

This week at the Church of St James the Greater

Leicester

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22 FEBRUARY 2015 – FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

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 a gluten free wafer or receive Communion in your seat.

Prayer for the Week

Almighty God,
whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness,
and was tempted as we are, yet without sin:
give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit;
and, as you know our weakness,
so may we know your power to save;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
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: Julia Walker

10.30 Sung Eucharist

Common Worship, Order I see service sheet and music card

Celebrant: The Reverend Canon Glynn Richerby, Vicar
Assisted by: April Rule and Emmanuel Okoli
Churchwardens: Julia Walker and Barbara Penrose
Sidesmen: Cherry Fulloway, John Sharp, Janet Burton and Phil Jones
Servers: Michael Bull, Rachel Chizema and John Finn
Setting: Bath and Wells Mass – Archer

HYMN 209 Through all the changing scenes of life Genesis 9. 8-17 read by Anne Laurence

PSALM 91

GOSPEL Mark 1. 9-15 SERMON The Vicar

in a Lent series on Living Spiritually today

INTERCESSIONS Vicky Roe

HYMN 56 Forty days and forty nights

ANTHEM O for a closer walk with God Stanford COMMUNION HYMN 255 (t. Maryton) Jesu, thou joy of loving hearts

HYMN 214 Guide me, O thou great Redeemer

VOLUNTARY

Everyone is invited to the Hall for refreshments after the service

18.30 Choral Evensong

see service card and music sheet

Officiant: The Reverend Canon Glynn Richerby, Vicar Churchwardens: Tony Bentley and Michael Bull Sidesmen: Rosemary Freer, Julia Warner and Judith Hughes Servers: Rod Eynon-Baldock, Sara King and William Woolley

HYMN 217 Be thou my guardian and my guide CONFESSION see buff service card

RESPONSES

PSALM 51 see green music sheet

FIRST LESSON Genesis 2. 15-17, 3. 1-7 read by Alan Fletcher

MAGNIFICAT see green music sheet

SECOND LESSON Luke 13. 31-end read by Gabrielle Fletcher

NUNC DIMITTIS Sung by the Choir Waters in A Minor

THE CREED see buff service card, p 3

RESPONSES

ANTHEM Thou knowest Lord Purcell

PRAYERS The Vicar

HYMN 233 O thou who camest from above

SERMON Neil Crutchley

in a Lent Series on the English Spirit – in music

HYMN 163 Angel voices ever singing

BLESSING

DISMISSAL *Plainsong* The Lord be with you. **And with thy spirit**.

Let us bless the Lord. Thanks be to God!

VOLUNTARY

Our Prayers are asked for:

All prevented from worshipping with us, remembering this week

Marjorie Booton: Joyce Smith: Margaret Judd: Jean Mason

Unwell

Theo Saunders: George Daley: Josephine Chizema (Tony's mother)

Recovering

Nina French: Jill Valentine -in Devon

Rest in Peace

Ivan King (77) Eileen Mary Phelps (94)

Janet Samuel (52) Mother of Charles, his 2 brothers and his sister

The Rest of the Week

Wed - Friday

08.30 Morning Prayer in the Lady Chapel

Tuesday

08.15 Holy Communion Celebrant: Canon Glynn Richerby, Vicar

Wednesday

- 18.15 SJ2 (Youth Club) meets in the Undercroft
- 18.30 **Compline** sung by the choir
- 19.00 Study Group in the Vicarage

Thursday

- 10.15 **Holy Communion** Common Worship, Order I (traditional) Celebrant: The Reverend Jane Sharp
- 10.45 Coffee Drop-in in the Hall (access from the Church via the lift)
- 17.00 41st Leicester Scouts (boys and girls) meet in the Undercroft
- 19.30 St James Singers Choir Practice

Friday

18.00 Choir Practice

Saturday

11.00 Stop-by in the Undercroft

Sunday Next - Lent 2

- 08.30 Holy Communion Celebrant: Very Revd 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

in a Lent series on Living Spiritually today

Readings: Genesis 17. 1-7, 15-16 & Mark 8. 31-end

18.30 **Evensong** Officiant: Canon Glynn Richerby

Speaker: Richard Gill

in a Lent series on the English Spirit - in literature

WOMENS WORLD DAY OF PRAYER is on Friday 6 March. Services are taking place this year at Stoneygate Baptist Church – 2pm and at Clarendon Park Congregational Church – 7.30pm. Everyone welcome – including men!

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.*

A SPECIAL POSTER for Lent in the entrance porch is taken from original artwork by Sarah Kirby. It suggests a wilderness landscape in purplish hues. A panel of text derives from verses in the Bible woven into the choir anthem 'Blessed be the God and Father'. Phases of the moon indicate the length of Lent – the poster's caption FORTY DAYS & FORTY NIGHTS. Do take a close look.

THE SIXTEEN – the world famous choral ensemble with their internationally acclaimed conductor Harry Christophers – are coming again to St James the Greater on Thursday, 28 May 2015 at 7.30 pm. The programme is entitled 'Flight of angels' – including music by Francisco Guerrero and Alonso Lobo, two Spanish composers of the



Renaissance period. Tickets are now on sale from the Church Office on 0116 254 2111 or from www.stjamesthegreater.org.uk.

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THE HEART OF CHRISTIANITY by Marcus Borg — David Clark writes: "I've been meaning to present this book to St James's for some time, as it clearly and readably presents Christian Faith in a fresh way. He offers an emerging approach to Christianity which breaks all ties to fundamentalism and describes a compassionate, intelligent way of faith." David has put this book in the shelves at the back of church. See also books from the library of Henry Evans.