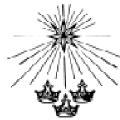
A GOOD CHRISTMAS was kept at St James the Greater and was much appreciated by large congregations. The BBC Radio Leicester Carol Service recorded as St James' was broadcast on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

"CHRISTMAS GREETINGS to all at St James the Greater" have been received from Action Homeless and the Laura Centre, also 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 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.



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

OUR THANKS to the Flower Guild for its 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.

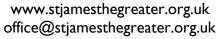
We thank the Flower Guild for its artistry and commitment all through the year. Anyone who would like to have a go at flower arranging, whether male or female – our Guild includes both – is encouraged to contact Julia Walker (Tel: 271 9347).

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This Week at the Church of St James the Greater

Leicester





3 JANUARY 2010 – EPIPHANY 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

O God,

who by the leading of a star
manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth:
 mercifully grant that we,
 who know you now by faith,
 may at last behold your glory face to face;
 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

Book of Common Prayer, Pages 237-241, 244, 251-259 Celebrant: The Reverend David Clark Churchwarden: David Brunning

10.30

Sung Eucharist

Common Worship, Order I see service sheet and music card

Celebrant: The Reverend David Clark Assisted by: Peter Ireson and Julia Warner Churchwardens: Robin Bickerstaffe and Pam Spokes

Sidesmen: George Daley, Pat Ireson, Graham or Claire Prowse and David Pugh

Servers: John Finn, Angela Finn and David Kibert Setting: A New People's Mass – Dom Gregory Murray

O worship the Lord ... HYMN 49

Ephesians 3: I - I2 read by Barbara Penrose READING HYMN 54 Thou whom the shepherds worshipped ...

GOSPEL Matthew 2: I - I2

SERMON The Reverend David Clark

INTERCESSIONS Peter Ireson

HYMN 51 As with gladness men of old ...

ORGAN MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

The Magi (from *The Lord's Nativity*) Messiaen

The wise men departed, and the star went before them.

HYMN 47 Brightest and best ...

Prelude on the Introit for the Epiphany Duruflé VOLUNTARY Behold the Lord the ruler has come, and the kingdom is in his hand and power and dominion.

Everyone is invited to the Hall for refreshments after the service

18.30 Choral Evensong

Sung by the Voluntary Choir see service card and music sheet

Officiant: Anthony Green, Reader

Churchwardens: David Brunning and Angela Hefford Sidesmen: Colin Stray and Maggie Weller Servers: John Goadby, Della Evans and Mandy Stephensen

INTROIT How brightly shines the Morning Star harm. Bach

Earth has many a noble city ... HYMN 48

PSALM 72 (vv 10-15) see music sheet

Isaiah 60: I - 9 read by David Kibert FIRST LESSON

MAGNIFICAT sung by the choir Dyson in C minor

John 2: I – II read by Alan Fletcher SECOND LESSON

NUNC DIMITTIS see music sheet THE CREED I believe in God ...

Whence is that Goodly Fragrance? ANTHEM arr. Baker

PRAYERS

Where is this stupendous stranger? **HYMN 527**

SERMON Anthony Green, Reader

Songs of thankfulness and praise ... **HYMN 53**

BLESSING

DISMISSAL Plainsong The Lord be with you. And with thy spirit.

Let us bless the Lord. Thanks be to God!

VOLUNTARY

OUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR:

All prevented from worshipping with us, remembering this week

Vivian and Margaret Edwards: Winnie Walker: Syd Wheeler

Unwell

Barry Butler: Adrian Dean: Arthur Garrett: Alec Harrison: Paul Long

Recovering

George Dickerson: Paul Makepeace (after a minor stroke)

The chancel steps flowers this week have been kindly given by Joe and Jill Valentine

The Rest of the Week

Daily

08.30 Morning Prayer in the Lady Chapel

Monday 4th

Tuesday 5th

07.15 Holy Communion Common Worship, Order I

Celebrant: The Reverend David Clark

Wednesday 6th Epiphany

Thursday 7th

10.15	Holy Communion Common Worship, Order I (traditiona
	Celebrant: Canon Henry Evans
10.45	Coffee Drop-in in the Undercroft
14.30	"At Home" with Hilary Simpson at 24 Holmfield Road
18.00	Girls' Choir practice
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Fri

19.00 Choir Practice

Saturday 9th

Sunday Next – The Baptism of Christ

08.30	Holy Communion Celebrant: Very Rev'd Dr Derek Hole
10.20	Sunday Club meets in the Large Hall
10.30	Sung Eucharist
	Celebrant: and Preacher: The Very Reverend Dr Derek Hole
	Readings: Isaiah 43 : I – 7 and Luke 3 : I5 – I7, 2I – 22
18.30	Choral Evensong
	Officiant and Preacher: John Raven