

# This week at the Church of St James the Greater

Leicester

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### 27 NOVEMBER 2016 – ADVENT SUNDAY

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, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life. in which your Son lesus Christ came to us in great humility; that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him 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: Phil Jones

#### 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: The Reverend Jane Sharp and The Reverend David Clark Churchwardens: April Rule and Simon Edwards Sidesmen: Cherry Fulloway and Janet Burton Servers: William Woolley, Michael Bull and Hazel Carlin Setting: Sumsion in F

HYMN 24 Hark, a thrilling voice is sounding

READING Romans 13. 11-14 read by Angela Finn

**ADVENT REFRAIN** 

GOSPEL Matthew 24. 36-44

SERMON The Vicar

INTERCESSIONS The Reverend Jane Sharp

HYMN 142 (omit vs 4&5) Hail to the Lord's anointed

ANTHEM Lift up your heads Mathias

**COMMUNION HYMN 25** The advent of our King

HYMN 31 Come, thou long-expected Jesus

ORGAN VOLUNTARY - please be aware of those remaining to listen

Everyone is invited to the Hall for refreshments after the service

## 18.30 Advent Procession

see order of service card

Officiant: The Reverend Canon Glynn Richerby, Vicar Churchwardens: Julia Walker and Keith Vaughan

Sidesmen: Rosemary Freer and Sally Coles

Servers: William Woolley, Cynthia McLauchlan, Hazel Carlin, David Nisbet, Ian Stapleton, Angela Finn, Emma-Jane Hunt, Michael Bull and Peter Ireson

A reception follows to which everyone is invited with drinks served at the back of the church

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*.

## Our Prayers are asked for:

All prevented from worshipping with us, remembering this week

Tom Skinner: Conceicáo Fernandes: John Gonsalves

Unwell

Pat Ireson: Edna Willett (William Woolley's aunt) in hospital following a fall

**Rest in Peace** 

Chris Burch, priest (66) former Vicar of Braunstone and Area Dean

### The Rest of the Week

### **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)
- 14.30 At Home with Hilary Simpson at 24 Holmfield Road
- 17.00 41st Leicester Scouts (boys and girls) meet in the Undercroft

### **Friday**

18.00 Choir Practice

### **Saturday**

- 11.00 Stop-by in the Undercroft
- 19.30 Concert by the Bach Choir

## **Sunday Next - Advent 2**

- 08.30 Holy Communion Celebrant: Reverend David Clark
- 10.30 Sunday Club meets in the Large Hall, starting off in Church
- 10.30 **Sung Eucharist** Celebrant & Preacher:

The Venerable Tim Stratford

Archdeacon of Leicester

Readings: Isaiah 11. 1-10 & Matthew 3. 1-12

- 15.00 Koolgigs Concerts for Children
- 18.30 **Evensong** Officiant: Canon Phillip Norwood

Preacher: David Brunning

### **CHRISTMAS SPARKLES**

Children's concert featuring choristers from St James the Greater along with the Koolgigs team. Music includes traditional and popular Christmas classics. Suitable for all ages, running time 60 minutes. 4<sup>th</sup> December at 3pm. *Tickets are available from the St James the Greater website or on the door, from £5.* 

### CHRISTMAS BY CANDLELIGHT

On Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December Ex Cathedra return to St James but this time with their acclaimed Christmas concert. Doors open at 6.30pm, there will be a bar serving hot and cold drinks and light refreshments. *Tickets cost £15-30 and are available by calling the Church Office on 0116 254 2111, from www.stjamesthegreater.org.uk or on the door.* 

### THE EDGE PROJECT

The latest update on the Southern Edge Mission Partnership youth programme can be found on the back table of the Church.

### **CHRISTMAS LUNCH**

The now annual Old Horse Christmas Lunch will take place on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December this year. Forms with menu options can be found at the back of the Church. Everyone is welcome. *Please return the form and payment to the Church Office no later than Thursday 8 December.* 

#### **CHRISTINGLE MAKING**

On the 23<sup>rd</sup> December at 6.30pm we invite you to join us to make Christingles in the hall. Contributions of snacks, mince pies or mulled wine would be greatly appreciated. *Please sign up at the back of the church from next week and indicate if you can contribute something.* 

### **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.** If you are a UK tax payer please use Gift Aid envelopes available in front of each seat. Gift Aid increases the value of your gift by 25%. **Further information on Giving to St James and the Parish Giving Scheme is available at the back of the Church. Please ask a Church Warden or call the Church Office for further information.** 

#### **FORTHCOMING CONCERTS**

Bach Choir: 3 December at 7.30pm Duruflé Requiem; Fauré Messe Basse KoolGigs Concerts for Children: 4 December at 3pm Christmas Sparkles Ex Cathedra: 6 December at 7.30pm Christmas Music by Candlelight City of Leicester Singers: 17 December at 7.30pm Christmas concert Full listings of all our future concerts can be found on our website. To buy tickets please call 0116 254 2111 or visit <a href="https://www.stjamesthegreater.org.uk">www.stjamesthegreater.org.uk</a>

## Toys on the Table – Special Christmas Appeal

PLEASE BRING new toys to services **on Sunday, 4 December** – for children in Leicester and Leicestershire who might not otherwise receive gifts at Christmas.

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.