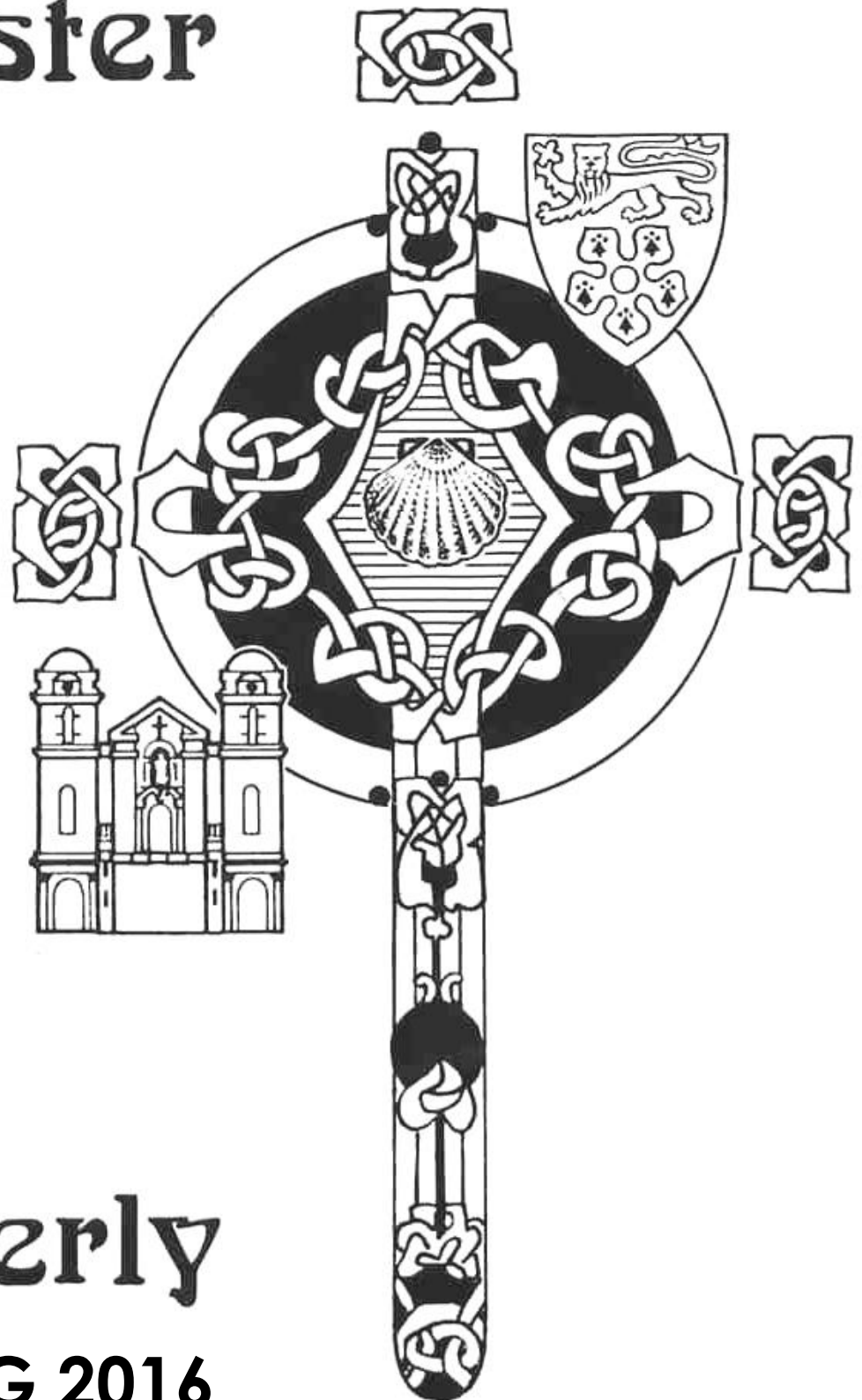


St. JAMES the GREATER Leicester



Quarterly

SPRING 2016

Internet site: www.stjamesthegreater.org.uk
Church Office email address: office@stjamesthegreater.org.uk

SUNDAY WORSHIP

8.30 am Holy Communion 10.30 am Sung Eucharist
6.30 pm Choral Evensong & Sermon

A CHILDREN'S SUNDAY CLUB

in the Church Hall in school term time starting off in church at **10.30 am**

MIDWEEK HOLY COMMUNION

8.15am / 7.15 (after Easter) Tuesdays 10.15 am Thursdays

See Calendar for variations and details of services on saints' days

MINISTRY TEAM

Vicar

Canon Glynn Richerby BD AKC
St James the Greater Vicarage 216 London Road
Leicester LE2 1NE
0116 254 4113

Associate Non-Stipendiary Priest

Revd Jane Sharp
0116 270 6002

Honorary Associate Priests

Revd David Clark BA Canon Henry Evans MA
0116 255 8988 0116 270 0954

Very Revd Dr Derek Hole Hon LLD Hon DLitt
0116 270 9988

Readers

Mr David Brunning MA 0116 241 8742	Mr Anthony Green BA 0776 970 2272
Dr Angela Jagger PhD BA 0116 271 9185	Mr John Raven MA 0116 270 7591

Pastoral Assistant

Miss Vicky Roe BPhil.Ed MA
0116 255 2108

Sacristan

Mrs Janet Burton
0751 035 3097

YOUR QUARTERLY DISTRIBUTOR IS:

..... TEL'

In this SPRING 2016 issue ...

SERVICE TIMES & MINISTRY TEAM	2
THE VICAR on the disputed date of Easter	4
PROFILE – Rosemary Freer and the Bishops	6
YEAR OF MERCY commended by Angela Jagger	8
NEW PARISHIONERS at Heathfield House – Alastair Jackson.....	10
FRIENDS OF ST JAMES' – an outing to Ely Cathedral	12
CALENDAR OF SERVICES & EVENTS	13
STOP-BY – fourth anniversary	17
OBITUARIES Marjorie Booton, Sue Davidson, Mary Scarborough, Pauline Plummer, Joyce Smith and Theo Saunders	19
SERMON FOR THEO at his Requiem by Revd Dr Michael Kennedy	28
COMMEMORATIVE FLOWERS	27
WHAT'S ON & WHO'S WHO	see back cover

ANNUAL REVIEW

Get Registered to Vote

It is necessary for everyone standing for office at the Annual Parochial Meeting and everyone voting at the meeting to be on the Electoral Roll.

Electoral Roll forms are available at the back of the church.

The opportunity to review our life together and look to the future is to follow the mid-morning Eucharist on Sunday, 24 April at 11.45.

There will be elections of Churchwardens, Deputy Wardens and members of the Parochial Church Council.

Nomination forms are available at the back of the church.

Copy for the SUMMER 2016 edition of the Quarterly should reach the Vicar by Friday, 22 April 2016

The Vicar writes ...

DISPUTE ABOUT THE DATING OF EASTER is nothing new.



In ancient Britain, Oswiu became King of Northumbria in 642AD. He had been brought up as a Celtic Christian. But he married a wife from Kent who was brought up according to the Roman customs. The main difference this made to them was that because the date of Easter was calculated differently, the King and Queen observed two separate dates for Easter. This provided great awkwardness and tension between them.

As the King came out of the austerities of Lent to celebrate the feast of Easter, the Queen was still maintaining the disciplines of Lent which included sexual abstinence as well as fasting for another week – much to the King’s frustration!

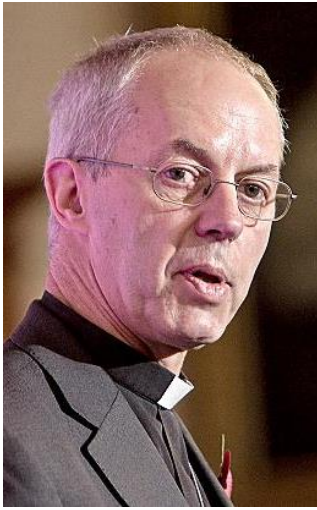
This intolerable situation – so an over-simplified version of the story runs – led to the two sides being called to a synod (sacred assembly) convened by the Abbess Hilda at Whitby to debate the matter in 664AD. Colman, the Irish bishop of Lindisfarne, supported the Celtic side and the Northumbrian Wilfrid who had journeyed to Rome, supported the Roman side.



The dating of Easter issue was settled by King Oswiu who backed the Roman customs because he believed that Rome’s Saint Peter held the keys of the kingdom of heaven and was therefore a good person to have on your side!

So it came about that all of Britain kept the same date of Easter. But the date varies from year to year according to a complicated computation. The earliest possible date of Easter is 22 March and the latest is 25 April – 5 weeks later!

Not all Christians keep the same calendar. Whilst the range of possible dates is the same for Eastern Orthodox and Western Churches, the computation comes out differently.



In modern Britain the Archbishop of Canterbury has called for a fixed date for Easter, saying he will consult with Pope Francis and the Orthodox Patriarch Bartholomew among others, hoping to negotiate an agreed date.

If this succeeds, it will bring to an end one of the longest running disputes among Christians and also have the benefit of certainty for the fixing of school spring terms and all other arrangements in life organised around the date of Easter.

This change will not come about quickly. Archbishop Justin hopes that it will happen “in between five and 10 years time” although he warns that the first attempt to make such a change was in the 10th century. There have been 15 attempts to agree a common date since then.

For and against a fixed date for Easter

I used to think that it was a good thing that Easter was on a different date each year – sometimes earlier, sometimes later. That whilst this is extremely inconvenient, it’s a great reminder that there’s something more important than our lives running to a predictable timetable – and that is God’s eternity. When better to have our lives disrupted than the remembrance of time being intersected by eternity in God raising Jesus from the dead?

There are particular drawbacks for a Vicar in an early Easter. Easter is coming so soon this year that it seems to have followed too fast after Christmas. No sooner were the series of special services that began with Advent and ended with Candlemas completed than it was time to get ready for Ash Wednesday and the Lent programme – that has been well under way by the time you read this.

Christmas and Easter are the busiest times for a Vicar, so I’m likely to feel quite worn out by the end of Easter Day – not least because the clocks move forward an hour, the early service beginning after one hour’s less sleep.

Additionally, there’s a King Oswui-&-wife issue between my wife and me this year. Sue is a teacher and because Easter is so very early this year, her school term does not end until Maundy Thursday. Hence her customary trip to South Africa to visit our daughter begins on Easter Eve – which means leaving at 3.00 am to get her to the airport. This will be an added reason for me being shattered the next day! Maybe I should welcome the Archbishop’s initiative.

Profile

ROSEMARY FREER – on hearing that the next Bishop of Leicester is only 47 years old – said: “It comes to something when the new Bishop is younger than all six of my own children!” (Helen, Jo, Katy, Robert, Sally and Oliver.)

It further occurred to Rosemary that she had known all the Bishops of Leicester after the ‘See’ – a diocese with its own Bishop – of Leicester was restored in 1927.

Born in Leicester and growing up in Stoneygate, Rosemary’s grandparents lived in ‘The Firs’ – the large white house on the London Road – opposite ‘Brookfield’ which was the official residence of Bishop Cyril Bardsley (1927 – 40). “My first memory of him when I was a very, very small person – was seeing the ridiculous things he wore on his legs.” These were the days when Bishops of the Church of England customarily wore gaiters and an apron under a frock coat. “I watched fascinated to see the bulge under his apron rising and falling as he sat talking to Granny and I nearly jumped out of my skin when her Dachshund dog leapt out!”

Rosemary recalls the excited chatter that surrounded social occasions such as garden parties “Ooh, the Bishop’s coming”. She adds “It was rather like Barchester Towers”.

The next Bishop of Leicester, Guy Vernon Smith (1940 – 53), was a bachelor who felt that Brookfield was too large a residence and arranged for 10 Springfield Road to become ‘Bishop’s Lodge’ – which it has continued to be ever since. Rosemary found him “rather stuffy and unbending” which she puts down to him not having a family to help prevent him being so. Granny – Lady Oliver – who had sat on a number of committees, at which the Bishop was present, died in 1951. This meant less family contact with successive Bishops. “In any case, Bishops have since had less to do with committees of the great and the good and concern themselves with more sensible stuff to do with the Church” [Wishful thinking? – Editor].



Rosemary was married at St James the Greater in 1955 by an uncle of her husband who was Bishop of Durham, Maurice Harland. This was early in the long episcopacy of Bishop Ronald Williams (1953 – 79). “It seemed to be a protocol that the Bishop of Leicester should also be present when another Bishop was guest Officiant in his Diocese – and so we were married by two Bishops!” However, this was not to be the beginning of further personal contact with Bishop Williams. “He was not the easiest – not relaxed – or maybe it was just me.” Many found him rather formidable – was she also daunted by him? “Oh no, I have never been daunted by other people, whoever they are!”

Rosemary’s mother – another Lady Oliver as wife of Sir Ernest – was impressed that the next Bishop of Leicester, Richard Rutt (1979 – 91), should have knitted his own mitre. Rosemary recalls her saying it was “Rather odd, but enchanting.” An unhappy recollection is of an occasion when Bishop Rutt was involved in a meticulously well prepared service at St James the Greater. He seemed to think it had gone on for long enough – and so he brought it to an abrupt end. “Better to draw a veil over that occasion, but I do remember Derek [the then Vicar] being very upset about it.”



Bishop Tom Butler (1991 – 99) who inducted the present Vicar of St James the Greater was, in Rosemary’s estimate, “such a friendly person and very straightforward”. She reflects that Bishops are still afforded great respect but have become progressively easier to talk to. “Whereas when I was a small thing, to speak to a Bishop was like meeting God! Inapproachability was partly to do with character but more with the aura of office and protocol. Things are now much more relaxed and I welcome that.”

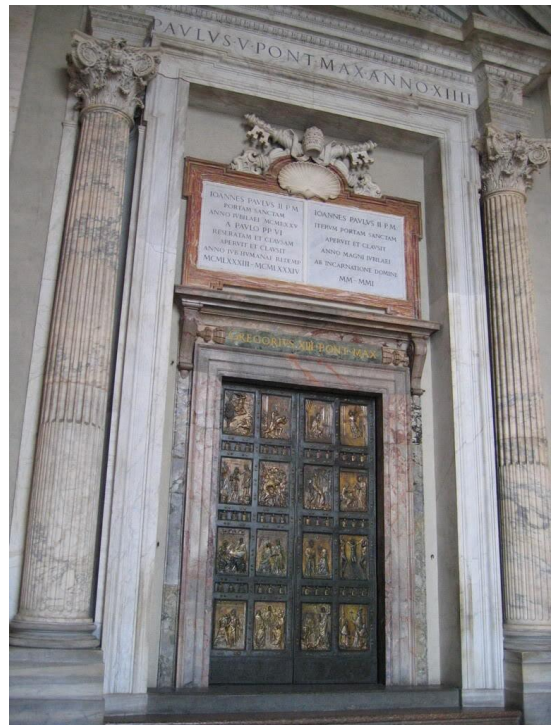
For Rosemary, Bishop Tim Stevens (1999 – 2015) was the epitome of approachability. It was during his time as Bishop that Rosemary was Churchwarden at St James the Greater (2001 – 04). Bishop Tim made a habit of coming to some services at St James simply to be in the congregation. On such occasions when Rosemary was on duty either as Churchwarden or Sidesman “Bishop Tim arrived in ordinary clothes and was very friendly and appreciative.” He visited the charity *Babygear* – which Rosemary chaired for many years. She recalls “He was brilliant with the people there, putting everyone at ease. One of the workers asked him “What does a Bishop do?””

Bishop Martyn Snow (2016 -) will be for the Diocese of Leicester – and for Rosemary – the seventh Bishop. They may both see the centenary of the See.

Year of Mercy

by Angela Jagger

ANYONE WHO has visited Rome will surely have included a visit to St Peter's the great centre of the Roman Catholic Church. You would almost certainly have found what are called the 'Holy Doors' in the west front shut, which is their normal state. But you may well have seen on television last



December Pope Francis opening those doors, pushing hard against them and the gatekeepers inside helping him to open them.

The symbolism of the opening of the doors is the opening of a new holy year for the Catholic Church. The doors will normally be opened during the day for the whole of the year. Francis has also asked Catholic cathedrals throughout the world to designate a particular door that they too will hold open.

The symbolism of all this is about passing through the door into the church, coming into the realm of the grace and mercy of God. The year has been designated 'A Year of Mercy'.

One of the prayers of confession used in our services at St James the Greater begins *Most merciful God* and continues:

*In your mercy
Forgive what we have been
Help us to amend what we are
And direct what we shall be
That we may do justly
Love mercy
And walk humbly with you our God.*

Justice and Mercy are put side-by-side – 'that we may do justly love mercy.'
Justice and mercy are two sides of the same coin.

Pope Francis, talking about forgiveness, made the point that justice cannot be separated from mercy:

How much wrong we do to God and his grace when we speak of sins being punished by his judgment before we speak of their being forgiven by his mercy.

As he celebrated a Mass in St. Peter's Square that marked the opening of the jubilee, he added:

We have to put mercy before judgment.

Those who came to John the Baptist asked "what shall we do?" John just gave some very practical advice. "Whoever has two coats share with anyone who has none and whoever has food must do likewise" To others he said "Be honest in your job ... don't extort money, be satisfied with your wages". In others words there must be no corruption. Live an honest and compassionate life. Behind this advice is the concept of mercy – care for the stranger and give to the person in need.

What comes over most clearly is that in *receiving* the mercy of God we are called to *show* mercy to others. I'm sure we can all think of people in our society today who illustrate all this. In a time of austerity, when people seem to be very much on the defensive, we can find ways of showing mercy to the poor, and the outsider.

In the great debate over migration, the desire to pull the drawbridge and to forget hospitality needs to be challenged.

It seems to me mercy is at the heart of the understanding of God in the three great Abrahamic faiths. There has often been a Christian misunderstanding of Judaism as a religion as the religion of judgment. But all the teaching of Jesus about mercy is grounded in the teaching of the Old Testament.

Similarly there's a great misunderstanding of Islam. Whenever anyone recites from the Qur'an or wants to give thanks for example for a meal, they always begin with the dedication, the *bismillah*, 'In the name of God the merciful, the compassionate.'

So both in approaching God and in leading the 'turned around' life of repentance, it is not possible to separate justice from mercy. To act justly one needs to show mercy to the other, mercy that is founded in the grace and mercy of God towards us.



Welcoming new parishioners

by Alastair Jackson

HEATHFIELD HOUSE is the large property on the corner of London Road and Stanley Road – a corner of our geographical parish. The original Victorian house with its elaborate barge boards was built in the 1870s as the splendid family home of the surgeon Sir Charles Hayes Marriott – after whom a ward of the Leicester Royal Infirmary is named. Over the last 140 years the property has been extended and served as a residential home, hotel and supported accommodation.



In April 2014, Heathfield House closed its doors. Cuts to local government spending meant that Leicester City Council had to re-shape its strategy towards homeless people. The service at Heathfield House, aimed at people with problematic drug use, lost its funding which in turn meant that the staff team had to be broken up and tenants re-housed elsewhere.

For a time, a number of ‘property guardians’ lived in some of the flats. The arrangement was that they were given very little security of tenure in exchange for a low level of rent. By having people live in some of the flats, the building as a whole was much less vulnerable to squatting or un-noticed physical deterioration.

The landlords, Nottingham Community Housing Association, were keen to find a social use for Heathfield House. During the summer of 2015 contact was made with the Leicester Holme Project which was running a hostel for homeless men off the Welford Road. That hostel offered fairly basic

accommodation and no security of tenure – but nevertheless averaged over 99% occupancy because it was one of the only remaining facilities of its kind in the City. Because it was financially precarious, the decision was made to close the hostel and transfer its work into Heathfield House. The small and knowledgeable staff team transferred across, and while a number of the hostel residents chose to move into their own accommodation, the initial 11 tenants of the re-opened Heathfield House came from the Leicester Holme Project. Within 8 weeks all the flats were occupied.

Single homeless people have few rights to housing, unless they can prove that they are particularly vulnerable to the effects of homelessness. Many are indeed vulnerable but don't reach the thresholds established by regulation and case law – and it is for these groups that a place like Heathfield House can offer a lifeline. Some tenants have emerged from the asylum-seeking system with the right to remain in Britain but no help or support in place to establish themselves in their new country. Others have recently left prison and a stable home – perhaps in a new area – is key to avoiding a further sentence. Some misuse drugs or alcohol and would be much more vulnerable to the consequences if it were not for a home to return to. Some are people with mild learning disabilities who need support to keep on top of the bureaucracy of ordinary life. Others have been living ordinary lives until an accident, the loss of a job, or a relationship break-up left them without a home. Research by Shelter in 2013 revealed that the impact of losing employment for several million households would be that they could not pay the next month's mortgage or rent.

Heathfield House operates without a Council grant, relying on higher than normal levels of rent to fund the staff team who provide the support that its tenants rely on to maintain their tenancies. Even then the staff team is only present during the daytime, with out-of-hours emergency backup available by phone to help deal with any crisis. Despite the cuts of recent years, a network of faith-based and community support still exists in Leicester. This includes St James' own *Saturday Stop-by*, the *Sound Café* run by the Revd Helen Hayes, *Inclusion Health Care* providing primary care services to the homeless people of Leicester, and other projects including those run by other faith traditions.

One thing that seems certain is that Heathfield House will see further change, as Government initiatives come and go. Whilst bricks and mortar provide immediate shelter, there will be an annual search for funding. It is the quality of human relationships that will determine whether someone will find a path away from homelessness or risk future homelessness.

The Friends of St James the Greater

THE FRIENDS of St James the Greater was formed two years ago principally to support the work and ministry of the Church and to raise funds to enhance the fabric of the building. Currently there are 10 life members and over 30 annual members. The Committee is keen to recruit more members. It would be good if we could double the present number during the year.

If you would like to join The Friends, a leaflet is enclosed for you to complete and return to the Church Office. Membership is open to all, whatever your link with St James. Whether you love our wonderful and peaceful building, admire our Choir, attend our highly acclaimed public concerts or just wish to share the companionship of our trips and social events, you are warmly welcomed to become one of our group. If you are already a member of The Friends maybe you could pass the leaflet on to a member of your family or a friend and encourage them to join.

We had a very happy Friends' outing to Hereford Cathedral last year. **This year we plan to visit Ely Cathedral on the 11 May.** There will be a board at the back of the Church for you to sign up for the visit. The cost of the outing which includes the coach and tour of the Cathedral will be £18 for members of The Friends and £20 for non-members. A social event is being arranged in the County later in the year



The Annual General Meeting of The Friends will be held in St James Hall on Sunday, 24 July at 5 pm which will be followed by tea and cakes. This is the eve of St James's Day when we will be celebrating our Patronal Festival with Festal Evensong which will follow the meeting.

Derek Hole, Chairman; Keith Vaughan, Secretary and Treasurer;
Margaret Damant, David Brunning and Michael Molloy, Committee Members.

Calendar of Services & Events

MARCH

- 1 Tuesday *David, Bishop, patron saint of Wales c.601*
08.15 Holy Communion Celebrant: Glynn Richerby
- 2 Wednesday 18.30 Compline
- 3 Thursday 10.15 Holy Communion Celebrant: Glynn Richerby
- | | |
|----------|---|
| 4 Friday | Women's World Day of Prayer
14.00 at St. John's Church, Clarendon Park Road,
19.30 St. Mary Magdalene Church, Knighton. |
|----------|---|
- 5 Saturday 19.30 Bach Choir Concert
- 6 Sunday **FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT Mothering Sunday****
08.30 Holy Communion (BCP) Celebrant: David Clark
10.30 All Age Eucharist Celebrant: Jane Sharp
Preacher: Glynn Richerby
18.30 Choral Evensong Preacher: Glynn Richerby
in a Lent series on Messiah
- 8 Tuesday *Edward King, Bishop, 1910*
08.15 Holy Communion Celebrant: Glynn Richerby
19.30 Parochial Church Council Meeting
- 9 Wednesday 18.30 Compline
- 10 Thursday 10.15 Holy Communion Celebrant: Jane Sharp
- | | |
|-----------|--|
| 11 Friday | 19.30 Leicester Theological Society
at St Clement's Hall, Holy Cross Centre, Wellington Street
Revd Fr Simon Gillespie
<i>Their eyes were opened: Christology in St Luke's Gospel</i> |
|-----------|--|
- 12 Saturday 19.30 City of Leicester Singers' Concert
- 13 Sunday **FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT **Passion Sunday******
08.30 Holy Communion Celebrant: Glynn Richerby
10.30 Sung Eucharist Celebrant: Mark Battison
Preacher: Anthony Green
in a Lent series on Jesus : "Who do people say I am?"
18.30 Choral Evensong Preacher: Derek Hole
in a Lent series on Messiah
- 15 Tuesday 08.15 Holy Communion Celebrant: Glynn Richerby
- 16 Wednesday 18.30 Compline

MARCH continued

- 17 Thursday Patrick, bishop, missionary, patron saint of Ireland c.460
10.15 Holy Communion Celebrant: Glynn Richerby
- 20 Sunday PALM SUNDAY start of Holy Week**
08.30 Holy Communion Celebrant: Derek Hole
10.10 Procession from the Church Hall
10.30 Passion Gospel & Eucharist Celebrant: Glynn Richerby
18.30 Evensong
Preacher: Glynn Richerby *in a Lent series on Messiah*
- 21 Monday of Holy Week**
19.00 Address & Compline
- 22 Tuesday of Holy Week**
08.15 Holy Communion
19.00 Address & Compline
- 23 Wednesday of Holy Week**
19.00 Address & Compline
- 24 Maundy Thursday** 10.15 Holy Communion Celebrant: Jane Sharp
19.30 Liturgy of the Last Supper Celebrant: Glynn Richerby
followed by Vigil until 22.00
- 25 Good Friday**
11.00 'Leicester@theCross' in Humberstone Gate
14.00 Hour at the Foot of the Cross
19.30 Tenabrae
- 26 Easter Eve** 20.30 Easter Eve Service of Light

27 Sunday EASTER DAY <i>N.B.Clocks go forwards!</i> 08.30 Sung Eucharist Celebrant & Preacher: Glynn Richerby <u>10.45</u> All Age Worship Preacher: Glynn Richerby 12.00 Holy Communion Celebrant: Glynn Richerby 18.30 Festal Evensong Preacher: Glynn Richerby
--

- 29 Tuesday 07.15 NO SERVICE
- 31 Thursday 10.15 Holy Communion Celebrant: *to be confirmed*

APRIL

- 3 Sunday SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER**
08.30 Holy Communion (BCP) Celebrant: David Clark
10.30 Sung Eucharist Celebrant & Preacher: Derek Hole
18.30 Choral Evensong Preacher: John Raven

APRIL continued

5 Tuesday 07.15 Holy Communion Celebrant: Glynn Richerby

7 Thursday 10.15 Holy Communion Celebrant: Glynn Richerby

10 Sunday 5 Sunday THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

08.30 Holy Communion Celebrant: Glynn Richerby

10.30 Sung Eucharist Celebrant & Preacher: Jane Sharp

18.30 Choral Evensong Preacher: Glynn Richerby

12 Tuesday 07.15 Holy Communion Celebrant: Glynn Richerby

19.30 Standing Committee in the Vicarage

14 Thursday 10.15 Holy Communion Celebrant: Jane Sharp

16 Saturday 19.30 Concert by the Leicester Philharmonic Choir

17 Sunday FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

08.30 Holy Communion Celebrant: Derek Hole

10.30 Sung Eucharist Celebrant: & Preacher: Glynn Richerby

18.30 Easter Carol Service

19 Tuesday *Alphege, Archbishop, martyr, 1012*

07.15 Holy Communion Celebrant: Glynn Richerby

21 Thursday *Anselm, Archbishop, teacher, 1109*

10.15 Holy Communion Celebrant: Glynn Richerby

23 Saturday *St George, Martyr, Patron Saint of England*

24 Sunday FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

08.30 Holy Communion Celebrant: David Clark

10.30 Sung Eucharist Celebrant & Preacher: Glynn Richerby

11.45 Annual Parochial Church Meeting in the Large Hall

18.30 Choral Evensong Preacher: Anthony Green

26 Tuesday 07.15 Holy Communion Celebrant: Glynn Richerby

19.30 Standing Committee Meeting in the Vicarage

28 Thursday *Peter Chanel, missionary, martyr, 1841*

10.15 Holy Communion Celebrant: Jane Sharp

19.30 Concert by the National Youth Choir *Fellowship Octet*

MAY

1 Sunday SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

08.30 Holy Communion (BCP) Celebrant: Glynn Richerby

10.30 Sung Eucharist Celebrant & Preacher: Derek Hole

In anticipation of Ascension Day

18.30 Choral Evensong Preacher: Glynn Richerby

MAY continued

3 Tuesday *Rogation Day*
07.15 Holy Communion Celebrant: Glynn Richerby
18.30 Finance & Standing Committees

5 Thursday	ASCENSION DAY	
	10.15 Holy Communion	Celebrant: Glynn Richerby
	19.30 Sung Eucharist	Celebrant: Glynn Richerby

8 Sunday **SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**
08.30 Holy Communion Celebrant: Jane Sharp
10.30 Sung Eucharist Celebrant & Preacher: Glynn Richerby
18.30 Choral Evensong Preacher: Glynn Richerby

10 Tuesday 07.15 Holy Communion Celebrant: Glynn Richerby

12 Thursday 10.15 Holy Communion Celebrant: Jane Sharp

14 Saturday TBC Welcome Service for the new Bishop of Leicester
The Rt Revd Martyn Snow *at the Cathedral*

15 Sunday **PENTECOST *Christian Aid Week begins***
08.30 Holy Communion Celebrant: Glynn Richerby
10.30 All Age Eucharist
Celebrant & Preacher: Glynn Richerby
18.30 Choral Evensong Preacher: Glynn Richerby

17 Tuesday 07.15 Holy Communion Celebrant: Glynn Richerby
19.30 Parochial Church Council Meeting

19 Thursday 10.15 Holy Communion Celebrant: Glynn Richerby

22 Sunday **TRINITY SUNDAY**
08.30 Holy Communion Celebrant: Glynn Richerby
10.30 Sung Eucharist Celebrant & Preacher: David Clark
18.30 Choral Evensong Preacher: Angela Jagger

24 Tuesday 07.15 Holy Communion Celebrant: Glynn Richerby

26 Thursday 10.15 Holy Communion Celebrant: Glynn Richerby

29 Sunday **SUNDAY TRINITY I**
08.30 Holy Communion Celebrant: Glynn Richerby
10.30 Sung Eucharist Celebrant: Glynn Richerby
Preacher: Anthony Green
18.30 Choral Evensong Preacher: David Brunning

31 Tuesday 07.15 Holy Communion Celebrant: Glynn Richerby

JUNE

2 Thursday 10.15 Holy Communion Celebrant: Glynn Richerby

Saturday Stop-by

THE FOURTH anniversary – to the very day – was celebrated on 9 January. This joint venture between the Islamic Society of Britain and the Parish of St James the Greater is a drop-in service for homeless and vulnerably housed people. For the first six months after the launch in 2012 the project was supported by *Action Homeless* and funded by the *Near Neighbours Fund*. Since then the project has been funded by generous donations from the community.

Normally held in the Undercroft of the Church every Saturday, a special anniversary meal was held in the Large Hall to enable a larger gathering of all volunteers who assist on a rota basis and guests together with the clients.

The Vicar said on this occasion:

It's felt special to have gathered in this different location. Saturday regulars may be missing the Undercroft. It has some advantages for the usual Saturday gatherings – the pool and table tennis tables and all the useful stuff that can be kept in storage cupboards. And it's come to feel like 'home' to Stop-by as the time has gone by. Now four years on!

Stop-by has been among the best things in my time as Vicar of this church.

For many years previously there had been 'interfaith dialogue' between Christians at this church and our Muslim neighbours – which no doubt increased mutual understanding and respect. But moving on from 'dialogue' – a posh word for just talking – to joint social action has been a massive step-change. And so I look back with great happiness at first being approached by Salma on behalf of her Muslim organisation Eat'n'Meet about the possibility of combining with St James the Greater to set up Saturday Stop-by. Volunteers who are Muslims and Christians – along with those of other faiths and none – have found joy in together serving the needs of others in our community.

What we have at Saturday Stop-by is an antidote to all that is so depressing and distressing in our world – a taste of life at its best and how the whole world ought to be – a safe place where people with all our differences find acceptance, friendship and needs met.



Marjorie Ellen Booton
died 30 October 2015, aged 101

Marjorie led an extraordinary life to a great age. She and her husband were instrumental in rescuing people from Germany before the outbreak of World War II – with whom she kept in touch, visiting some in America.

Marjorie was a regular worshipper at St James the Greater – driving herself to church well into her 90s. More recently she was a resident at Devonshire Court where she regularly went to services.



Marjorie lived for most of her long life in the Stoneygate area of Leicester. The family home was in Francis Street when she was born, the elder of two girls. Her parents were in service at one the many big houses of that area – which at the time was a very prosperous one.

Marjorie began her education at Avenue Road School. She remembered school being closed for the first Armistice Day on 11 November, 1918. She later attended Secretarial College in Leicester and trained to be a shorthand typist. She began work in the shoe industry at Stead and Simpson, but then moved to a job at W E Booton – a factory making hosiery machinery. She married the boss, Bill Booton, in 1935. They made their home in Southernhay Road. Marjorie continued to work until their son John was born. Bill died of leukaemia in 1955, leaving Marjorie a widow for 60 years.

Marjorie and her son John eventually moved to Stoughton Road. She worked for many years at the Conservative Central Office in London Road and later, until well into her 70s, at the accountancy firm of Glover and Spencer.

For 60 years Marjorie supported the activities of the Little Theatre. She enjoyed playing bowls until into her 80s and was President of the Brookfield Bowling Club. For many years also she was an active member of the Townswomen's Guild. She became proficient in playing bridge to county standard. She travelled extensively abroad and maintained a keen interest in world events. Marjorie had many old friends and made new friends among the staff and residents of Devonshire Court.

We can be truly thankful that Marjorie has been with us for so many years and that she has contributed so greatly to the life of our community.

Susan Margaret Davidson died 17 November aged 79

St James the Greater remained a spiritual home to Sue – along with her husband Iain – after they emigrated to Ebrun, France in 1992. They kept in touch with many people and attended services on visits back to England.

In more recent years, Sue and Iain maintained a second home in England – first in Ketton and then in Stamford. It was whilst in Stamford and leading a full and apparently healthy life that Sue developed breathlessness after exercise in a gym that was the first symptom of a lurking illness just 10 weeks before her death.

Sue's family roots were in Knighton – where she had been baptized, was married to Iain in 1961 and where her funeral was held. Sue's passion from her teens was cookery. She trained at Cuckfield Domestic Science College in Sussex and became a *cordons bleu* cook. From 1959 Sue worked for IPC's Home Department for the *Women's Own* magazine. Andrew was born in 1963 and twins Bruce and Lorna in 1965. Along with being a wife and mother, Sue relentlessly added to her professional accomplishments in a whole variety of ways, including her own weekly programme on BBC Radio Leicester. She managed to do it all by a combination of being highly capable **and** highly organised. Leisure pursuits were mostly of an active variety, including running half marathons and hill walking. Sue crewed on the sail training ship the *Sir Winston Churchill* on its first ever adult ladies' cruise.

Sue's attitude to life and the easy way she related to people were all informed by her strong Christian faith. Well known in wide social circles Leicester, Sue was a Vice President of the Leicester Branch of the Red Cross for several years and a past President of the Interim Luncheon Club.

In France Sue and Iain quickly established themselves in their new community making very many new friends in Embrun and at L'Abbaye de Boscodon. They were wonderfully hospitable to friends who visited them in their Alpine home. Life was made especially happy by the birth of grandchildren.

Sue counted herself fortunate to have had a wonderful life together with Iain and regarded every year after 70 as bonus years – which she lived to the full. Her last days were at home with wonderful support from the St Barnabas Hospice-nurse-home service. She slipped away in her sleep.



Mary Denyse Scarborough died 15 December aged 92

A very quiet and shy lady, Mary loved to worship at St James the Greater. She would arrive early for services and sit perfectly still. All who knew her and gained her trust appreciated and respected her quiet, simple faith.

Mary was born in Leicester to George and Ethel Scarborough, their only child. She was devoted to her parents and lived her life largely through them.



When Mary was aged 10 her father bought *Ashfield* and the land around it. He had the existing house pulled down and a new one built in its place. In the early years of their time there, Mary had a pony which grazed in a paddock between *Ashfield* and *Brookfield* – which was then the Bishop's House. During an air raid, a bomb destroyed The Lodge at the entrance to *Ashfield* but the main house was unscathed. Mary continued to live there for the rest of her wonderfully long life.

Her father was a business man who eventually owned thirteen cinemas in Leicester and Melton Mowbray. This was during the years when everyone went to 'the pictures', and cinema was big business. Mary worked for her father at the Head Office on East Park Road. She accompanied her parents to annual conferences connected with the cinema industry which took place all over the country – often driving her father's Bentley car.

Mary inherited the chain of cinemas. In the 1980s with the advent of television, cinema attendance was in decline with many becoming bingo halls. Mary decided to sell the cinemas. When the Evington Cinema was closed, a block of flats was built in its place and the Scarborough family was honoured with the new building being named 'Scarborough Court'.

Over the years Mary was very generous to her family and to charitable causes which caught her eye. She was always appreciative of the help and friendship extended to her by those who were close to her and whose advice she sometimes sought.

After an accident on a stair lift, arrangements were made to ensure that Mary would be looked after at home. She slowly deteriorated and died peacefully.

**Pauline Dorothy Plummer
died 7 December 2015 aged 91**

Pauline worshipped at St James Church for many years and twice every Sunday – the said early morning service of Holy Communion and Evensong. She assisted with the Sunday School for 20 years. When Gladys Humberstone retired after many years of leading the ‘Good Companions’ group for the elderly, Pauline readily accepted the Vicar’s invitation to take on the leadership – which she carried out very effectively from 1994 until 2012. She had learned to play the piano as a child and had a good upright instrument in her home, so she would accompany hymns for the group’s monthly Communion services. She had to relinquish these duties as she became increasingly affected by the onset of dementia in her latter years.



Pauline was born 24th May 1924 at Hackney in London. Whilst an infant, she was fostered by a couple, Janet and Alec, in Swadlincote, Derbyshire. At the age of four, she was adopted by Mr Plummer and his sister who lived in Swadlincote, before moving to Barwell. Mr Plummer was the Headmaster of Barwell Church of England Primary School, which Pauline attended. From there she gained a scholarship to Hinckley Grammar School. The family worshipped at St Mary’s Parish Church.

On leaving school in war time, Pauline worked in a munitions factory in Leicester. After the war, she had a number of posts in the clerical and retail sector, ending up at the Midland Educational shop on Market Street. She lived in rented accommodation in various parts of Highfields, Leicester. A chance meeting re-established contact with Rita, a childhood friend from Barwell, whom Pauline would then regularly go to visit. In the 1990s, Pauline moved into the flat on Evington Road, which was to be her home for the remainder of her life.

Pauline was a very private person and never married. She was a vegetarian by conviction and strongly independent. The people of St James the Greater were her extended family. She was very loyal to her friends.

In the last year of her life Pauline reluctantly accepted social care support and was thus enabled to stay in her home until the end of her life.

Joyce Marie Smith
Died 28 December 2015 aged 93

Nine years ago, Joyce began to be a regular at Evensong at St James the Greater – brought to church by her friend Dee Brunning from Aigburth where Joyce had become a resident after suffering a major stroke. Joyce especially loved music in worship and singing hymns – both at St James' and at Bishop Street Methodist Church where she was a member.



Joyce Marie Coltman was born in Leicester. Her family lived in a large villa on the Evington Road. She was educated at Wyggeston Girls' School and Stockwell Teacher Training College – which had been evacuated during the war to Torquay.

Returning to Leicester Joyce began teaching at Overton Road Junior School, later renamed Merrydale. She was an excellent pianist and after her first year's teaching in 1944 gained the LRAM. At Merrydale she met Bert Smith when he joined the staff. They married in 1952. As married couples were not allowed on the same staff, Joyce transferred to St Saviour's Church of England School, later becoming Deputy Headteacher at Humberstone Junior School.

A small cottage in Anglesey – not far from Holyhead where Bert had grown up – became their regular holiday home. Joyce and Bert were subscribers to the development of the Tallyllin Railway. They bought a half narrow boat and cruised the Midlands and Welsh canals. Both were keen folk dancers. They had several happy years of active retirement together in the 1980s.

When Bert died suddenly, Joyce was alone with few living relatives – only one nearby. As an escape from sadness Joyce began to travel, taking numerous organised cruises and meeting new friends. Christmas was regularly spent in an Edinburgh hotel, where she made some more friends.

It was during a service at Bishop Street that Joyce suffered a major stroke. She survived remarkably well, but her left hand and side were badly affected. Unable to return to independent life in her own home, Joyce happily settled at Aigburth. There she made efforts to walk and play the piano again. The staff appreciated aspects of the younger, well educated and talented Joyce, enabling her to adapt and accept her limitations and find enjoyment in different ways.

Joyce lived a full, varied and – at times – exciting life.

Theodore Patrick Saunders Died 12 January, aged 58

Theo was Director of Music at St James the Greater for 11 years (1991-2002). His post at St James was held jointly with Stoneygate School – whose premises were then nearby on the London Road – where he was Head of Music. Although not a formal ‘choir school’, Theo aimed to recruit half of the church’s boy choristers from among the pupils.



Theo was born in Hereford and grew up in Cornwall – where his father was a Church of England Vicar. After school in Taunton, Theo was Organ Scholar at Corpus Christi College, Oxford as he studied for a degree in music followed by Master of Music studies. He also qualified as a teacher. His career before coming to St James included teaching in the Cathedral School at Exeter and being Director of the choir school at St John's College, Cardiff.

As well as being a distinguished musician, Theo had a deep appreciation of liturgy and was highly co operative with the vicar in devising special services. Our cycle of carol services owes much to his love of expressive liturgy combined with an apt choice of music. Our present Director of Music – Matt Haynes – was one of his choristers.

Theo left St James to be Organist and Master of the Choristers at Armagh Cathedral. He settled happily and bought a comfortable home on an estate where all of his neighbours were Roman Catholic. He had great affection for Irish people who have shown him great friendship and kindness.

In the summer of 2010, on a choir tour, Theo was conducting an anthem in Carlisle Cathedral when he felt terrible chest pains. This was the beginning of discovering he had a form of bone cancer. He had a series of operations on his spine and various treatments – including stem cell therapy. Theo was initially off work for 2 years, returned for a year and then was off for another 2 years. He resigned through ill health, playing for his last services on Trinity Sunday 2015. The Archbishop of Armagh wrote: “Theo has served the music and the worship of the Cathedral with immense dedication and musical skill”.

Theo will be fondly remembered by all who knew him as a good and godly man. Our deepest sympathy is for his mother, Ronna and brother, Tim.

Sermon for Theo

Excerpts from the sermon

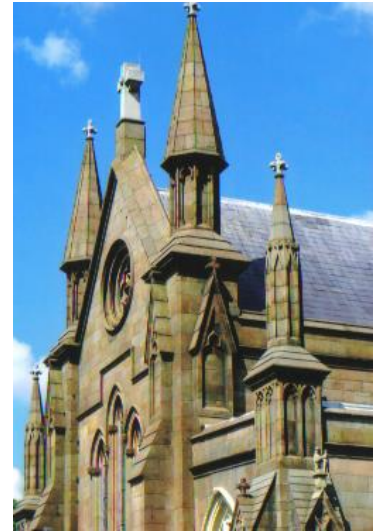
preached by Rev Dr Michael Kennedy

at the Requiem Eucharist for Theo Saunders

in Armagh Anglican Cathedral on 17 January 2016

“For this is the will of my Father, that every one who sees the Son and believes in him should have eternal life; and I will raise him up at the last day”.

John 6:40



... What I have found daunting, in the preparation of this address at Theo’s funeral is the problem of encapsulating in words such an exceptional human being. We all have our memories of him, ranging, in my case, from his accompaniment of the combined choir of Armagh and that of the Chapel Royal when the Royal Maundy came to us and the Queen and Prince Philip were present, and the comment of a well informed person was that our choir was even better than that of the Chapel Royal – to the domestically based enjoyment of gatherings of his friends for what I called his “At Homes”, partly liturgical, partly musical at which there were singers and players and of course Theo himself playing sometimes on his grand piano in that magnificent music room of his and sometimes on his two manual organ which shared the space, together with all the people.

The tributes paid to him have been many and varied, reminding us of his extraordinary gift for making friends ... We have all ... been enriched through our experience of knowing him. And, of course, his rather eccentric ways were part of his personality and, I am sure, gave us both amusement and pleasure, and sometimes they had an ecclesiastical aspect, and I am sure he would not mind my mentioning one or two of them.

There was his love of cats, for example. Did you know that when he had two of them, some years back, they acquired nicknames, and were known as the “Archbishop” and the “Dean”?! One never quite knew, when the conversation turned to matters ecclesiastical whether the reference was to the two-legged or the four-legged kind! ...

Then there was his, rather unexpected, enthusiasm for railways ... although his interest in transport did not extend to his ever learning to drive. I could never understand how his mastery of co-ordination of hands and feet in playing the organ and in his superb performances at the piano could not translate into driving a car, but perhaps his mind was on other things!

Theo grew up with Tim in a clerical household, his father being a Church of England clergyman in Cornwall and then latterly a prison chaplain, in a house full of books. His musical talent showed very early and he grew up feasting on Anglican worship at its best, including of course, Anglican chant and also plainsong – which was and remained a great love of his; and his gifts led him after school in Taunton to Corpus Christi College, Oxford, where he read music and in due course to acquisition of his full range of qualifications including his FRCO. His career included teaching in the cathedral school in Exeter – he was a fully trained teacher who was gifted in training others in all matters musical – and other appointments, including that in Leicester where his parish church choir was reputed to be superior to that in the cathedral

When the post of Organist and Master of the Choristers in Armagh came up he was predisposed towards a move to Ireland by a favourable experience of being with his father many years earlier in a locum in Kilkenny. I can well remember meeting him for the first time in the Dean's residence in the library, Herbie Cassidy being the then Dean, and he was brimming over with excitement and enthusiasm over his having been appointed. He brought to the task not only his very great musical gifts but also a wide knowledge of liturgy, in which he was probably the most thoroughly grounded lay person I have ever met. He also had a considerable creativity, and responded to any encouragement to use his gifts to the full.

By default, during a vacancy in the office of dean he and I seemed to end up more-or-less running the Cathedral and I found him such an inspiration to be with, full of ideas which, sometimes with a little pruning, produced an

imaginative and high attractive interpretation of the Anglican tradition of worship. All he needed was encouragement and he would do anything for anyone.



He put a tremendous amount of himself into his work with the choir, and at the time he first went off ill there were twenty-one boys on the books. On returning during a period of remission he was all set to go recruiting again, but sadly his illness recurred and this was not to be. Many people have paid tribute to the encouragement and guidance he gave them, privately as well as publicly ...

In general, there was also his openness to people of all sorts and conditions.

One thing I always enjoyed, when he was still fit for it, was going out with Theo to visit schools and to try to recruit boys for the choir. He was brilliant with them on such occasions, and while shrewdly judging their vocal potential made things rather fun.

Throughout Theo's illness he needed a lot of care and attention, and here his many friends came to the rescue. It would be impossible to name them all ... They know who they are. And of course his family meant so much to him. There was his very close relationship with his elder brother Tim, married to Kellie, which included humour, sometimes I think, of the farthest out kind, but whose support in his last days was hugely helpful, and the relationship with his nieces Gwenno and Anna, and his nephews Meirion and baby Nico, whom he valued so much. And there was that crucial relationship with his mother Ronna, whom he insisted he wished to have at home with him in spite of her disabilities ...

... I have spoken about Theo the musician and Theo the person, but what I am trying to say, even in summary, has so far left out one of the most important facets of his character, namely his Christian faith. His spirituality included the daily office from Celebrating Common Prayer and Bible reading, but was essentially eucharistically based; and a special memory of mine will always be, of bringing communion to Theo when he was not well enough to come out to church, and having it in his music room, along with his mother, when we would sing hymns as well as celebrate the liturgy and he would, in spite of his condition, play the organ or sometimes the piano, nearly always including a voluntary from his beloved Bach.

And this ties in with this afternoon's Gospel reading from St John's Gospel Chapter 6 ... given Theo's firm belief in the Eucharistic presence we can see how these words suit the present circumstances of the Lord's sustaining presence with him not only in the Eucharist but in his whole life and in the last period of his illness.

... Theo went through his times of difficulty, and then, through his illness, very great suffering gallantly borne. In the words we have been reading we can also anticipate the Easter message, for Theo, and ultimately for ourselves. For as it says in the words that I used for my text at the beginning of this address, "For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who sees the Son and believes in him should have eternal life; and I will raise him up at the last day."

May our very dear friend, Theo, rest in Christ on this day, and in the end, rise in glory. Amen.

Link to the full transcript: www.stpatricks-cathedral.org/news-events

Commemorative Flowers

MARCH

In Lent no flowers, by tradition until –

27th Church decorated for Easter

APRIL

3rd Caroline Beardsmore
in memory of her father

10th Tony Rudge

17th The Cowley Family

24th Joyce Paviour
in memory of Norman
Altar Frontal
Elizabeth Bentley
in memory of her parents
Tom & Lillian Garnett

MAY

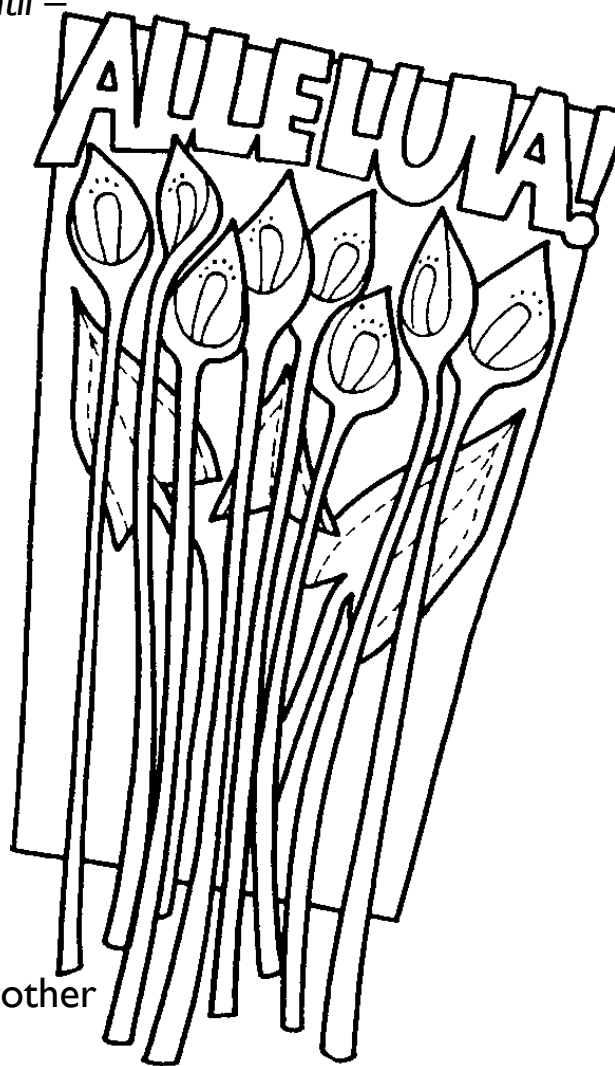
1st Angela Hefford
in memory of her parents
Barbara and Gordon Barrett

8th Diana Jones
in memory of her parents & brother

15th Renée Blackburn
in memory of Jeffrey, daughter Susan & son John

22nd Doris Makepeace
in memory of John

29th Janet Felstead
in memory of David



A.C. JAMES & SON

INDEPENDENT FAMILY FUNERAL DIRECTORS

Douglass & Robert James

9 Biddulph Street

LEICESTER

24-HOUR SERVICE

TEL: 0116 254 2900

What's on ...

SUNDAYS

Sunday Club in school term time 10.30 **Large Hall**
Contact Mrs Jo Stapleton 39 Craighill Road, Leicester LE2 3FD 270 2001

WEDNESDAYS

SJ2 – Under 14s' Youth Club 19.15 – 20.45 Undercroft
Leader Mr John Raven 291 London Road, Leicester LE2 3ND 270 7591

THURSDAYS

Coffee Drop-in 10.45 – 11.30 Large Hall
Organiser Mrs Doris Makepeace 7 Bransdale Road, Wigston, Leicester LE18 1XU 288 5315

St James' Singers 19.30 alternate Thursdays Ashman Music Room
Director Mr Michael Rule c/o Church Office, St James Terrace, LE2 INA 254 2111

Scouts Beaver Scouts 17.30 – 18.30 Cub Scouts 18.30 – 20.00 Scouts 19.30 Undercroft
Leaders Mr Tony & Mrs Alison Hurst 30 Repton Road, Wigston, Leicester LE18 1GB 210 2958

FRIDAYS

Boys' Choir & Girls' Choir Practices 18.00 Ashman Music Room
Full Choir Practice 19.30
Director Mr Matthew Haynes 44 Conogen Road, Aylestone, Leicester LE2 8LD 0788 576 0364

SATURDAYS

Stop-by Project for the homeless 11.00 – 14.00 Undercroft
Coordinator Salma Ravat c/o Church Office, St James Terrace, LE2 INA 254 2111

Who's who ...

Ministry Team – see inside front cover

Churchwardens

Miss Julia Walker 3 Paddock Close, Oadby, Leicester LE2 5GG 271 9347
Mr Keith Vaughan Stretton Cottage, Great Stretton, Leicester LE2 2FR 259 2524

Deputy Wardens

Mr Simon Edwards MBE 27 Hollybank Court, London Road, Leicester LE2 1ZF 270 4411
Mrs Angela Hefford 15 Southernhay Road, Leicester LE2 3TN 270 6060
Ms Barbara Penrose 36 Stoneygate Court, London Road, Leicester LE2 2AJ 270 3666
Mrs April Rule 99 Ratby Road, Groby, Leicester LE6 0GF 0779 590 4914
Mr Ian Stapleton 39 Craighill Road, Leicester LE2 3FD 270 2001

PCC Secretary

Mr Philip Jones 52 Carisbrooke Road, Mountsorrel, LE12 7BR 237 4894

Church Administrator & Hall Booking Secretary

Mrs Annabel Cowley Church Office, St James Hall, St James Terrace, LE2 INA 254 2111

Treasurer

Mr Alan Fletcher c/o Church Office, St James Hall, St James Terrace, LE2 INA 254 2111

Gift Aid Secretary

Mr John Cox c/o Church Office, St James Hall, St James Terrace, LE2 INA 254 2111

Director of Music

Mr Matthew Haynes 44 Conogen Road, Aylestone, Leicester LE2 8LD 0788 576 0364

Organist & Associate Director of Music

Mr Michael Rule c/o Church Office, St James Hall, St James Terrace, LE2 INA 254 2111

Assistant Organist

Ms Roxanne Summerfield c/o Church Office, St James Hall, St James Terrace, LE2 INA 254 2111

Head Servers

Mr John & Mrs Angela Finn 4 Colne Close, Oadby, Leicester LE2 4GA 292 9562

Flower Guild Co-ordinator including commemorative flowers

Miss Julia Walker 3 Paddock Close, Oadby, Leicester LE2 5GG 271 9347

Child Protection Officer

Vicky Roe 4 St James's Terrace, LE2 INA 255 2108