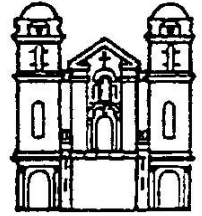


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This week at the Church of
St James the Greater
Leicester

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20 DECEMBER 2015 – 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 a gluten free wafer
or 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: Simon Edwards

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: Phil Jones and Lin Mawer
Churchwardens: Caroline Beardsmore & Pam Spokes
Sidesmen: Cherry Fulloway, Jan Vaughan and Jean Warren
Servers: Michael Bull, William Woolley and Hazel Carlin
Setting: Aston in F

HYMN 24 **Hark, a thrilling voice is sounding**
 READING Micah 5. 2-5a *read by Caroline Beardsmore*
ADVENT REFRAIN
 GOSPEL Luke 1. 39-55
 SERMON The Vicar
 INTERCESSIONS The Vicar
HYMN 360 **For Mary, mother of our Lord**
 ANTHEM Gabriel to Mary came *Bullard*
COMMUNION HYMN 309 **The God whom earth and sea and sky**
HYMN 31 **Come, thou long expected Jesus**
 ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Everyone is invited to the Hall for refreshments after the service

18.30 Nine Lessons and Carols

see service card and music sheet

Officiant: The Reverend Canon Glynn Richerby, Vicar

Churchwardens: Julia Walker, Margaret Terry and Simon Edwards

Sidesmen: Chris & Jan Geere, Owen Shepherd and Sally Coles

Servers: Peter Ireson, Hilary Rees, Ian Stapleton, Keith Vaughan and John Finn

Our Prayers are asked for:

Thanksgiving for childbirth

Joseph – a first grandchild for Colin & Angela Stray

All prevented from worshipping with us, remembering this week

Tom Skinner : Dorothy Foster : Jan Wheeler : Conceição Fernandes

Unwell

Cecilia Barrell : Peggy Snowden (Jean Bilney's sister) : Theo Saunders

Recovering

Sarah Kirby (after surgery)

Iain Davidson : Jill Valentine : John Gonsalves (now at Aaron Court, Evington)

Rest in Peace

Mary Scarborough (92) Funeral at St James on Monday, 21 December at 11am
 Pauline Plummer (91)

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.***

The Rest of the Week

Monday

11.00 **Funeral** of Mary Scarborough

Tuesday

08.15 **Holy Communion** Celebrant: Canon Glynn Richerby, Vicar

19.30 Concert by the New Leicester Youth Chorus

Wednesday

11.00 Christingle making in the Vicarage (please see below)

Christmas Eve

18.30 **Christingle** Officiant: Canon Glynn Richerby, Vicar

23.30 **Midnight Mass** Celebrant: Canon Glynn Richerby, Vicar

Christmas Day

08.30 Holy Communion (BCP) Celebrant: Canon Glynn Richerby, Vicar

10.30 Family Service

11.30 Holy Communion Celebrant: Canon Glynn Richerby, Vicar

Saturday

11.00 Stop-by in the Undercroft

Sunday Next – Christmas I

08.30 **Holy Communion** Celebrant: Canon Glynn Richerby

10.30 **Holy Communion** *with carols* Celebrant: Canon Glynn Richerby
Readings: 1 John 1 & John 21. 19b-end

18.30 **Evening Prayer** *with carols* Officiant: Canon Glynn Richerby

CHRISTINGLES are to be assembled on **Wednesday, 23 December 11.00am until 12.00noon** in the Vicarage ready for the Christmas Eve service. Coffee and mince pies to round off!

Please put your name to the list at the back of the church if you wish to help with this.



WINTER WALK Everyone is welcome to join in a Winter Walk on the afternoon of Tuesday 29 December.

It is a country walk of 4-5 miles, concluding with tea and cake in front of an open fire. Come and enjoy the local countryside and blow away the cobwebs! We start from church at 1.30pm or from Gaulby at 2.00pm.

Please see the notice at the back of the church for more details and to sign up, and indicate if you would like a lift. If you have questions, please ring Caroline on 259 6341.

New Bishop of Leicester Announced



The new Bishop of Leicester is to be the Rt Revd Martyn Snow, currently Bishop of Tewkesbury.

The announcement was made last Tuesday morning.

The Dean of Leicester, David Monteith, is delighted. “Bishop Martin’s experience of mission and ministry in rural and urban contexts makes him ideally placed to serve this diocese with wisdom, imagination and love. It will be a joy in 2016 to see him installed into his new cathedra in Leicester Cathedral.”

Jonathan Kerry is the Bishop’s Chief Executive and Diocesan Secretary. “We are delighted to welcome Bishop Martin and look forward to his leadership of the diocese and the diocesan team.”

Bishop Rachel Treweek of Gloucester says “I have deeply appreciated Bishop Martyn's friendship, support and collegiality. Whilst I am sad that Bishop Martyn will be leaving us so early on in my ministry here, I am convinced that today’s announcement marks a very natural and appropriate step for him. Bishop Martyn’s gifts and experience will be richly used in Leicester.”

Martyn is 47, married to Lynn and they have three children.

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.***

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