

This week at the Church of St James the Greater Leicester

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22 DECEMBER 2013 – 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 I (Traditional)
Celebrant: The Reverend Canon Glynn Richerby, Vicar
Churchwarden: Geoffrey Simpson

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 Canon Glynn Richerby, Vicar Assisted by: David Kibert

Churchwardens: Michael Bull and Michael Molloy Sidesmen: Cherry Fulloway, John Sharp and Janet Burton Servers: William Woolley, Duduzile Chizema and Peter Ireson Setting: Communion Service in F – Sumsion HYMN 24 Hark, a thrilling voice is sounding

READING Isaiah 7. 10-16 read by Angela Finn

ADVENT REFRAIN

GOSPEL Matthew I. 18-end

SERMON The Vicar

INTERCESSIONS

HYMN 360 For Mary, Mother of our Lord

ANTHEM A tender shoot Goldschmidt

COMMUNION HYMN 309 The God whom earth and sea and sky

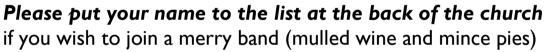
HYMN 31 Come, thou long-expected Jesus

VOLUNTARY

Everyone is invited to the Hall for refreshments after the service

17.00 Christingle Making

Christingles are to be assembled in the Church Hall ready for the Christmas Eve service – many hands to make light work of assembling 150 Christingles!





18.00 Congregational Carol Singing

18.30 Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols

in candlelight see service sheet

Officiant: The Reverend Canon Glynn Richerby, Vicar Churchwardens: Julia Walker and Sarah Kirby Sidesmen: Rosemary Freer, Ken Lumb and Judith Hughes Servers: Michael Bull, Hilary Rees, Hazel Carlin, John Finn and Ian Stapleton



THE BBC RADIO LEICESTER CAROL SERVICE recorded at St James the Greater last Sunday is to be broadcast on Christmas Eve at 6.00 pm in a shortened version and in full, with the Vicar's 'Thought for the Day' on Christmas Day at 12.00 noon.

Our Prayers are asked for:

All prevented from worshipping with us, remembering this week

Arthur Higginson: Charles Wicksteed: Jean Mason

Unwell

Theo Saunders: Pearl Deegan: Eddie Rutter Elizabeth (Cathleen Wood's sister): Jean Nutting.

Rachel Stevens: Cyril Flood (Nicky Barton's brother in law)

Jane Moore: Anne Hayter: Litsa Georgiou Phylis Rose (Lucy Hutchinson's mother in Jamaica)

Rest in Peace

David Hall (70) Kay Mumford's son-in-law Susan Langton (Renée Blackburn's daughter) John Burrows (72) - former verger & caretaker, funeral at Gilroes, 2nd January at 1pm

The Rest of the Week

08.30 Daily no morning prayer until 8 January

Monday 23 December

19.00 Sing Christmas live on BBC Radio Leicester 7pm. Join the Southern Edge Mission Partnership churches at the Aberdale Pub, Shackerdale Road and sing along!

Christmas Eve

18.30 **Christingle** Officiant: The Reverend Canon Glynn Richerby

23.00 Choral Prelude

23.30 Midnight Mass Celebrant: The Reverend Canon Glynn Riche

Christmas Day

08.30 Holy Communion according to the Book of Common Prayer

Celebrant: The Reverend Canon Glynn Richerby

10.30 Family Service

Officiant: The Reverend Canon Glynn Richerby

11.45 **Holy Communion** Celebrant: The Reverend Canon Glynn Richerby **Thursday** St Stephen

10.15 NO SERVICE

Saturday

11.00 Stop-by in the Undercroft

Sunday Next - Christmas I

08.30 Holy Communion Celebrant: Canon Glynn Richerby

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

10.30 Eucharist with hymns Celebrant: Canon Glynn Richerby

Preacher: Anthony Green

Readings: Isaiah 63. 7-9 and Matthew 2. 13-23

18.30 New Year's Service led by Canon Glynn Richerby

WINTER WALK

Everyone is welcome to come on the Winter Walk on **Saturday 28 December.**

A walk of 4-5 miles is followed by tea and cake in front of an open fire. More details are at the back of the church.

Please sign up so we know how many to expect.



THE SIXTEEN – the world famous choral ensemble with their internationally acclaimed conductor Harry Christophers are coming again to St James the



Greater on Thursday, 29 May – for the eighth successive year that St James the Greater has hosted the Sixteen on their Choral Pilgrimage. The programme is entitled *Voice of the Turtledove*. It revisits the golden age of Renaissance polyphony in England and consists of music by John Sheppard, Richard Davy and William Mundy – a stunning mix!

Please note the date in your diary.

Tickets are £10 to £30 – they would make super Christmas gifts!
All seats are reserved. Application forms are at the back of the Church or arrange to call at the church office in person on a weekday 0116 254 4113.
Online payment by debit / credit card can be made
www.stjamesthegreater.org.uk

CAROLINE BEARDSMORE'S HONEY continues to be available for sale at £4.00 for a jar weighing 454g (IIb). Until the end of the year, £2 from each jar sold will be given to support the choir trip. **Please see Caroline or call 259 6341.**

BIBLE READING FELLOWSHIP Anne Laurence has taken over the distribution of the Bible Reading Fellowship notes from Gill Russell, and the 2014 Jan/April notes are available from this Sunday, price £4 each (large print £4.99). If you would like to pay by cheque please make it payable to Anne.

CHURCH DIARIES for 2014 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