

A Gathering
at The Peepul Centre
Orchardson Avenue, Leicester

on Sunday 16th December 2007 at 11am

*A different way of being together for a time
to celebrate the value of each other and the world*

Today's theme is 'Giving'

Organised by members of Leicester Unitarian Fellowship



*Music: Maire Ni Chathasaigh & Chris Newman
(from 'The Living Wood')*

*Welcome and introduction
Lighting the chalice candle & opening words*

*Song: 'Dark of Winter'
(No.55 in 'Singing the Living Tradition')*

*Dark of Winter, soft and still, Your quiet calm surrounds me.
Let my thoughts go where they will, Ease my mind profoundly.
And then my soul will sing a song, A blessed song of love eternal.
Gentle darkness, soft and still, Bring your quiet to me.*

*Darkness soothe my weary eyes, That I may see more clearly.
When my heart with sorrow cries, Comfort and caress me.
And then my soul may hear a voice, A still small voice of love eternal.
Darkness, when my fears arise, Let your peace flow through me.*

(repeat first verse)

*Short talk: 'Giving'
followed by five minutes of silence.*

Floating Leaves & Petals on Water

*Music: 'Hail Smiling Morn'
(Coope, Boyes & Simpson from 'Fire & Sleet & Candlelight')*

*Reading: 'For So the Children Come'
(Sophia Lyon Fahs)*

Writing our Gifts
(for a baby, and for our own selves)

Walking Meditation Dance: 'From You I Receive'

*'From You I receive, To You I Give,
Together we share, By this we live.'*

'May Joy be your Gift'

A Time for Sharing: Thoughts, Poems, Songs, Readings etc.

Notices

Song: The Holly and The Ivy

*The Holly and the Ivy, When they are both full grown,
Of all the trees that are in the wood, The Holly bears the crown.*

*Chorus: The rising of the Sun, And the running of the deer,
Sweet playing on the merry pipes, At the turning of the year.*

*The Holly has a leaf, As sharp as any thorn,
And rules the cold dark winter woods, 'Til the Oaken child is born.*

Chorus

*The Ivy binds the wildwood in a shroud of wint'ry green,
And holds in trust the precious seeds of a summer yet unseen.*

Chorus

*The Holly bears a berry, As bitt'r as any gall,
And red as blood flowing to the Earth, where the Oaken king did fall*

Chorus

*The Holly and the Ivy, When they are both full grown,
Of all the trees that are in the wood, The Holly bears the crown.*

Chorus

Benediction

Music: 'In Dulce Jubilo'



Keep in touch at www.leicesterunitarians.org