

Sunday Next – Candlemas

- 08.30 **Holy Communion** Celebrant: The Reverend David Clark
10.30 Sunday Club meets in the Large Hall, starting off in Church
10.30 **Sung Eucharist**
Celebrant and Preacher: Canon Glynn Richerby
Readings: Malachi 3 : 1 – 5 and Luke 2 : 22 – 40
18.30 **Candlemas Service**
Officiant: Canon Glynn Richerby

Ultimate Unity – The Vicar writes ...

I really mustn't rub it in, but I can't resist reporting that it was hot in South Africa! Returning to a chilly Europe in a Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, I'm inclined to take a wider view represented by the word 'ecumenical' – which strictly means 'the whole inhabited world' – and to reflect that the world's major religions originated in hot countries: Hinduism and Buddhism in India, Islam and Christianity in the Middle East.

Exactly *why* religion should emanate from hot countries is a puzzle. Maybe it all begins with people having more opportunity to be still and to contemplate in places where it's customary to rest, shaded from the midday sun.

By contrast, we Europeans in a temperate climate – which means mostly wet and cold – feel we must always be *doing* something. Even those who give themselves entirely to religion feel the need to justify their use of time and energy – to themselves and others. Prayer isn't given priority, but tends to be quickly got out of the way, so as to get on with the *real business* of doing good or perhaps to study – not contemplate.

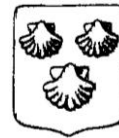
This leads me to a fresh perspective on unity – that there's a further horizon of unity which includes all world faiths, as well as all the varieties of Christianity.

Blinkered notions of this once being a Christian country give way to realising that not only is Christianity foreign to Britain, but that it's *as foreign* as all those other religions that are becoming established in these islands. We may as well get used to the idea that God's Kingdom is made up of many foreigners – and that our multi-faith, multi-cultural city of Leicester is as good a place on earth to get used to this idea as anywhere else. Or so it seems to me – affected as I am by a sudden drop in temperature!

GREETINGS CARDS Polly Taylor is selling cards after services to raise funds for **Talking Books for Children**, a charity that provides materials for children who are themselves visually impaired or whose parents are unable to read to them.

A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY – Shrove Tuesday (8 March) The Charity Committee will be holding a Quiz Evening and Supper, starting at **7.00 pm**.

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This Week at the Church of
St James the Greater

Leicester

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23 JANUARY 2011 – THIRD SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY
in the week of Prayer for Christian Unity

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, whose Son revealed in signs and miracles
the wonder of your saving presence:
renew your people with your heavenly grace,
and in all our weakness
sustain us by your mighty power;
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

Common Worship, Order 1 (Traditional)
Celebrant: The Reverend Canon Glynn Richerby, Vicar
Churchwarden: Graham Jagger

10.30

Children's Sunday Club

Starting off together in Church

10.30

Sung Eucharist

Common Worship, Order 1
see service sheet and music card
Celebrant: The Reverend Canon Glynn Richerby, Vicar
Assisted by: Peter Ireson and Angela Jagger
Churchwardens: David Brunning and Angela Hefford
Sidesmen: Janet Burton, Cherry Fulloway and John Sharp
Servers: David Kibert, Hazel Carlin and Emma-Jane Finn
Setting: Harwood in Ab (Gloria – Jones)

HYMN 142 (omit v 4) **Hail to the Lord's Anointed ...**
 READING I Corinthians 1 : 10 – 18 read by Michael Bull
HYMN 45 (tune 20) **To us a child of royal birth ...**
 GOSPEL Matthew 4 : 12 – 23
 SERMON Angela Jagger, Reader
 INTERCESSIONS The Vicar
HYMN 235 **O Jesus, I have promised ...**
 ANTHEM *Dear Lord and Father of mankind* Parry
 COMMUNION HYMN 473 **I come with joy to meet my Lord ...**
HYMN 149 **Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim**
 VOLUNTARY *Fughetta No 5 in F Major* Rheinberger

Everyone is invited to the Hall for refreshments after the service

18.30

Choral Evensong

For The Conversion of Paul

see service card and music sheet

Officiant: The Reverend Canon Glynn Richerby, Vicar
 Churchwardens: Graham Jagger and Owen Jones
 Sidesmen: Paul Dean, Rosemary Freer and Ken Lumb
 Servers: Charles Samuel, John Goadby and Hilary Rees

HYMN 49 **O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness**
CONFESSION *see buff service card*
 RESPONSES Ferial
PSALM 33 vv 1 – 12 *see green music sheet*
 FIRST LESSON Isaiah 49 : 1 – 13 read by Paul Dean
MAGNIFICAT *see green music sheet*
 SECOND LESSON Acts 22 : 3 – 16 read by John Sharp
 NUNC DIMITTIS Noble in B Minor sung by the Choir
THE CREED *see buff service card, p 3*
 ANTHEM *Cantate Domino* Pitoni
 PRAYERS The Vicar
HYMN 376 **In Christ there is no east or west ...**
 SERMON The Vicar
HYMN 313 **We sing the glorious conquest ...**
 BLESSING & DISMISSAL *Plainsong*
 VOLUNTARY *Fugue in D Major* J S Bach

THE EDGE YOUTH WORK PROJECT Ali Simpson's Report on the second of five years of detached youth work in the Saffron Lane area is available at the back of the Church. The Project was commissioned by the member churches of the Southern Edge Mission Partnership, including St James the Greater.

OUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR:

All prevented from worshipping with us, remembering this week

Marjorie Booton : Pat Buckingham : Arthur Higginson
Unwell

Jenny Allen (Nicky Barton's sister-in-law) in stroke rehab at Wrexham Hospital

Margaret Bell : Barry Butler : June Davies : Joan Lumb
 Theo Saunders : Joyce Smith : Millie Talbot

Recovering

Bianca van Rooi (a ward of Anna Richerby in South Africa)

Rest in Peace

Gladys Ginns (91) : Edna Haswell (88)

Veronica (Nikki) Mary Rivers (64) Leicester Bach Choir

The chancel steps flowers this week have been kindly given by Jeremy and Christine Josephs, in memory of Sarah

The Rest of the Week

Daily

08.30 **Morning Prayer in the Lady Chapel**

Monday 24th *St Francis de Sales* *Vicar's day off*

18.00 Boys' Choir practice

Tuesday 25th *The Conversion of St Paul*

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

Celebrant: Canon Glynn Richerby

12.30 **Funeral** of Veronica (Nikki) Mary Rivers

Wednesday 26th *St Timothy and St Titus*

18.15 SJ2 (Junior Youth Club) meets in the Undercroft

Thursday 27th

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

Celebrant: The Reverend Jane Sharp

10.45 Coffee Drop-in in the Ashman Music Room

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

18.00 Girls' Choir practice

19.45 St James' Singers practice in the Ashman Music Room

19.45 Parochial Church Council meets in the **LARGE HALL**

Friday 28th *St Thomas Aquinas* *Church Office closed*

11.00 **Memorial Service** for Edna Haswell

19.00 Choir Practice

Saturday 29th

14.00 **Wedding** of Algimantas Abromavicius and Emma Kamgue