

HYMN AM 43 **A great and mighty wonder**
 READING 1 Samuel 2. 18-20, 26 *read by William Woolley*
HYMN AM 527 (2nd tune) **Where is this stupendous stranger?**
 GOSPEL Luke 2. 41-end
 SERMON The Vicar
 INTERCESSIONS Vicky Roe *Pastoral Assistant*
HYMN NH 230 (omit vrs 3&4) **See amid the winter's snow**
HYMN NH 88 **Good Christmas all, rejoice**
 VOLUNTARY

Everyone is invited to the Hall for refreshments after the service



18.30 New Year Service

A candle-lit service specially devised by our Church's Worship Committee.

Readings, hymns and a psalm to aid reflection on the past year and through entering into a Covenant with God we "step with confidence through the gate of the year".

Officiant: The Reverend Canon Glynn Richerby, Vicar
 Churchwardens: Rosemary Freer and Graham Jagger
 Sidesmen: Chris Geere, John Sharp and Owen Shepherd
 Servers: William Woolley, Valerie Bailey and David Roberts

OUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR:

All prevented from worshipping with us, remembering this week

Marjorie Booton : Arthur Higginson : Joyce Smith
Unwell

Jane Moore : Anne Hayter : Millie Talbot
 David Goddard (LRI ward 24) : Susan Langton

Recovering

Francis Ciza after knee surgery

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

Rest in peace

Alice Ralston (91) a former caretaker's widow (the late Stan Ralston)

*The chancel steps flowers this week have been kindly given by
 Angela Hefford in memory of her brother William R Barrett*

The Rest of the Week

Tues - Friday

No Morning Prayer until 8 January

Tuesday 1

07.15

No Service

Wednesday 2

18.15

No S2J (Youth Club) until 15th January

Thursday 3

10.15

Holy Communion Common Worship, Order 1 (traditional)
 Celebrant: The Reverend David Clark

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

Saturday 5

11.00

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

THE CHURCH OFFICE IS CLOSED UNTIL 3RD JANUARY

Sunday Next – Epiphany

08.30

Holy Communion Celebrant: Reverend David Clark

10.30

Sung Eucharist

Celebrant & Preacher: Very Revd Dr Derek Hole
 Readings: Isaiah 60. 1-6 and Matthew 2. 1-12

18.30

Evensong

Officiant and Preacher: Canon Glynn Richerby



THE ICON placed above the votive candle stand for this season is among the best known in the Western World and is one of the oldest of its type.

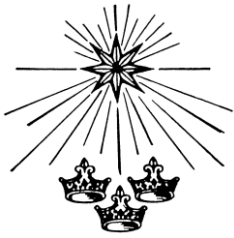
It is known as the 'Mother of God of Vladimir'.

Child and Mother are cheek to cheek. The Child's arms are trustingly around the neck of his Mother.

The face of Mary looking towards us is full of warmth and human comprehension, but also with deep sadness at foreknowledge of what is to become of her son – as Simeon tells her: "This child is destined to be a sign that will be rejected; and you too will be pierced to the heart."

THE MINISTRY TEAM thanks members of the congregation who have kindly sent cards and messages of appreciation. We wish everyone a fulfilling New Year as together we seek to live out the prayer:

**God bless our church and parish,
and prosper all our attempts to be faithful to you,
and to draw others into the life of your Kingdom.**



NEXT SUNDAY is kept as Epiphany Sunday. Crib figures will be brought into church, and wise men replace shepherds – ‘in the house where he was staying’.

The Epiphany Carol Service is a week later – on the evening of Sunday, 13 January at 6.30. This wonderful service explores the rich symbolism of Epiphany. The season of Epiphany lasts until 1 February.

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.**

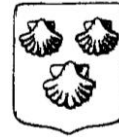
CHURCH CHAIRS The Parochial Church Council meeting on Tuesday 13 November decided to further consult the congregation and concert users of the Church about a choice of chairs and the relative costs involved. **Please look at the choice of seating and fill in a questionnaire. An Extraordinary Parochial 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. Payment by credit card is available during office hours (not AMEX)

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. Donations of warm jumpers, trousers, coats and sleeping bags are always welcomed as well as (new) underwear and toiletries such as razors and sanitary items. **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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30 DECEMBER 2012 FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

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,
who wonderfully created us in your own image
and yet more wonderfully restored us
through your Son Jesus Christ:
grant that, as he came to share in our humanity,
so we may share the life of his divinity;
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: Sarah Kirby

10.30

Sung Eucharist

Common Worship, Order 1
see service sheet and music card
Hymns from AMNS and NHWS
Celebrant: The Reverend Canon Glynn Richerby, Vicar
Assisted by: Vicky Roe and David Kibert
Churchwardens: Michael Molloy and Julia Walker
Sidesmen: Pat Ireson and Lindy Forbes
Servers: Charles Samuel, Hazel Carlin and Michael Bull
Setting: A New People's Mass – Murray