

This week at the Church of St James the Greater

Leicester

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6 December 2015 SECOND SUNDAY OF 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 a gluten free wafer or receive Communion in your seat.

Prayer for the Week

O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power and come among us, and with great might succour us; that whereas, through our sins and wickedness we are grievously hindered in running the race that is set before us, your bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be honour and glory, now and for ever.

08.30 Holy Communion

Book of Common Prayer

Celebrant: The Reverend Canon Glynn Richerby, Vicar

Churchwarden: Barbara Penrose

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 Very Reverend Dr Derek Hole
Assisted by: The Reverend Canon Glynn Richerby and April Rule
Churchwardens: Simon Edwards and Michael Molloy
Sidesmen: Pat Ireson, Graham & Claire Prowse and David Pugh
Servers: David Nisbet, John Finn and Angela Finn
Setting: Mass of the Quiet Hour - Oldroyd

HYMN 470 Hills of the North, rejoice

READING Malachi 3. I-4 read by Pat Carr

ADVENT REFRAIN

GOSPEL Luke 3. 1-6
SERMON The Vicar
INTERCESSIONS Gillian Boorne

HYMN 27 On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry

ANTHEM How beautiful upon the mountains Stainer

COMMUNION HYMN 177 Thy kingdom come, O God

HYMN 28 Lo, he comes with clouds descending

ORGAN 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: April Rule and Julia Walker Sidesmen:

Servers: William Woolley, Valerie Bailey and Della Evans

HYMN 24 Hark, a thrilling voice is sounding

CONFESSION see buff service card

RESPONSES

PSALM 34 vs 1-9 see green music sheet

FIRST LESSON Isaiah 40. I-II read by Colin Stray

MAGNIFICAT Sung by the choir Wesley in F

SECOND LESSON Luke 1. 5-25 read by Angela Stray

NUNC DIMITTIS see green music sheet
THE CREED see buff service card, p 3

RESPONSES

HYMN 25 The advent of our King

SERMON The Vicar

ANTHEM For unto us a child is born Handel

PRAYERS John Raven

HYMN 178 Thy Kingdom come! on bended knee

BLESSING

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

Let us bless the Lord. Thanks be to God!

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Our Prayers are asked for:

All prevented from worshipping with us, remembering this week

Arthur Higginson: Charles Wicksteed: George Daley

Unwell

Peggy Snowden (Jean Bilney's sister) : Mary Scarborough : Theo Sanders

John Gonsalves (now at Aaron Court, Evington)

Recovering

Jill Valentine: Dorothy Joseph (Francis's sister)

Rest in Peace

Sue Davidson (79)

Sylvester Dorum (75) Funeral at St James on Thursday, 10 December at 12 noon

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

Thursday

- 10.15 **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)
- 12.00 Funeral of Sylvester Dorum
- 17.00 41st Leicester Scouts (boys and girls) meet in the Undercroft
- 19.30 Christmas Party (See over for details)

Friday

18.00 Choir Practice

Saturday

11.00 Stop-by in the Undercroft

Sunday Next - Advent 3

- 08.30 Holy Communion Celebrant: Reverend Jane Sharp
- 10.30 Sunday Club meets in the Large Hall, starting off in Church
- 10.30 **Sung Eucharist** Celebrant: Canon Glynn Richerby

Preacher: Angela Jagger

Readings: Zephaniah 3. 14-end & Luke 3. 7-18

- 15.30 Radio Leicester Carol Service entry by ticket from Radio Leicester
- 18.30 **Evensong** Preacher: Canon Glynn Richerby

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.*

Toys on the Table – Special Christmas Appeal

Thank you bringing toys for children in Leicester and Leicestershire who might not otherwise receive gifts at Christmas. Please bring any other contributions to the Church Office by Tuesday, 8 December.

The need this year is as great as ever – especially for gifts suitable for toddlers under the age of two and for teenage boys. Early play toys specifically intended for toddlers would be highly appreciated. Teenage boy needs are best catered for with stationery, wallets and gift sets for personal hygiene.

Please note that gifts should NOT be wrapped.

Cash donations are also extremely useful so the charity can purchase well- aimed gifts for the age groups where insufficient presents are donated.

CHRISTMAS SPIRIT a very special event with music, spoken word and food at St James on Thursday 10 December at 19.30pm in the Church Hall.

Tickets £5 are now on sale from the Church Office or from members of the Charity Committee following Sunday's services. Proceeds to the Salvation Army Christmas Appeal helping local families in need.

SAVE THE DATE A Carol Service will take place **at Samworth Enterprise Academy** on **Tuesday 15 December at 18.15** featuring St James' choirs and pupils from the school. **Your support would really be appreciated at this very special outreach event.** We are hoping several of us can be there on the night to mix with parents and hand out our outreach leaflet. There is a list at the back of the Church and we can help with transport, please speak to Lindy Forbes or John Raven if you can help with this project.

GIVING TO ST JAMES THE GREATER

YOUR GIFT is a vital contribution to the costs of ministry and maintenance of this fabulous place of worship. *Please be as generous as your means allow*. Visitors who are UK tax payers are asked to use Gift Aid envelopes available in front of each seat. Gift Aid increases the value of your gift by 25%. *Regular worshippers are asked to commit to regular giving*, either by obtaining a supply of special envelopes for weekly giving on the plate, or by Bank Standing Order. *Please ask a Church Warden I call the Church Office for information*.