

HYMN 24	Hark, a thrilling voice is sounding
READING	Micah 5. 2-5a <i>read by Angela Hefford</i>
ADVENT REFRAIN	
GOSPEL	Luke 1. 39-45 (46-55)
SERMON	The Vicar
BAPTISM	Evie Annie Simpey
WELCOMING	Henry George Geere
HYMN 360	For Mary, Mother of our Lord
ANTHEM	Advent Message <i>How</i>
COMMUNION HYMN 309	The God whom earth and sky and sea
HYMN 31	Come, thou long-expected Jesus
VOLUNTARY	

Everyone is invited to the Hall for refreshments after the service

18.00 Congregational Carol Singing

18.30 Service of Nine Lessons and Carols

see Order of Service

Officiant: The Reverend Canon Glynn Richerby, Vicar

Churchwardens: Graham Jagger and Pam Spokes

Sidesmen: Rosemary Freer, Ken Lumb and Judith Hughes

Servers: Michael Bull, Angela Finn, Hilary Rees, John Finn and Hazel Carlin

OUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR:

All prevented from worshipping with us, remembering this week

Charles Wickstead : Jean Mason : Vivian Edwards : Mavis Jones

Unwell

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

David Goddard (LRI ward 24) : Susan Langton

Recovering

Kay Mumford : Wyn Evans : Carmel Horton : Claire Prowse : Josie Lovatt

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

Rest in peace

Robert Brien (75) David's father

The chancel steps flowers from Christmas Day onwards have been kindly given by Tim Johnson in memory of Alan, Joy and Christopher and the Lady Chapel Pedestal has been donated by Audrey Wheeler in memory of Sid and their parents.

The Rest of the Week

Tues – Friday

There will be no Morning Prayer until mid January

Monday 24

18.30

Christmas Eve

Christingle

Special Order of Service

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23.30

Midnight Mass

preceded by chorale prelude from 23.00

Tuesday 25

08.30

Christmas Day

Holy Communion

Book of Common Prayer

Celebrant: The Reverend Canon Glynn Richerby, Vicar

10.30

Family Service

Special Order of Service

Officiant: The Reverend Canon Glynn Richerby, Vicar

11.45

Holy Communion

Shortened Common Worship, Order I

Thursday 27

10.15

St John the Evangelist

Holy Communion

Common Worship, Order I (traditional)

Celebrant: The Reverend Canon Glynn Richerby, Vicar

10.45

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

Saturday 29

11.00

Stop-by in the Undercroft (see over for more information)

Sunday Next – Christmas I

08.30

Holy Communion

Celebrant: Canon Glynn Richerby

10.30

Sung Eucharist

Celebrant and Preacher: Canon Glynn Richerby

Readings: 1 Samuel 2. 18-20, 26 and Luke 2. 41-end

18.30

New Year's Service

Officiant: Canon Glynn Richerby



THE BBC RADIO LEICESTER CAROL SERVICE recorded at St James the Greater is to be broadcast on **Christmas Eve at 5.30 pm** in a shortened version and in full, with the Vicar's 'Thought for the Day' on **Christmas Day at 12.30 pm.**

THE CHURCH OFFICE is closed until 3rd January. Annabel and her family are very grateful for all your cards and Christmas messages, and wish everybody a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

A CRÈCHE ROOM (the Servers' Vestry) is available where babies and toddlers can be taken if they become fractious during services. There is a changing mat, a play mat and a Noah's ark to play with. A sound link with the service in Church is provided. **Please ask a Churchwarden or Sidesman for further details.**

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.**



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.

TICKETS FOR THE SIXTEEN with Harry Christophers on **18 April 2013** are now on sale, £10-£30 through the Church Office – 254 2111.

CHURCH DIARIES for 2013 are available from the back of the Church in exchange for a small donation placed in the red wall safe. The diary lists who's who at St James's and provides details of saints' days and all the Christian festivals

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.**

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This Week at the Church of St James the Greater Leicester

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23RD DECEMBER 2012 – 4TH 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: Rosemary Freer

10.30

Sung Eucharist

Common Worship, Order 1
see service sheet and music card
Celebrant: The Reverend Canon Glynn Richerby, Vicar
Assisted by: Gillean Russell and Philip Jones
Churchwardens: Julia Walker and Michael Molloy
Sidesmen: Janet Burton, Cherry Fulloway and John Sharp
Servers: Peter Ireson, David Nisbet and William Woolley
Setting: Viadana