Scotland* *Vicar's day off*

18.00 Boys' Choir practice

**Tuesday 1st Dec** *Charles de Foucauld*

07.15 **Holy Communion** Common Worship, Order I

Celebrant: Canon Glynn Richerby

### Wednesday 2nd

19.00 SJ2 (Junior Youth Club) meets in the Undercroft

Good Companions Christmas Lunch at THE OLD HORSE

*St Francis Xavier, Apostle of the Indies*

### Thursday 3rd

10.15 **Holy Communion** Common Worship, Order I (traditional)

Celebrant: The Reverend Jane Sharp

10.45 Coffee Drop-in in the Undercroft

14.30 *At Home* with Hilary Simpson at 24 Holmfield Road

17.00 41st Leicester Scouts (boys and girls) meet in the Undercroft

18.00 Girls' Choir practice

19.30 Rainbows Hospice Carol Concert

**Friday 4th** *St John of Damascus* *Nicholas Ferrar*

19.00 Choir Practice

## Sunday Next – Advent 2

08.30 **Holy Communion** Celebrant: Canon Glynn Richerby

10.20 Sunday Club meets in the Large Hall

10.30 **Sung Eucharist** Celebrant: The Reverend Jane Sharp  
Preacher: Canon Glynn Richerby

Readings: Malachi 3 : 1 – 4 and Luke 3 : 1 – 4

18.30 **Choral Evensong**

Officiant and Preacher: Canon Glynn Richerby

## OUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR:

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

Rob Burton : Monica Corbin : Pat Russell : Charles Wicksteed

### Unwell

Barry Butler : Adrian Dean : Arthur Garrett

George Dickerson (Angela Hefford's cousin) awaiting by-pass surgery

Alec Harrison : Paul Long

### Recovering

Abi Stevely

### Rest in peace

John Beardsmore, priest (90) Caroline's father and Tereza's father-in-law

**ADVENT** means 'coming' or 'arrival'. The focus of the entire season is the celebration of the birth of Jesus the Christ in his First Advent and the anticipation of the return of Christ the King in his Second Advent. Bible readings in Advent will reflect this emphasis on the Second Advent, including themes of accountability for faithfulness at His coming, judgement on sin and the hope of eternal life.

**Advent is the beginning of the Church Year** for most churches in the Western tradition. It begins on the fourth Sunday before Christmas Day, which is the Sunday nearest November 30, and ends on Christmas Eve (December 24).

### The colour of Advent is Purple.

This is the colour of penitence and fasting as well as the colour of royalty to welcome the Advent of the King. The purple of Advent is also the colour of suffering used during Lent and Holy Week. This points to an important connection between Jesus' birth and death. The nativity, the Incarnation, cannot be separated from the crucifixion.

**The Advent wreath** is a circular evergreen wreath with five candles, four around the wreath and one in the centre. The wreath is symbolic, a vehicle through which to tell the Christmas story. There are various ways to understand the symbolism. The exact meaning of the different aspects of the wreath is not as important as the story in which we are invited to participate, as well as to listen.

