

**HYMN 26**                    **O come, O come Emmanuel**  
 READING                  Romans 16. 25 - end    *read by David Brunning*  
**ADVENT REFRAIN**  
 GOSPEL                    Luke 1. 26 - 38  
 SERMON                    Angela Jagger  
 INTERCESSIONS        Kath Packham  
**OFFERTORY HYMN 360**   **For Mary, Mother of our Lord**  
 ANTHEM                    Advent Message        *How*  
**COMMUNION HYMN 309 (T.89)**   **The God, whom earth and sea and sky**  
**HYMN 31**                    **Come, thou long-expected Jesus**  
 VOLUNTARY

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

## 18.30 Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols

*please see separate service sheet*

Officiant: The Reverend Canon Glynn Richerby, Vicar

Churchwardens: Graham Jagger and Owen Jones

Sidesmen: Owen Shepherd and Will Warner

Servers: Peter Ireson, Angela Finn, Hilary Rees, John Finn,

David Roberts and John Goadby

### OUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR:

**All prevented from worshipping with us, remembering this week**

Alan Clowes : Dora Daniels : Susan Lacey

#### Unwell

Jim Cotter : Tom Murphy : Millie Talbot : Jane Moore

Lizzie Chikuni : Anne Hayter (Sarah Clark's mother) pelvis fracture

Kate Soanes (Angela Hefford's daughter-in-law) chemotherapy

Theo Saunders (former Director of Music) stem cell therapy

#### Recovering

Kath Higginson : Carmel Horton : Tony Rudge : Angela Hefford

#### Rest in Peace

Sydney Wheeler (86)

Service of Thanksgiving on Monday, 19 December at 12.30 pm

**Reverend Jane Sharp** Jane and her family are off to spend Christmas elsewhere. They thank everybody for their cards and wish everybody a very merry Christmas.

## Christmas Services and opening times

### Monday 19<sup>th</sup>

12.30    **Thanksgiving Service** for the life of Sydney Wheeler

18.00    Boys' Choir practice

### Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup>

07.15    **Holy Communion**    Common Worship, Order 1  
 Celebrant: The Reverend Canon Glynn Richerby, Vicar

### Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup>

18.00    Christingle making in the Vicarage

### Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup>

10.15    **Holy Communion**    Common Worship, Order 1 (traditional)  
 Celebrant: The Reverend Canon Glynn Richerby, Vicar

10.45    Coffee Drop-in in the Ashman Music Room

18.00    Boys and Girls' Choir practice *followed by the Choristers' Party*

### Friday 23<sup>rd</sup>

19.00    Full Choir Practice

### Saturday 24<sup>th</sup>

18.30    Christingle Service

11.30    Midnight Mass

*Christmas Eve*

## Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Day

08.30    **Holy Communion**    Celebrant: Canon Glynn Richerby

10.30    **Family Service**        Officiant: Canon Glynn Richerby

11.45    **Holy Communion**    Celebrant: Canon Glynn Richerby

*Flowers for Christmas at the chancel steps have been kindly given by Joy Johnson in memory of Christopher and Alan. The Frontal has been donated by Angela Hefford in memory of her brother William Barratt and the Lady Chapel pedestal has been donated by Audrey Wheeler in memory of Sid and their parents.*

### Thursday 29<sup>th</sup>

10.15    **Holy Communion**    Common Worship, Order 1 (traditional)

Celebrant: The Reverend Canon Glynn Richerby, Vicar

10.45    Coffee Drop-in in the Ashman Music Room

*Thomas Becket*

## Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> January – Second Sunday of Christmas

08.30    **Holy Communion (BCP)**    Celebrant: Canon Glynn Richerby

10.30    **Sung Eucharist**        Celebrant: Canon Glynn Richerby

*Readings: Numbers 6. 22 - end and Luke 2. 15 - 21*

18.30    **New Year's Day Service**    Officiant: Canon Glynn Richerby

**Please note**, there will be **no service** of Holy Communion on Tuesdays at 07.15 or daily morning prayer until the last week of January

**SING CHRISTMAS** on Monday the 19 December 7 – 8 pm at the **Aberdale Pub**, Shackerdale Road, LE2 6HT where once again we will be joining the regulars for a good sing (and a drink!) as we tune in to Radio Leicester. Come early to get a good seat and be part of the big sing-along Christmas celebration!

**CHRISTINGLES** are to be assembled in the Vicarage ready for the Christmas Eve service on **Wednesday, 22 December 6.00 until 7.30** – providing there are enough hands to make light work of making 150 Christingles! **Put your name to the list at the back of the church** to join a merry band (plus mulled wine and mince pies).



**THE BBC RADIO LEICESTER CAROL SERVICE** recorded at St James's last Sunday was a marvellous occasion attended by about 600 people. The combination of our Choir, the Enderby Band and the organ was magnificent. A shortened version is **to be broadcast on Christmas Eve at 4.30 pm** and in full with the Vicar's 'Thought for the Day' **on Christmas Day at 12.30 pm**. A collection of **£830.16** is to be shared between three good causes nominated by our Church (Action Homeless), BBC Radio Leicester and the Enderby Band.

**WINTER WALK 2011** Is anyone interested in coming on a Winter Walk on the afternoon of **Friday 30 December**? We will share transport from outside the church hall to Gaulby, and then walk across the fields to Houghton on the Hill, a round trip of about 4 miles, ending with tea and cake around a log fire. **More details and sheet to sign up are on the table at the back of the church.**

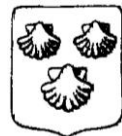
**DROP BY** – a drop-in for homeless people – is a joint project between the Islamic Society of Britain and the Church of St James the Greater, supported by Action Homeless. **Starting on 7 January from 11.00 until 2pm** they will be able to socialise and have a hot lunch provided by volunteers. Costs will be met by the Near Neighbours Fund. To find out more contact the church office.

**AN IDEAL CHRISTMAS PRESENT** for any music loving friends or relations would be tickets for **The Sixteen with Harry Christophers Concert on Thursday, April 19th 2012** here at St James the Greater. Entitled *The Earth Resounds*, it consists of music by Brumel, Lassus, and Josquin, the most celebrated composers of the Franco-Flemish school of the Renaissance. The evening promises to be another magnificent concert at St James – the fifth year running that St James the Greater has hosted The Sixteen on their Choral Pilgrimage. Ticket application forms are at the back of the Church or online.

**PARKING** The rules for parking on St James Road have been changed. You can now park on part of the street in the evenings. Please see signs for exact details.

**THE CHURCH OFFICE** will be closed from the 23 December until 3 January. Please contact the Vicar if you need urgent assistance – 254 4113

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

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### 18 December 2011 – 4<sup>th</sup> 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**

### Prayer for the Week

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, Vicar  
Churchwarden: Owen Shepherd

**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: Angela Jagger and Kath Packham  
Churchwardens: David Brunning and Will Warner  
Sidesmen: George Daley and Cheryl Fulloway  
Servers: Charles Samuel, David Kibert and Della Evans  
Setting: Addington Service - Shepherd