

## Diary Dates (as at November 4<sup>th</sup> 2009)

To add your own event go to <http://diomail.dioceseofleicester.com> and click on **Submissions**

### Christian Muslim Dialogue Group

**Event Date:** Monday 9th November

The next Muslim Christian dialogue group will be on Monday 9th November at 7.30 in St Philip's Church, Evington Road, Leicester.

The topic is 'Evil, suffering and the Muslim and Christian concepts of God'.

There will be an introduction to the discussion by Muslim and Christian speakers followed by discussion in smaller groups.

Please come along and support.

### Being the Body – explorations into all age worship

**Event Date:** Thursday 12th November

- a day for all involved in leading or creating all age worship in the local church

at St Phillip's Evington on 2009

Leading sessions will be: Mary Hawes – National Children's Work Advisor; Nick Harding – Diocese of Southwell Children's Ministry Advisor; Janet Ingram – Diocese of Leicester Religious Education Officer and John Fryer – Diocese of Leicester Children's Work Advisor

Further information from Maggie Clarke [Maggie.Clarke@LecCofE.org](mailto:Maggie.Clarke@LecCofE.org) or John Fryer [john.fryer@LecCofE.org](mailto:john.fryer@LecCofE.org)

Cost £5 includes tea & coffee – Bring your own lunch

### Jazz@ ST Wilfrid's

**Event Date:** Friday 13th November

St Wilfrid's in Kibworth Beauchamp

7:30p.m.

An evening of Traditional Jazz (New Orleans style) played by the well-known six-man group. 'J for Jazz'.

We hope to give them another full-house and a warm welcome at St. Wilfrid's; the profits of the evening will go to The Friends' funds devoted to maintenance of St Wilfrid's Church fabric. Tickets at £7.50 each (unreserved seats) available from Ireland & Longhill (Station Street), Kibworth Post Office (High Street), or Roger Whiteway (0116 279 2543) or Bryan Porteous (0116 279 2493).

From: Kevin Feltham (Dr) – Kibworth PCC Secretary and webmaster

Email: [kfeltham@btinternet.com](mailto:kfeltham@btinternet.com)

Web: [www.stwilfs.freeserve.co.uk](http://www.stwilfs.freeserve.co.uk)

## Jazz Concert

**Event Date:** Friday 13th November 7.30pm

St Philip's Church, Evington Road, LE2 1HN  
Welland Valley Stompers Jazz Band entertain us in a relaxed atmosphere  
Admission £6.00 BYO refreshments

## Southwell Choral Society

**Event Date:** Saturday 14th November

Haydn's The Seasons. Southwell Minster. Saturday 14 November 7.30pm Southwell Choral Society accompanied by their orchestra, the Ensemble of Southwell, and three soloists.

Vivaldi was not the only composer to write a universally popular Four Seasons. Composed after The Creation Haydn's oratorio The Seasons features three peasant soloists who sing of the joys, trial and tribulation of country life throughout the year, complete with a chorus of villagers. Haydn's genius transforms many genre scenes – summer storm, hunting episodes, daybreak, gloomy winter fog peasant dances – into something truly spectacular, in keeping with his deeply held religious convictions.

Tickets: £12.50 front nave, £10.00 rear nave £8.50 side aisles from Peter Briant.  
Please send a s.a.e. to: – 8 Valebrook Road, Stathern, LE14 4EB.

Concert dates for 2010:

27 March Fauré: Requiem and Karl Jenkins: Stabat Mater  
10 July Sir Willard White  
'A tribute to Paul Robeson'  
13 November Handel: Messiah

## Dedication of New Eminent Digital Organ for S. James, Huncote.

**Event Date:** Saturday 14th November 2009

New Organ for S. James, Huncote – Dedication and Opening Recital of the New Eminent Digital Organ in S. James at 7.30pm on 14th November 2009. After ten years planning, this will be given by Jonathan Gregory, Leicester Cathedral Organist and music includes Handel, Bach and Widor's Toccata. Jonathan will be assisted by young cellists, Clare Fowler and Dominic Veall and treble soloist, Matthew Farrell. Admission free. Contact Fr Nick Burton for more details on 0116 275 0388

## Queniborough Annual CRAFT FAIR

**Date:** Saturday 14th November

Queniborough Village Hall  
11:00a.m. – 3:00p.m.  
Queniborough Annual CRAFT FAIR !  
20+ stalls of quality goods. Refreshments provided by St. Mary's Church Ladies.  
Admission £1.00 – all proceeds in aid of Village Hall funds.

## Autumn Supper – Scalford

**Date:** Saturday 14th November

Scalford Village Hall, Scalford, just north of Melton Mowbray

7:00pm – Autumn Supper

Come and join us in pretty Scalford for a delicious autumn supper at Scalford Village Hall – in aid of St Egelwin’s Church. \* Delicious food and drink \* Entertainment \* Raffle

For all events in Scalford: Contact: sarah@sunnybrook.fsworld.co.uk

or Penny Clemons 01664 444 687

or visit the website [www.stegelwins.org.uk](http://www.stegelwins.org.uk)

## Conservation Forum – Historic Churches conference

**Event Date:** Tuesday 17th November

Conservation Forum 2009,

“Towards the sustainable conservation of historic church buildings and their contents..”

“This year’s Forum will bring together leading professionals to provide a unique insight on key national projects and emerging sustainable practices. The extended Q&A sessions will allow for an open debate on current challenges and future directions.

Speakers will include (amongst others) : Janet Gough (Director, Cathedral and Church Buildings Division), Henry Russell (Chairman of Gloucester Diocesan Advisory Committee for Faculties and the Care of Churches), Clive Murgatroyd (Cranfield University) and Sarah Staniforth (Historic Properties Director, The National Trust).

For more information and booking visit:

<http://www.ihbc.org.uk/events/docs/Conservation%20Forum%20171109.pdf>

## Ex Cathedra Concert St James the Greater

**Event Date:** Thursday November 19th

Ex Cathedra, the famous choral group conducted by their founder Jeffrey Skidmore, together with a baroque orchestra, are coming to Leicester. The concert, at St.James the Greater Church commencing at 7.30 p.m., celebrates the 250th anniversary of the death of Handel and the 350th anniversary of Purcell’s birth. Since its formation in 1969 Ex Cathedra has established an international reputation as a leading UK choir and Early Music ensemble.

Six works by Purcell will be performed in the first half, and then Handel’s famous Dixit Dominus. The concert promises to be another memorable evening in the policy of bringing world class choirs to Leicester.

For more information and tickets (£8-£28) contact:-

The Church Office, St.James the Greater Church, St.James Terrace, Leicester. LE2 1NA

Tel.No: 0116 254 2111 or 0116 232 8774. Fax: 0116 272 0193

E-mail: [st.james@leicester.anglican.org](mailto:st.james@leicester.anglican.org)

All enquiries to J.E.Sharp 0116 232 8774 or 07703 125242.

## Second Lunchtime Concert of the Season

**Event Date:** Thursday 19th November

Emmanuel Church, Forest Road, Loughborough  
The second Lunchtime Concert of the new Season  
Loughborough Endowed Schools Music Students – Soloists and small ensembles  
Light lunches are served from 12:00 noon and the concert will begin at 12:45p.m.  
Lunchtime concerts are FREE but there will be a collection to cover expenses.  
Everyone welcome.

### CONCERT by the "PARKING SPACE"

**Event Date:** Friday 20th November

St Mary in Charnwood Parish Church,  
Nanpantan, Loughborough – for sat navs: LE11 3YF 7:30p.m.  
CONCERT by the "PARKING SPACE" TRIO – Three members of Loughborough's Emmanuel  
Church to sing and play.  
PARKING AT THE PRIORY HOTEL (short 2-3 mins walk to church) or for those less able,  
parking on the car park adjoining the church  
David Knowles D.L. – Loughborough LE11 3NX 01509 268 354  
djpk34@hotmail.com

### Joshua concert with Shepshed Singers

**Event Date:** Saturday 21st November

All Saints Parish Church, Loughborough

at 7.30pm

G F Handel: Joshua

Caroline Sharpe (soprano), Olivia Barry (alto,)David Morris (tenor), Jeremy Leaman (bass)

Chameleon Arts Orchestra  
Conducted by Andrew Goff  
Tickets £10.00, £7.50 concessions

from Wendy Burns 01509 829382,  
members of the choir and at the door.

### St. Peter's Church Ashby Parva, Christmas Fair

**Event Date:** Saturday 21st November

4pm-6pm

Our Christmas Fair in Ashby Parva Village Hall has something for all the family – Christmas  
produce, gifts, plants, a raffle and tombola, and a Children's Christmas Corner. Father  
Christmas will hopefully visit at about 5 o'clock. Tea, coffee, mulled wine, and of course mince  
pies to warm you at the end of the day. Admission 50p adult, children free.

### Italian Theme Evening

**Event Date:** Saturday 21st November

The Samworth Centre, Burton Street, Melton Mowbray  
7:30p.m.

### Authentic ITALIAN THEME EVENING

An evening of Italian Food, wine, atmosphere, live music and song.

£17.50 ( inclusive of "a taste of Italy")

Alcohol Licence. Limited places. so book early – Tickets /Table Bookings from: Diana or Brian  
01664 564 411

A fundraising event in aid of the Thorpe Arnold Village Hall Restoration

Contact: Brian Hawken – brian@elphin.wanadoo.co.uk

### Christmas Publicity offer

**Event Date:** Sunday 22nd November

Bishop Street Methodist Church, Town Hall Square, will be providing refreshments during the Christmas Lights Switch-on on Sunday Afternoon, Nov 22nd. 4.00-5.30pm. If you have a children's/families' Christmas event that you would like to publicise in our foyer, please send your A4 printed poster to Bishop Street Methodist Church, 10A Bishop Street, Leicester LE1 6AF

### Christmas Fayre

**Event Date:** Wednesday 25th November

Christchurch, Clarendon Park Road, Leicester

10:00am to 4:30pm

Come and buy all your Christmas needs – and have lunch with us as well!

Annual Christmas Fayre at Christchurch.

Refreshments served from 10:30am and lunches from 12 noon. Stalls include: Christmas cards, new and second-hand books, crafts, Traidcraft, homemade cakes and savouries, gifts, plants, bric-a-brac and much, much more! FREE ADMISSION.

For enquiries, offers of help or if you would like to donate anything, please contact Amanda at the Christians Aware office on 0116 254 0770.

### Advent Wreath Festival

**Event Date:** Saturday 28th November

The Ecumenical Church of the Nativity Cavendish Road/Richmond Road, Aylestone Park –

Saturday 28 November 11.00 am – 3.00 pm – Advent Wreath

Festival in the Church plus Christmas Fair in the Schoolrooms. Plenty of Festive Stalls and Refreshments. Admission Free. Everyone Welcome.

### Christmas Fayre at Stanton under Bardon

**Event Date:** Saturday 28th November

Christmas Fayre at St Mary & All Saints Church, Stanton under Bardon 2.00p.m. – 4p.m.

Santa Claus will be visiting during that time. Stalls bric -a brac, crafts, tombola, raffle, cakes, plants, teas and coffees will be served through out the afternoon. We hope to see you there.

### Christmas Tree Festival , Groby

**Event Date:** 28th November

St Philip and St James, Groby

28th and 29th November

Christmas Tree Festival – Christmas Around the World Theme Saturday 10am – 6pm Sunday 12noon – 6pm Entrance £2, accompanied children free.

#### Christmas Fair

Saturday 28th in the Village Hall

10am – 3pm

Stalls, light lunches, Children's games, crafts and activities following Christmas Traditions Around the World.

Father Christmas will be with us from 10.30am to 1.30pm

#### Service for World AIDS Day

**Event Date:** Saturday 28th November 2009

This year's service in preparation for World AIDS Day (1st December) will take place at Leicester Cathedral on Saturday 28th November at 12 noon. The preacher will be Catherine O'Keeffe, executive director of "Mildmay". London's Mildmay Hospital has been at the forefront of HIV care and education for 21 years and is a centre of excellence. The charity now works in several countries. The service will be followed by lunch in the Cathedral Centre, 21 St Martin's, after which Catherine will speak further about Mildmay's work, with opportunities for questions and discussion. All are welcome, but if you plan to attend lunch and/or the afternoon discussion, it would be helpful if you could please advise [julie@faithinpeople.org.uk](mailto:julie@faithinpeople.org.uk) or tel 0116 2733377

#### Christmas Market

**Event Date:** Saturday 28th November

St. Mary Magdalen Church Parish Centre, Brinsmead Road, Knighton.

11:00am to 4:00pm

Christmas Market – Variety of Craft Stalls, Tombola, Raffle and Refreshments served all day. All proceeds to church funds.

Any queries by email – [suegbonnett@aol.com](mailto:suegbonnett@aol.com) ; or for tickets and further information contact Sue Ardley on 0116 2219604

#### Send a Cow Coffee Morning

**Event Date:** Saturday 28th November

Market Harborough Theatre

Send a Cow Coffee Morning in the coffee shop from 9.00 a.m. until 12.00 noon. Come and relax after doing your shopping. Buy a drink and a cake, and find out more about this wonderful charity. [www.sendacow.org.uk](http://www.sendacow.org.uk)

Contact Mrs. Wendy Martin Tel 01455 613348; [wendytmartin@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:wendytmartin@tiscali.co.uk)

#### St Mary de Castro Christmas Mini Market

**Event Date:** November 28th

From 10.00 a.m. Until 4.00 p.m.

Christmas Decorations, Cards, Cakes, Puddings, Mince Pies, suitable Toys and Games, Crafts

Order your Holly Wreaths and Flower arrangements for Christmas

A RAFFLE WITH A DIFFERENCE AND A LUCKY DIP

Refreshments available all day Including Tea, Coffee etc

### Candlelit Concert

**Event Date:** Saturday 28th November 7.30pm

St Denys Church Evington LE5 6FA

A candlelit concert given by the Tudor Choir. Tickets £6.00 including mulled wine & mince pies from tel 2415605 or email [admin@stdenys.org.uk](mailto:admin@stdenys.org.uk)

### Christmas comes to Scalford

**Event Date:** Sunday 29th November

Scalford Village Hall, Scalford, just north of Melton Mowbray

00:01am – 11:59pm – Christmas comes to Scalford !

29th November is Christmas Day!

Following on from last year's hugely successful "Christmas Comes to Scalford" event, this year promises to be even better. Watch this space for further details!

For all events in Scalford: Contact: [sarah@sunnybrook.fsworld.co.uk](mailto:sarah@sunnybrook.fsworld.co.uk) or Penny Clemons 01664 444 687

### Carols 4 Christmas at Leicester Cathedral

**Event Date:** Tuesday 1st December

Performed by members of Leicester's finest:  
The Chanterelles & 'elders!

Doors open 7:00 for a 7:30 start  
at Leicester Cathedral, LE1 5DE.

Tickets: £10 per person  
Group Ticket: £25 for a group of 4  
Includes seasonal refreshments

Enquiries to: Vista's events team on 0116 249 8801,  
e-mail: [fundraising@vistablind.org.uk](mailto:fundraising@vistablind.org.uk)  
or visit [www.vistablind.org.uk](http://www.vistablind.org.uk).

Event In aid of: Vista  
Charity No: 218992

### Melton Mowbray U3A Choir

**Event Date:** Tuesday 1st December

– at St Mary the Virgin Church, Thorpe Arnold  
7:30p.m.

We proudly present an evening of music by the Melton Mowbray U3A Choir

An evening of beautiful music in our lovely Church; includes festive food and drink.

Tickets £7 from Diana tel: 01664 564 411

John tel: 01664 857 310

Info Contact: Brian Hawken; [brian@elphin.wanadoo.co.uk](mailto:brian@elphin.wanadoo.co.uk)

## Red Riding Hood

**Event Date:** Thursday 3rd December

and also Friday 4th December 7.30pm; Saturday 5th December 2.00pm & 7.30pm – at St John the Baptist, Grange Road Hugglescote, near Coalville

The traditional Pantomime: Red Riding Hood

Come along and enjoy a good old family pantomime in the unique setting of St John's church.

Be prepared for lots of audience participation!

Tickets are £5.00 for adults and £2.50 for children and can be booked by calling:

01530 458 436 or 01530 458 267

Look behind you!

Chris Worman – Church Warden: cworman@btinternet.com

## 'The Christmas Queen'

**Event Date:** Friday 4th December

The Ecumenical Church of the Nativity Cavendish Road/Richmond Road, Aylestone Park –

'The Christmas Queen' Friday 4 December and Saturday 5 December at 7.30pm. A

Christmas musical entertainment for all the family – tea & mince pies included. Tickets £4.00,

children £2.00 must be booked in advance from Patricia Ewen 0116 2994732 Email

patricia.ewen@ntlworld.com

## Christmas Tree Festival Barrow

**Event Date:** Friday 4th December

Holy Trinity Church, Barrow-upon-Soar. 9.00am until Sunday 6th December 5.00pm . 80 magical trees and refreshments in beautiful surroundings. Seasonal Concert on the Friday at 7.30pm performed by the Cantamici Chamber Choir with readings by Richard Gill, tickets are priced at £7.50 payable on the night or in advance on 01509 412609

## Burton Overy Christmas Tree Festival

**Event Date:** Friday 4th December

also Saturday 5th December and Sunday 6th December

St. Andrew's Church, Burton Overy

The tenth Burton Overy Christmas Tree Festival

Adults £2. Accompanied children free.

Village Hall -Stalls selling greetings cards, jewellery, clothing, household items, Christmas flower decorations. Refreshments available all day.

epatrick@btinternet.com

## Christmas Tree Festival, Desford

**Event Date:** Friday 4th December

to Monday 7th December: St Martin's Church, Desford

Christmas Tree Festival

Theme: "Saints".

Open 10am – 6pm Fri, Sat & Mon; and 12 – 6pm Sun.

Refreshments available.

Also, the atmospheric evening market:  
Desford Christmas Market on Friday 4th December from 6-9pm.

And ..... Concert on Saturday 5th at 7.30pm.  
Enquiries: Pat Crane; 01455 823 537  
or colincrane33@aol.com  
St. Martin's Church Desford

### Christmas Tree Festival, Mountsorrel

**Event Date:** Friday 4th December

to Sunday 6th December – at Christ Church, The Green, Mountsorrel (near Quorn)  
Timings: Open Friday 4th December from 2.00pm to 6.00pm  
And Saturday/Sunday 5th/6th December from 12noon to 6.00pm.  
Christmas Tree Festival  
Entry, by donation, for Rainbows Children's Hospice  
There will be a Carol Praise Service at Christ Church on Sunday 6th at 6.00pm. All Welcome.  
From: Peter Hodson  
Churchwarden, and Secretary to PCC, Christ Church Mountsorrel  
p.hodson4@ntlworld.com Telephone: 0116 230 3828

### 7th Christmas Tree Festival

**Event Date:** 4th – 8th December 2009

Largest Christmas Tree Festival in the Diocese and perhaps the country with over 300 decorated trees, from 18 feet to just inches!

at St. Mary's Parish Church, Burton Street, Melton Mowbray.

Opens Friday 4th 9.30am service of dedication public viewing 9.30am to 5.00pm last entry 4.00pm  
Buffet and wine evening 7.30pm admission £6

Saturday 9.00am to 5.00pm last entry 4.00pm  
5.30pm Family service  
7.30pm Carols around the Trees

Sunday 9.00am, to 5.00pm last entry 4.00pm  
6.30pm Songs of Praise with the Hathern Brass Band

Monday 9.00am to 9.00pm last entry 8.00pm  
Late night opening with Mulled wine and mince pies available to purchase.

Tuesday 9.00am to 4.00pm last entry 3.00pm  
Admission £2 per adult accompanied children free

Refreshments will be served in church throughout all of the festival. Photographs and Christmas Cards available

### 'Autumn Leaves and Christmas Berries'

**Event Date:** Saturday 5th December

at 7.30pm  
Wyvern Singers present  
at St. Peter's Church, Glenfield  
with mulled wine and mincepies  
Tickets £6.50  
contact Lucy Hilton 0116 287 1900

### Christmas Tree Extravaganza

**Event Date:** Saturday 5th December

Sat 5th – Sun 13th December Christ Church, London Road, Coalville  
Christmas Tree Extravaganza 10am – 4pm daily  
A warm welcome to a bright and beautiful event, special feature 'Angels'.  
Seasonal music, light refreshments available

### T4Free at Leicester Cathedral

**Event Date:** Saturday December 5<sup>th</sup>

T4Free at Leicester Cathedral, 10 – 4pm.

Free tea and coffee (and biscuits), drop in and enjoy a free Advent cuppa. All welcome.

### Special Open Advent Weekend

**Event Date:** Saturday 5th December

and Sunday 6th December Enderby Parish Church  
Special Open Advent Weekend. called " CHRISTMAS CRIB CELEBRATION"  
Saturday 10am-6pm. Sunday 11am -4pm

Refreshments available

An opportunity to view local community, church, and international interpretations of the Nativity. Free Admission. Programmes £3. Proceeds shared between The Children's Society and the Mahalir Aran Trust, a Christian Orphanage in India where around 80 girls, who are abandoned, or whose families cannot look after them.

Organisers; Christine Commons 0116 2866043 and Kath Gilliver  
0116 2865341.

If you need more information do not hesitate to ring either of us.

With grateful thanks

Christine

Christine@commons31.fsnet.co.uk

### Christmas Fayre Charnwood

**Event Date:** Saturday 5th December

Church of Saint James the Greater Oaks-in-Charnwood. Christmas Fayre. 11.30am to 2.30pm. Variety of stalls, Refreshments. Proceeds to church and local charities. Entry: Adults 50p children Free. Free car parking. Bring the family and enjoy!

### Christmas Tree Festival Swepestone

**Event Date:** Saturday 5th December

Swepstone Church  
Saturday 5th & Sunday 6 December  
Saturday 12 & Sunday 13 December  
10.15am-5pm each day  
Refreshments available  
Admission £2 Accompanied children free  
All proceeds to the church. Do come along and make this start of your Christmas!

### Peace on Earth and Goodwill to all?

**Event Date:** Sunday 6th December

3pm at St Peter's, Nottingham NG1 2NW

Christian Aid service with music, drama and reflections in preparation for Christmas, at St Peter's Church in Nottingham city centre, next to Marks&Spencer. A thought-provoking occasion, challenging us to reflect on the realities of Bethlehem today and Christian Aid's work with impoverished communities. Speaker: Charlotte Marshall, Christian Aid Middle East emergencies officer. If you'd like to sing or take a speaking part please contact Mary Anderson on 01530 417522, manders@christian-aid.org There will be a practice for all participants at 7.15pm Tuesday 1st December at 7.15pm at St Peter's. Collection in aid of Christian Aid.

### 6th Christmas Tree Spectacular

**Event Date:** Friday 11th December

Friday, Saturday and Sunday 11th, 12th, and 13th December at Hathern Parish Church. 6th. Christmas Tree Spectacular. Once again, the whole church will be lit up in spectacular fashion with dozens of trees displaying an amazing variety of decorative ingenuity. Last year it attracted over 2000 visitors from far and wide. With refreshments included, entry is still £2 for adults, children free. Come along for a festive treat.

### An evening of Carols, Knighton

**Event Date:** Friday 11th December

St. Mary's Parish Church, Brinsmead Road, Knighton, Leicester  
7.00p.m.

Free admission

An evening of Carols and favourite readings, with refreshments.

Collection split between St. Mary's Church and the Rotary Foundation

Further details from Paul Bonnett – paulsbonnett@aol.com

Thanking you, Sue Bonnett

### Christmas Miscellany

**Event Date:** Friday 11 December 2009

A CHRISTMAS MISCELLANY – An evening of seasonal entertainment and refreshments with The Tudor Choir

at St Michael's Church Stoney Stanton, Friday 11 December starts at 7.30pm in support of PROSTaid- Reg Charity 1116935-(Helping to fight Prostate Cancer in Leicestershire, Rutland and Northamptonshire)

£4 ticket or pay at door. ALL WELCOME.

Contacts Rotarian Rob Banner 0116 288818

Rotarian Eddie Bestwick 01455 272091

## An evening of carols and readings

**Event Date:** Friday 11th December 2009

St. Mary's Parish Church, Brinsmead Road, Knighton, Leicester  
7.00p.m.

Free admission

Refreshments

Collection split between St. Mary's Church and the Rotary Foundation

Further details from Paul Bonnett – paulsbonnett@aol.com

## Christmas Crib Festival Swithland

**Event Date:** Saturday 12th December

and Sunday 13th, St Leonard's Church, Swithland.

Christmas Crib Festival weekend. Church open Saturday 10am – 4pm, Sunday 12 noon – 4 pm.

Everyone welcome. Admission £1. Refreshments available

## Christmas Tree Festival Gilmorton

**Event Date:** Saturday 12th December

All Saints Gilmorton Christmas Tree Festival. Saturday 12th and Sunday 13th from 10.00am – 5.00pm. £2.50, accompanied children free. Free refreshments and various musical items through the day. Sunday 6.00pm Advent Celebration and Thanksgiving Service.  
Bob and Su Marfell 01455 550190

## Christmas Tree Festival Foston

**Event Date:** Saturday 12th December

Christmas Tree Festival at St. Bartholomew's Church, Foston Nr Countesthorpe.

and Sunday 13th December 12.00pm-6.00pm both days

U3A Handbell Ringers and Wigston Band both appearing on Saturday afternoon

## Claremont Strings

**Event Date:** Saturday 12th December

Claremont Strings will be giving a concert at St Marys Queniborough at 7-30pm. Come and enjoy their varied programme from Joplin to Handel. Mulled wine and mince pies.  
Tickets from Brenda Hackett 01162606034

## Christmas Tree Festival Wigston Magna

**Event Date:** Saturday 12th December

and Sunday 13th December 2009.

All Saints' Church, Wigston Magna

Church opening times :

Saturday 10am to 5pm (Admission £2 payable on the door, accompanied children free)

Light lunches, tea and coffee available in the Churchroom.  
7.30pm (Admission £5 payable on the door)  
Featuring "Carols amongst the Trees" by the 'Wren Ensemble'  
Sunday 11.30am to 3.30pm.  
4pm 'Nine Lessons and Carols' with mulled wine and mince pies

### Victorian Christmas

**Event Date:** Saturday 12th December

A festive mix of songs, carols, music and readings followed by punch and mince pies. Come along in victorian dress if you would like to.

Swepstone Church  
Admission £5 children free  
For further information on either of the above please see [www.stpeterspixels](http://www.stpeterspixels) or telephone 01530 271565

### Music for Christmas

**Event Date:** Saturday 12th December

at 7-30pm

St Peter's Church in Church Langton a concert of Christmas Music and Readings to be given by The Phoenix Choir joined by Church Langton School Choir admission is free of charge with refreshments served after the performance. A free will collection is taken at the end of the performance.

### Candle-lit Carol Service

**Event Date:** Sunday 13th December

at the Parish Church of St Mary the Virgin, Wyfordby  
Candle-lit Carol Service at 6.30pm. Followed by refreshments.  
Wyfordby is 3 miles east of Melton Mowbray, just off the B676 Saxby Road.  
David Bambridge, Honorary Treasurer, St Mary's PCC, Wyfordby.  
[bambridge482@btinternet.com](mailto:bambridge482@btinternet.com) Tel: 01664 566 322

### Third Lunchtime Concert of the new Season

**Event Date:** Thursday 17th December

at Emmanuel Church, Forest Road, Loughborough  
The third Lunchtime Concert of the new Season  
CHRISTMAS SPECTACULAR – Eleanor Turner (Harp) in concert with 'THE8'  
Light lunches are served from 12:00 noon and the concert will begin at 12:45p.m.  
Lunchtime concerts are FREE but there will be a collection to cover expenses.  
Everyone welcome.

### 'Sing Christmas' Gilmorton

**Event Date:** Friday 18th December

All Saints Gilmorton 'Sing Christmas' with Stranded in the Sixties and Supporting Act.  
7.30pm. Come and be entertained by local group and join in the well-known Christmas songs.

Adults £5, Children £1 including seasonal refreshments.  
Bob and Su Marfell 01455 550190

### Carols in the Courtyard

**Event Date:** Friday 18th December

St. Peter's Choir sing 'Carols in the Courtyard' at the Waterside, Loughborough Road, Mountsorrel (opposite Stonehurst Farm) at 7 pm. Mulled wine is offered! This event is in aid of LOROS.

### Christmas Concert

**Event Date:** Friday 18th December

at 7.30p.m, in St Mary & St Saints Church with Stanton under Bardon Singers and Friends. Refreshments will be served. tickets on the door £4.00.

### City of Leicester Singers 'Classic Carols'

**Event Date:** Saturday 19th December

at 7.30pm.

Conductor: Richard Archer. Accompanist: Geoffrey Clarke

St James the Greater Church, London Road, Leicester

Tickets all £7 (under 16's free), includes mulled wine and mince pies

### 'Sing Christmas' Nanpantan

**Event Date:** Monday 21st December

St Mary in Charnwood Parish Church, Nanpantan, Loughborough

- for sat navs: LE11 3YF

PROMPT AT 6.45pm – SING CHRISTMAS

ST MARY IN CHARNWOOD CONGREGATION ONCE AGAIN JOINS FORCES WITH THE REGULARS AT THE PRIORY TO TAKE PART IN BBC RADIO LEICESTER'S hour-long "SING CHRISTMAS" County and City-wide broadcast. Carols and fun, .....and a hot mince pie!

Successful event over the last two years.

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### Carols Round the Village

**Event Date:** Monday 21st December

Stanton under Bardon at 7.00p.m. starting at the top of the village and ending in the Old Thatched Inn about 9.30pm Collection for MENPHYS.  
Come and join us, all welcome.

### Twelfth Night Concert

**Event Date:** Wednesday 6th January

St Simon and St Jude Church, Earl Shilton 7.00pm.  
Twelfth Night Concert with Leicester City Male Voice Choir.  
Tickets £6 from Barbara Bowley 01455 845765 or Laura Dimmer 01455 847934 or pay at the door. Refreshments included

### A sung mass to commemorate Charles 1

**Event Date:** Saturday 30th January

12 noon-1.00pm

A Sung Mass to commemorate the martyrdom of Charles the first King and Martyr At the parish church of Saint Mary de Castro, Castle Street, Leicester LE1 5WN

### Retirement Service for Canon Andrew Wingate

Canon Andrew Wingate is retiring in the new year from his position as Director of the St Philips Centre.

There will be a service at Leicester Cathedral at 5.00pm on Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2010 to which everyone, clergy and laity are very welcome.

Please publicise this widely in your parish

### Family (not very) Quiet Day

**Event Date:** Saturday 24th April 2010

Venue: Rearsby Convent 10.15am – 3.30pm. Following the success of our last Family (not very) Quiet Day in September, we've already booked the next one for Saturday 24th April. Families from throughout the diocese are welcome. Put the date in your diary now. More details to follow.

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