WHAT ABOUT ST VALENTINES'S DAY?

Nothing for certain is known about St Valentine, apart from him being a martyr in the third century. The custom of choosing 'valentines' on 14th February seems to have its origins in an old belief that on this day 'every bird chooseth himself a mate' – in other words, Spring is on the way!



LEICESTER UNIVERSITY CHRISTIAN UNION thanks Cherry Fulloway and Polly Taylor for generously making and delivering cakes for its mission fortnight free café on Monday last. The opportunity to make a practical contribution in this way arises several times a year, so watch out for the next one!

SNOWDROP SPECTACULAR at Launde Abbey, 2.00 pm - 4.00 pm on Sunday and Monday, 20 and 21 February; 27 and 28 February, and 6 and 7 March. Enjoy a stroll through the fragrant flowering winter borders in the woodland walk, followed by afternoon tea and scones in the dining room.

Contact Launde Abbey (call 01572 717 254 or visit www.launde.org.uk) for further details (£3.50 per person; family ticket (2 adults, 2 children – under 3s free) £12)

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER Services will be held **on Friday 4 March**, one in the afternoon and one in the evening. This year's service has been prepared by the women of Chile. *See the new issue of the 'Quarterly'*.

SHROVE TUESDAY (8 March) QUIZ EVENING starts at 7.00 pm PROMPT

Tickets available from Charity Committee members (Caroline Beardsmore, Janet Burton, Mike Bull, Andy Packham, Barbara Penrose, Hilary Simpson and Sara Zielonka). Cost £7 (£4 for under 12s) includes first drink at the bar and a substantial supper (including pancake)! *Everything is a team effort - nobody is EVER put on the spot or made to feel embarrassed.* There will also be a raffle. *Proceeds to be divided between the Edge Project (SEMP youth work) and the Leicester branch of The Samaritans.*

EDWARD PICK, a former Head Chorister of St James the Greater, who was married here last year, will be playing *The Diabelli Variations* in piano recital at Birmingham Town Hall at 1.00 pm on Thursday 17 March. Tickets available from the Box Office *(Tel: 0121 780 3333 or visit www.thsh.co.uk).* It is heart-warming to observe the progress made by our musicians after they fly our nest.

'ME AND MY GIRL' at The Little Theatre on Wednesday 30 March If you would like to join a party from St James', please sign the booking list, which will be at the back of the Church from Sunday 20 February – next week.



This Week at the Church of **St James the Greater**





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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, you know us to be set in the midst of so many and great dangers, that by reason of the frailty of our nature we cannot always stand upright: grant to us such strength and protection as may support us in all dangers and carry us through all temptations; 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 I (Traditional) Celebrant: The Reverend Canon Glynn Richerby Churchwarden: Tricia Dean

10.30 Children's Sunday Club

Starting off together in Church

10.30Sung Eucharist and Baptism

Common Worship, Order I see service sheet

Celebrant: The Reverend Canon Glynn Richerby, Vicar Assisted by: Charles Samuel and Sara King Churchwardens: Graham Jagger and Owen Jones Sidesmen: Darienne Griffith and David Kibert Servers: David Nisbet, Cynthia McLauchlan and Ian Stapleton Setting: Darke in F (Gloria – Lécot)

Lord of beauty, thine the splendour ... HYMN 106 (tune 332) READING Deuteronomy 30 : 15 - end read by David Kibert **HYMN 176** Happy are they, they that love God ... Mark I : 40 – 45 GOSPEL **SERMON** The Vicar **BAPTISM of Margaret Elizabeth Hewin** Love divine, all loves excelling ... HYMN 131 ANTHEM O Lord. increase our faith Loosemore HYMN 528 (tune 383) Where love and loving-kindness dwell ... Guide me, O thou great Redeemer ... HYMN 214 (2nd tune) **VOLUNTARY*** *Eight pieces for musical clocks (1- 4)* Haydn

Everyone is invited to the Hall for refreshments after the service

18.30

Choral Evensong

see service card and music sheet

Officiant: The Reverend Canon Glynn Richerby, Vicar Churchwardens: David Brunning and Angela Hefford Sidesmen: Rosemary Freer, John Sharp and Frederick Sylvester Servers: Charles Samuel, Della Evans and Hilary Rees

HYMN 8	Hail, gladdening light	•		
CONFESSION see buff service card				
RESPONSES	Ferial – sung by the Ch	noir		
PSALM 13	see green music sheet			
FIRST LESSON	Amos $3: I - 8$ read by	Alan Fletcher		
MAGNIFICAT see green music sheet				
SECOND LESSON	Ephesians 5 : 1 – 17 re	ad by Gabrielle I	letcher	
NUNC DIMITTIS	sung by the Choir	Gibbons Short	Service	
THE CREED	see buff service card, p	o 3		
ANTHEM	Holy is the true light		Harris	
PRAYERS	The Vicar			
HYMN 438 (tune 64)	Can man by searching find out God			
SERMON	Angela Jagger, Reader			
HYMN (see separate sheet)	There's a widenes	s in God's mercy	/	
BLESSING		-		
DISMISSAL & DISMISSAL				
VOLUNTARY*	Eight pieces for musica	al clocks (5-8)	Haydn	

* Today's organ voluntaries are from Haydn's thirty pieces for Flotenuhr (musical clock) and were written for clocks made between 1772 and 1793. Four-foot flute pipes (speaking an octave higher than the written note) predominate to imitate the pitch of the clocks.

OUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR:

All prevented from worshipping with us, remembering this week

Rob Burton : Monica Corbin : Mary Mead : Charles Wicksteed

Unwell

Jenny Allen : Margaret Bell : Barry Butler : June Davies Derek Hole (after angioplasty) : Jane Moore (Hazel Bickerstaffe's godmother) Theo Saunders : Ernie Seabrook : Millie Talbot :

Recovering

Peggy Winter (after a fall)

Rest in Peace

Peter Turner (90) Gill Bickerstaffe's father : Michael Kirby (82) Sarah's father Graham Walne (67) John Goadby's friend

The chancel steps flowers this week have been kindly given by Kay Mumford, Elizabeth and family, in memory of John

The Rest of the Week

Daily

08.30	Morning Prayer in the	Lady Chapel	
Monday 14th	St Valentine	Vicar's day off	
18.00	Boys' Choir practice		
Tuesday 15th	St Sigfrid	Thomas Bray	
07.15	Holy Communion	Common Worship, Order I	
	Celebrant: Canon Glyr	In Richerby	
19.15	Stewardship Committe	e meets at the Vicarage	
Wednesday 16	th	-	
18.15	SJ2 (Junior Youth Club) meets in the Undercroft		
Thursday 17th	Janani Luwum of Ugan	da	
10.15	Holy Communion	Common Worship, Order I (traditional)	
	Celebrant: Canon Glyr	In Richerby	
10.45	Coffee Drop-in in the Ashman Music Room		
17.00	41st Leicester Scouts (boys <i>and</i> girls) meet in the Undercroft		
18.00	Girls' Choir practice		
19.45	St James' Singers practice		
Friday 18th			
19.00	Choir Practice		
	Sunday Next -	Third before Lent	
08.30			
	Holy Communion	Celebrant: Canon Glynn Richerby	
10.20	Sunday Club meets in the Large Hall, starting off in Church Sung Eucharist Celebrant: Canon Glynn Richerby		
10.30	Sung Eucharist Celebr		
	Pondinger I Coninchian	Preacher: Anthony Green, Reader	
10.20	-	s 3:10 – 11, 16 – end & Matthew 5:38 – en	

18.30 Evensong Preacher: The Reverend David Clark