

Dear Parents/Carers,

As usual LCC has been asked to take part in really exciting and prestigious events during Advent which is testament to the quality and hard work of the choir! Events will be at All Saints Church unless otherwise stated in capitals. They require usual choir uniform of white shirt and black trousers/skirt, black shoes (ribbons and bow-ties provided). I will be giving you a form to fill in at the next rehearsal with all the events as a check list, please could fill these in and return them. Please double check these dates are in your diaries and keep this email handy to refer to! For an overview, please check the online calendar which has been updated [loughchoir.co.uk/calendar/](http://loughchoir.co.uk/calendar/).

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**Christmas Tree Festival opening concert – Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> November 6.00pm-8.30pm approx.**

Rehearsal 6.00pm, Concert 7.00pm (there will be no rehearsal prior to this). This is a ticketed event and tickets will be available on the door at £6 for adults, children are free.

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**Advent Sunday Eucharist – Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> November 9.30am-11.45am**

We are honoured to be leading the singing at the Eucharist Service on Advent Sunday morning at All Saints again this year. The children will sing the mass setting, an introit and an anthem as usual – there will be a Little Saints session (Sunday school) for part of the service for primary school aged children. The service starts at 10.30am - all are welcome and encouraged to attend the service. Please collect your children as close to 11.45am as possible after the service.

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**Rainbows Carol Concert – Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 6.00pm-9.30pm approx. – EMMANUEL CHURCH, LOUGHBOROUGH, LE11 3NW**

The rehearsal at Emmanuel Church will start at 6.30pm (there will be no rehearsal at All Saints prior to this). The concert begins at 7.30pm and will end at approx. 9.30pm, but I have asked (as last year) to have two slots, one right at the beginning and one about halfway through, so your children will have finished performing by about 8.30pm if you would like to arrange with us to collect them earlier. Tickets are £5 and are available on the door or online <http://www.rainbows.co.uk/rainbows-events/?ee=318>

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**!!!NEW EVENT!!!**

**BBC Radio Leicester Carol Service – Sunday 13th December 2.00pm-5.00pm – ST JAMES THE GREATER LEICESTER**

Loughborough Children's Choir have been asked to sing at the BBC Radio Leicester Carol Service, which is a very prestigious annual event and is broadcast on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. The recording will take place in front of a live audience on Sunday 13th December at St James the Greater Church, London Road, Leicester. LE2 1NE.

Please arrive at 2.00pm for rehearsal and sound check. The service begins at 3.15pm and ends at approx 5.00pm. Tea and biscuits will be served in church hall after the service for participants and audience.

As audience tickets for this event are highly sought after, there are only 20 audience tickets available for our group in total. Ticket allocation will be on a first come, first served basis, but I will try and allocate at least 1 ticket per family. The good news is they are free! Please reply to this email asap to say whether or not your child will be taking part and how many audience tickets you would like ideally and I'll do my best!

I do hope your child will be able to take advantage of this unique opportunity to represent and promote Loughborough Children's Choir and All Saints with Holy Trinity Parish Church on local radio. If you have any questions, please ask!

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**Loughborough Civic Service – Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December 6.30pm-8.30pm**

Once again the choir has been invited back to take part in the Loughborough Civic Service at All Saints Church. This is a prestigious event attended by all the local dignitaries and there will be a choir only item along with descants to accompany congregational singing the congregational carol singing and descants. The children must arrive for a rehearsal at 6.30pm and the service starts at 7.00pm - all are welcome and encouraged to attend the service.

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**Sing Christmas – Monday 21st December 4.45pm-8.10pm – ST MARTIN'S HOUSE, LEICESTER**

Loughborough Children's Choir will join forces with Leicester Cathedral Choir Juniors and St Thomas' Boys Choir, (Wigston) to lead the carol singing for the whole county. Broadcast on BBC Radio Leicester to churches, community centres, pubs, clubs, homes and care homes; Sing Christmas brings you Leicestershire's 10 Favourite Carols. The broadcast takes place at St Martin's House in Leicester City Centre (next door to Leicester Cathedral) – rehearsal 4.45pm, broadcast 7.00pm, pick up 8.10pm.

Due to the large numbers of singers, unfortunately there will be little or no provision for audience in the hall this year.

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In summary, please be prepared to fill in the printed permission slip for the events in order to authorise your children to take part and to let me know which events they are able/unable to attend.

Best wishes,  
Emma

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**Loughborough Children's Choir**

A choir of All Saints with Holy Trinity Parish Church in association with *DioSing!*

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