

HYMN 24 **Hark, a thrilling voice is sounding**
 READING Jeremiah 33. 14-16 *read by Angela Finn*
 ADVENT REFRAIN
 GOSPEL Luke 21. 25-36
 SERMON The Reverend David Clark
 INTERCESSIONS The Reverend Canon Glynn Richerby
HYMN 142 omit verses 4 & 5 Hail to the Lord's Anointed
 ANTHEM Lift Up Your Heads *Mathias*
 COMMUNION HYMN 25 **The Advent of our King**
HYMN 31 **Come, thou long-expected Jesus**

Everyone is invited to the Hall for refreshments after the service

18.30 **Advent Procession and Carols**

see separate order of service

Officiant: The Reverend Canon Glynn Richerby, Vicar

Churchwardens: Julia Walker and Owen Jones

Sidesmen: Barbara Penrose, Cherry Fulloway, Rosemary Freer,

Janet Burton, John Sharp, Judith Hughes and Angela & Colin Stray

Servers: William Woolley, April Burton, Cynthia McLauchlan, Hazel Carlin,

Emma Fullbrook, Charles Samuel, Michael Bull, Della Evans and Emma-Jane Finn

OUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR:

All prevented from worshipping with us, remembering this week

Marjorie Booton : Arthur Higginson : Joyce Smith : Monica Corbin

Unwell

Janvier Santos & Isobel Suarez : Jane Moore : Anne Hayter : Millie Talbot

Kay Mumford : David Goddard (LRI ward 24) : Susan Langton

Sarah Scarborough (Mandy Stephensen's sister) and her premature daughter Lita

Recovering

Wyn Evans : George Daley : Carmel Horton : Claire Prowse

WELCOME to our new choir members and their families joining us for the first time, following the open day last week. We always welcome new choristers so please do continue to let family and friends know about the choir.

More information can be found at the back of the church.

CHURCH CHAIRS The Parochial Church Council meeting on Tuesday 13 November decided to further consult the congregation and concert users of the Church about a choice of chairs and the relative costs involved. Please look at the choice of seating and fill in a questionnaire. **An Extraordinary Parochial Meeting is on Sunday, 13 January at 11.45 am**, after the morning service.

The Rest of the Week

Tues - Friday

08.30

Morning Prayer in the Lady Chapel

Tuesday 4

07.15

Holy Communion followed by breakfast in the Vicarage

Celebrant: The Reverend Canon Glynn Richerby, Vicar

Wednesday 5

14.15

Holy Communion with Good Companions in the Large Hall

18.15

SJ2 (Junior Youth Club) meets in the Undercroft

Thursday 6

10.15

Holy Communion Common Worship, Order 1 (traditional)

Celebrant: The Reverend Jane Sharp

10.45

Coffee Drop-in in the Hall (access from the Church via the lift)

14.30

At Home with Hilary Simpson at 24 Holmfield Road

17.00

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

Friday 7

18.00

Choir Practice

Sunday Next – Advent 2

08.30

Holy Communion Celebrant: Very Rev'd Dr Derek Hole

10.30

Sunday Club meets in the Large Hall, starting off in Church

10.30

Sung Eucharist Celebrant: Canon Glynn Richerby

Preacher: Anthony Green

Readings: Malachi 3. 1-4 and Luke 3. 1-6

Officiant: Canon Glynn Richerby

Preacher: John Raven

18.30

Evensong

WINTER WALK Everyone is welcome to come on the Winter Walk on Saturday 29 December. This will be a circular walk of 4 - 5 miles across fields and along country lanes, ending up with a hot drink in front of an open fire. More details and the sheet to sign up are on the table at the back of church.

SATURDAY STOP-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. Gifts of a hat, gloves and a pair of warm socks – to be given out as presents at Christmas – are now being collected. **Thank you for your help with this. Donations towards the cost of providing hot food, heat and light would be appreciated, ideally placed in a Gift Aid envelope clearly marked 'Stop By' and put onto the collection plate.**

TICKETS FOR THE SIXTEEN with Harry Christophers on 18 April 2013 are now on sale, £10-£30 through the Church Office – 254 2111. **An ideal Christmas present. Gift packaging available!**

“There’ll be a lot of explaining to do ...” Archbishop of Canterbury – following the vote on draft legislation for women bishops

Anne Bloor, an elected lay member of the Church of England’s General Synod (and sister to Julia Warner & John Sharp in our congregation) writes:

Why I voted against the Measure

This is not about the rights and wrongs of women bishops, it is all about keeping a promise made 20 years ago - namely to make provision for those who in conscience thought it was wrong to ordain women. When I was elected to General Synod I was very open that although I personally was fully in favour of women bishops, I would vote for legal and clear provision to continue.

Neither is this a discussion about women's rights. It is about finding a way for the church to change the legislation made 20 years ago to ordain women, putting in another piece of the jigsaw of women's ministry. Since that time, women have been a blessing to the church, serving in many parishes. They have become area deans, they have become archdeacons and Cathedral deans, including Dean of York Minster.

The measure before Synod reduced this promise of provision to a half promise and the very people for whom the provision was being made were all deeply unhappy. It is sad that the majority were trying to impose provisions on a significant minority, which obviously did not meet their needs.

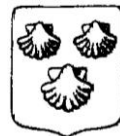
I do not see why we should risk breaking our promise. Not only might we lose worshippers and celebrants from our broad church but we would lose the respect of the wider society too. We will command greater respect for the Anglican movement if we can be shown to keep our promises and to accommodate those with a deeply held theological conviction. This is, after all, what we are asking of society in an increasingly secular world.

I can see quite clearly why many people are mystified about the outcome of the vote but I am asking you to help send out the message that the church is looking forward to consecrating women as bishops, and we shall work hard to settle our differences and find a way for the whole church to move towards this end.

My vote was a vote to try and keep all parts of the Church of England together. If the vote had gone the other way, by the same narrow margin, it would be another group of faithful Anglicans feeling hurt at this moment.

We need to pray for each other.

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This Week at the Church of St James the Greater Leicester

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2 DECEMBER 2012 – FIRST 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

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness
and to put on the armour of light,
now in the time of this mortal life,
in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility;
that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty
to judge the living and the dead,
we may rise to the life immortal;
through him 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 Canon Glynn Richerby, Vicar
Churchwarden: Owen Jones

10.30

Children’s Sunday Club

Starting off together in Church

10.30

Sung Eucharist

Common Worship, Order I
see service sheet and music card
Celebrant: The Reverend David Clark
Assisted by: The Reverend Canon Glynn Richerby and April Burton
Churchwardens: Sarah Kirby and Michael Molloy
Sidesmen: Pat Ireson, David Pugh and Graham Prowse
Servers: Peter Ireson, Michael Bull and Duduzile Chizema
Setting: Mass in the Dorian Mode – Cabena