

**THE BBC RADIO LEICESTER CAROL SERVICE is to be broadcast on Christmas Eve at 6.00 pm** in a shortened version and in full, with the Vicar's 'Thought for the Day' on **Christmas Day at 9.00 am**. A collection of £731 is to be shared between the Rainbows Children's Hospice, the Launde Abbey Appeal and a charity nominated by the Enderby Bands, which took part in the service.

**CHRISTMAS IS COMING** raised £372 towards the Launde Abbey Appeal during a most enjoyable evening of music, readings, supper and mulled wine that included a raffle with magnificent prizes. Thanks to all concerned!

**THANK YOU** to everyone who helped to deliver cards bearing details of Christmas services to every home and business in the parish during the past week. It is good that there is such a shared sense of mission to our geographical parish. The next challenge is to use spare cards to encourage a neighbour, friend or member of the family – or an assortment of these – to come with you to Christmas services. Many out there are just waiting for an invitation to join us!

**A GOOD FAIRY** has come forward in answer the urgent appeal for transport to and from the New Wycliffe Home for the Blind on Christmas Day. It's good to know that the festive spirit is alive and well within our congregation!

**CHRISTINGLES** are to be assembled in the Church Hall ready for the Christmas Eve service on **Monday 21 December from 6.00 pm until 7.30** – providing there are enough hands to make light work of making 200 Christingles! **Please sign the list at the back of the Church** if you wish to join a merry band (mulled wine and mince pies).

**SING CHRISTMAS** at the **Aberdale Pub, Shackerdale Road, West Knighton at 7.00 pm on Monday 21 December**. Everyone is welcome to enjoy an hour's carol singing in the company of fellow members of the Southern Edge Mission Partnership.



**AN IDEAL CHRISTMAS PRESENT** to a music-loving friend or relation might be a ticket for 15 April 2010 when *The Sixteen* – the world famous choral ensemble conducted by Harry Christophers – returns to perform at St James the Greater. The programme is entitled *Ceremony and Devotion* – *Music for the Tudors* and includes music by William Byrd, Thomas Tallis and John Shepherd. Application forms are at the back of the Church or available from the Church Office. **Tickets will be sent to you before Christmas Day.**

**ROWAN REVEALED** is a CD of a wide-ranging interview with the Archbishop of Canterbury, Rowan Williams, available on loan from the back of the Church.

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This Week at the Church of  
**St James the Greater**  
Leicester  
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**20 DECEMBER 2009 – 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 Glynn Richerby  
Churchwarden: Tricia Dean

**10.20**

## Children's Sunday Club

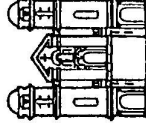
Christmas Party in the Church Hall

**10.30**

## Sung Eucharist

Common Worship, Order 1  
**see service sheet and Advent wreath card**

Celebrant: The Reverend Canon Glynn Richerby  
Assisted by: Angela Jagger and Gilleen Russell  
Churchwardens: David Brunning and Angela Hefford  
Sidesmen: George Daley, Ellen Sawyerr, George Sawyerr and Will Warner  
Servers: John Finn, Angela Finn and Emma-Jane Finn  
Setting: Addington Service – Shepherd



**HYMN 26**

**READING**

**ADVENT REFRAIN**

**GOSPEL**

**SERMON**

**INTERCESSIONS**

**HYMN 360**

**ANTHEM**

*Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee; blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.*

**COMMUNION HYMN 309** †.89 **The God whom earth and sea ...**

**HYMN 28**

**VOLUNTARY**

**O come, O come, Emmanuel ...**

Micah 5 : 2 – 5a read by Zoë Judge

Luke 1 : 39 – 45

Angela Jagger, Reader

Gillean Russell

**For Mary, Mother of our Lord ...**

Ave Maria

Lindley

**Lo! he comes with clouds descending ...**

Verset sur l'Hymne Ave maris stella Nibelle

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

**18.00 Congregational Carol Singing**

*preceding*

**18.30 Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols**

*see Order of Service*

Officiant: The Reverend Canon Glynn Richerby, Vicar

Churchwardens: David Brunning and Owen Jones

Sidesmen: Rosemary Freer and John Sharp

Servers: William Woolley,

Val Bailey, Hazel Carlin, Della Evans, John Goadby and Mandy Stephensen



**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 : Adrian Dean : Arthur Garrett : Alec Harrison : Paul Long

**Recovering**

George Dickerson : Paul Makepeace (after a minor stroke)

**Rest in Peace**

Alistair Lunn – the son of an ex chorister, related to Edna Taylor

Hanifa Patel – a parishioner

*By tradition, there are no flowers in Church during Advent*

**The Rest of the Week**

**Monday 21st**

18.00

Boys' and Girls Choir practice and Christmas party

18.00

Christingle-making in the Large Hall

19.00

Sing Christmas at the Aberdale Pub, Shackerdale Road

**Tuesday 22nd**

07.15

*Church Office closed*

07.15

**Holy Communion**  
Common Worship, Order I

18.30

**Christingle Service**

Officiant: Canon Glynn Richerby

23.00

**Choral Prelude**

Officiant: Canon Glynn Richerby

23.30

**Midnight Eucharist of the Nativity**

Celebrant and Preacher: Canon Glynn Richerby

**Friday 25th – Christmas Day**

*Bank Holiday*

08.30

**Holy Communion (BCP)**

10.30

**Family Service**

11.45

**Holy Communion**

**Saturday 26th – Boxing Day**

**Sunday Next – Christmas I**

08.30

**Holy Communion**

10.30

**Holy Communion with Hymns**

Celebrant and Preacher: Canon Glynn Richerby

Readings: I John 1 and John 21 : 19b – end

18.30

**Evening Prayer** Officiant and Preacher: Canon Glynn Richerby