

A GOOD CHRISTMAS was kept at St James and was much appreciated by large congregations. The BBC Radio Leicester Carol Service recorded as St James's was broadcast on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

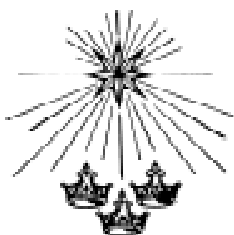
CHRISTMAS GREETINGS "to all at St James's" have been received from Action Homeless, the Laura Centre and Joan North – who is in the process of moving to the south coast.

Ali Simpson – detached youth worker in the Southern Edge Mission Partnership writes:

"Thank you for all your support and prayers over the last year which has helped the 'Edge Project' to take off!"

THE MINISTRY TEAM thank 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.**



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** is a week later than usual – on the evening of Sunday, 17 January> This wonderful service explores the rich symbolism of Epiphany. The season of Epiphany lasts until 6 February.

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 spectacular decoration of the Church over Christmas.

At other than Festival services, the main arrangement of flowers created by members of the Flower Guild adorns the Chancel Steps.

Members of the congregation may dedicate flowers on a particular Sunday to departed loved ones or to mark special occasions.

We thank the Flower Guild for their artistry and commitment all through the year. 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.

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This Week at the Church of
St James the Greater
Leicester

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27 DECEMBER 2009

FEAST OF ST JOHN APOSTLE AND EVANGELIST

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

Merciful Lord,
we beseech thee to cast thy beams of light upon thy Church,
that it being enlightened by the doctrine
of the blessed apostle and evangelist Saint John
may so walk in the light of thy truth,
that it may at length attain to the light of everlasting life;
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,
who liveth and reigneth with thee,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

08.30

Holy Communion

Common Worship, Order I (Traditional)
Celebrant: The Reverend Canon Glynn Richerby
Churchwarden: Graham Jagger

10.30

Sung Eucharist

Common Worship, Order I
see service sheet and music card
Celebrant: The Reverend Canon Glynn Richerby, Vicar
Assisted by: Gillean Russell
Churchwardens: David Brunning and Angela Hefford
Sidesmen: Cherry Fulloway and John Sharp
Servers: Ian Stapleton, Michael Bull and Janet Burton
Setting: A New People's Mass – Dom Gregory Murray & Lourdes Gloria – Lécot

HYMN 43	A great and mighty wonder ...	
READING	I John 1 read by Angela Hefford	
HYMN 440	Christ is the world's light ...	
GOSPEL	John 21 : 19b – end	
SERMON	The Vicar	
INTERCESSIONS	Gillean Russell	
HYMN 33	Of the Father's love begotten ...	
ORGAN MUSIC DURING COMMUNION	The Shepherds' Farewell to the Holy Family	Berlioz
HYMN 468 (t. 263 2 nd)	God who spoke in the beginning ...	
VOLUNTARY	Noël	Daquin

OUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR:

All prevented from worshipping with us, remembering this week
 Pat Buckingham : Arthur Higginson : Dorothy Pincus

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

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

18.30

Evensong

see service card and music sheet

All hymns from New Hymns & Worship Songs

Officiant: The Reverend Canon Glynn Richerby

Churchwardens: Graham Jagger and Angela Hefford

Sidesmen: Ivan Eames, Rosemary Freer and Ken Lumb

Servers: John Goadby, April Burton and Mandy Stephensen

HYMN 230	See amid the winter's snow ...	
CONFESSION	Almighty and most merciful Father ...	
PSALM 97	<i>see music sheet</i>	
FIRST LESSON	Isaiah 6 : 1 – 8 read by Graham Jagger	
MAGNIFICAT	<i>see music sheet</i>	
SECOND LESSON	I John 5 : 1 – 12 read by Vicky Roe	
NUNC DIMITTIS	<i>see music sheet</i>	
THE CREED	I believe in God ...	
ORGAN MEDITATION	The Holy Boy	Ireland
PRAYERS		
HYMN 273	Unto us a boy is born ...	
SERMON	The Vicar	
HYMN 88	Good Christians all, rejoice ...	
BLESSING		
DISMISSAL <i>Plainsong</i>	The Lord be with you. And with thy spirit. Let us bless the Lord. Thanks be to God!	
VOLUNTARY	Chorale Prelude <i>In Dulci Jubilo</i> (BWV 729) attrib. J. S Bach	

The Rest of the Week

Daily	08.30	Morning Prayer in the Lady Chapel
Monday 28th		<i>The Holy Innocents</i> Church Office closed
Tuesday 29th	07.15	Holy Communion Common Worship, Order 1 Celebrant: Canon Glynn Richerby
Wednesday 30th		<i>Church Office closed</i>
Thursday 31st – New Year's Eve	10.15	Holy Communion Common Worship, Order 1 (traditional) Celebrant: Canon Henry Evans
	10.45	Coffee Drop-in in the Undercroft
Friday 1st January – New Year's Day		<i>Bank Holiday</i>
Saturday 2nd		
		Sunday Next – Epiphany Sunday
	08.30	Holy Communion Celebrant: The Reverend David Clark
	10.30	Sung Eucharist Celebrant and Preacher: The Reverend David Clark Readings: Ephesians 3 : 1 – 12 and Matthew 2 : 1 – 12
	18.30	Choral Evensong (BCP) Officiant and Preacher: Anthony Green, Reader