

Notices for Sunday 19 February 2017

Notices should now be sent to **Nigel Sharp** by 10am on Wednesday for inclusion in the following Sunday's service sheet. Please make your contribution brief. :T. 01452 508214.

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Notices and Sermons on the website

The Notices are also available for download from the Cathedral website – please visit www.gloucestercathedral.org.uk/community/notices

When available, sermons preached in the Cathedral may be downloaded from the Cathedral website. Go to www.gloucestercathedral.org.uk and click on Worship.

For Your Prayers

As a community we pray every day for all those who work in the diocese; for Rachel our bishop; for Robert Bishop of Tewkesbury; for the life of the City of Gloucester and for those who are ill. Please be assured of our prayers for the following, even though their names may not be read out in our worship:

Lorraine Barrett, Anthony Blake, Sue Blakely, Sheila Brassell, Brenda Davies, Mark Kay, Ian King, Wendy Lane, Holly Lewis, Pat Llewellyn, Eoin O'Reilly, Ruth Overthrow, Bishop Michael Perham, Elizabeth Reeves, Chris Sterry, Tony Stocks, Lorraine Wyman, Bishop John, Glynnis, Kate, Tom;

SERVICES FOR THIS WEEK

Today	3.00 Evensong	
Monday to Friday	8.00 Holy Communion	8.30 Morning Prayer
	12.30 Holy Communion	5.30 Evensong
	Mondays – Evensong sung by Cathedral Choristers Thursdays – Evensong sung by Cathedral Youth Choir	
Saturday	8.00 Holy Communion	8.30 Morning Prayer
	12.30 Holy Communion	4.30 Evensong

Sunday 26 February 2017 – SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE LENT

7.40 Morning Prayer 8.00 Holy Communion
10.15 Eucharist with Cathedral Junior Choir
Bible Readings: 2 Peter 1.16-end Matthew 17.1-9
3.00 Evensong

We would like to reiterate that you should take all valuables with you when you leave your seat for Communion or a blessing. Also, please always keep an eye on your bags and valuables when in and around the Cathedral at other times.

Canon Celia Thomson away

Canon Celia will be away from the Cathedral from 6 February to 1 March.

Meditation for Everyone

This meditation has been much valued during the past months amongst those who attend. The meditation will be in the Thomas Chapel at the usual time of 1.05-1.25pm, with some signage to try and maintain as much quiet around that area of the cathedral as we can. All are very welcome to this 20 minutes of space for reflection. Canon Richard Mitchell

Sip & Study – next meeting 28 February

Sip & Study will not be meeting next week but will restart on 28 February and then continue every Tuesday at Robert Raikes' House at the usual time (2.30pm – 4pm). We began as a Lent Group, and have continued our journey ever since, welcoming new people along the way. If you'd like to know more, talk to Barbara Merrick (01452 504376).

Evening Study Group

The evening study group is meeting next Tuesday 21 February – 7.30-9pm in the Education Centre by St Mary's Gate. Canon Richard Mitchell.

Lent 2017

There will be evening meetings in Lent to help focus us on our continuing life together as a congregation beyond worship, and to prepare for Passiontide and Easter. Do please note the dates for the weekly gatherings, which will be 7.30-9pm on Thursdays 9, 16, and 23 and 30 March and 6 April.

The 5 weeks will focus on Jesus' journey from Galilee to Jerusalem. Each week will see Jesus in a different geographical location, tying in with the forthcoming Holy Land trip and also with the five areas of Benedictine life; Hospitality, Work, Reception, Prayer and Study. The gatherings will be in The Education Centre.

Wednesday 1 March – Ash Wednesday

The Cathedral services on Ash Wednesday are as follows:-

8.00	Holy Communion	8.30	Morning Prayer
12.30	Holy Communion	5.30	Evensong
7.30	The Eucharist and Imposition of Ashes sung by the Cathedral Youth Choir		

We welcome Bishop Robert of Tewkesbury to Preside and Preach at this service.

CATHEDRAL HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE 2017

Dean Stephen will be leading a major pilgrimage to the Holy Land based around members of the cathedral community in October 2017. Details are on the cathedral website and a flyer is available from the Cathedral office. Please consider carefully if you would like to take part in this once in a lifetime opportunity to visit the place where Jesus lived and shared his ministry in the company of others.

Forthcoming Events

Sunday 19 February at 4pm – Bach Violin Recital

Thursday 23 February at 12.30pm – Lunchtime Organ recital

Please see our Services and Events leaflet for more details

Easter Lilies

If you would like to purchase lilies in memory of loved ones, details and envelopes will be available at the back of the Cathedral from Monday 13 February.

The last date for requests to be returned is Monday 3 April.

Your loved ones will be remembered in prayer at Easter and again at All Souls.

Gloucester Cathedral Ramblers - Sunday 19 March

The next Gloucester Cathedral Ramblers walk will cover about 5 miles of the Daffodil Way during the Kempey Daffodil Weekend. New ramblers are especially welcome. It is not necessary to worship regularly at Gloucester Cathedral in order to walk with the Ramblers.

Please email Peter Barrett at gloucestercathedralramblers@gmail.com for details of this and future walks. We walk once a month, with alternate easy walks and others that are more challenging. Subsequent walks will be on Saturday 22 April (challenging) and Saturday 22 May (easy).

Lunchtime Concert at St John's Northgate Church

Monday 20 February

'Grade 5 Singing' (ABRSM). Not just for exams: a syllabus in performance. Vicki and Sebastian Field *soprano and countertenor*, Sue Honeywill *piano*.

Cathedral Book Club – 20 February

The Book Club next meets on Monday 20 February. **Please note** the Book Club will meet at **Robert Raikes' House at 2 pm** NOT 3 Miller's Green.

The book is "The Penguin Lessons" by Tom Mitchell.

Coffee and a Chat – 1 March

The next Coffee Morning will take place on Wednesday, 1 March. Why not join us for coffee and a chat in the Coffee Shop from 10.30-11.30am every first Wednesday of the month?

Traidcraft Breakfast – 4 March 08.45-10.30

At St Catharine's, London Road.

Come and join our contribution to Fairtrade Fortnight- breakfast with as many fairly traded items as we can find. Traidcraft crafts will be on display too. Help change the future for families in some of the world's poorest communities. Any donations will go to Traidcraft's Big Brew project.

We look forward to seeing you. Lesley B Barrett.

Taizé Service at St Mary de Lode – Wednesday 8 March, 7.30pm

There will be a Taize service at St Mary de Lode on Wednesday 8 March at 7.30pm. It will explore the themes in the new diocesan vision LIFE, within the context of our Lenten journey. There is parking available in St Mary's Square and Archdeacon Street. All are most welcome.

Saint Cecilia Singers concert in aid of The Listening Post – Saturday 11 March at 7.30pm, St Mary de Lode, Church

Gloucester's Saint Cecilia Singers will present a concert "In Praise of Spring" in aid of The Listening Post, Gloucestershire's voluntary counselling service.

Tickets £10 Children £7.50 Family ticket £30 www.saintceciliasingers.org.uk

St Mary de Lode, Gloucester Tel: 01452 383820

Sheila Brassell

Sheila Brassell has moved to a care home near her son for a trial period which may become permanent. The address is: Icknield Court, Berryfield Road, Princes Risborough, Bucks HP27 0HE

Cathedral Organ Protection

You may have noticed that some protection has been placed on the Cathedral Organ. This is to ensure that the organ is protected from dust during the works in the Lady Chapel.

Gloucester Food Bank

We have received a 'Thank You' certificate from the Gloucester Food Bank for donations at Christmas which came to a total of 183.4 kilograms. Thank you for your support.

Project Pilgrim

Slow and Steady

Now that the scaffolding has finally been completed inside the Lady Chapel, we can begin to appreciate the scale of the work ahead of us.

For the first time in many years, we can get close to the magnificent windows, stonework and vaulted ceiling – and the full extent of the dirt and dust is now apparent.

Next week Ellis & Co. will begin to vacuum the dust and debris before any further cleaning work can be undertaken. In some places the dust is over one centimetre deep and the presence of lead fragments from the stained glass frames means that particular care must be taken by the conservators.

Once the excess dust has been removed, Ellis & Co. will dry brush and then lightly sponge clean the stonework to remove the remaining surface build-up. Only then will they be able to move to more technical cleaning and conservation techniques. As with all conservation, this is a time-intensive process and given the amount of stonework to be covered it will be some time before we can begin to appreciate the results.

We'll see a more immediate impact as we begin to lift the Medieval floor tiles and larger ledger stones which make up the Lady Chapel floor. On Monday, members of the Cathedral's Fabric Advisory Committee will be on site to oversee the process being used to lift the first tiles. This is just one of the many conditions and safeguards that are in place to ensure every care is taken with this beautiful and ancient building. When lifting 'proper' commences, it will be subject to a rigorous recording process to ensure that all the tiles are re-laid correctly once the underfloor heating has been installed.

Follow our twitter account @projectpilgrim1 for behind-the-scenes photographs and information. You can also sign up to the regular Pilgrim's Progress blog on the Cathedral website. Please do share this good news with your family and friends.

Gloucester Cathedral Council – nominations sought from members from the Cathedral Community

Three members of Gloucester Cathedral Community are sought to become members of the Cathedral Council, for a term of three years.

Gloucester Cathedral Council forms part of the governance of the Cathedral. The Council meets c. three times a year to support and further the work of the cathedral and advise the Chapter.

Candidates must be members of the Cathedral Community Roll. An interest in governance and a willingness to contribute to the direction and oversight of the Cathedral is required. Meetings take place in the evenings.

If you would like to stand for election, or if you know of someone that would be suitable, please complete a Nomination Form (which will be sent to all members of the Cathedral Community Roll). Existing members may stand for re-election. Nominations must be returned to Cathedral Office (12 College Green) by 12 noon on Friday 3 March. If more than three members are nominated, an election will follow.

The first meeting of the newly formed Cathedral council takes place Tuesday 4 April.

For more information/an informal chat, contact The Dean, Very Revd Stephen Lake: 01452 524167.



Supporting the Cathedral

The Friends of Gloucester Cathedral comprises many different people, all of whom have an abiding concern for the future wellbeing of Gloucester Cathedral, its community and its spiritual influence. Being a Member offers a lovely opportunity to participate in various events and social activities, supporting the Cathedral financially.

Would you like to be a part of this interesting and important work?

Please pick up a leaflet in the Cathedral, or if you would like more information please contact the Friends' Secretary or visit the website.

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Gloucester Cathedral Community Roll

Do you worship at the cathedral? Volunteer or work in the cathedral? Are you over 16? Then you are qualified to be on the Cathedral Community Roll. Joining the roll is a way of showing our commitment to the cathedral and helps us have a sense of belonging to the cathedral community. Why not enrol today? (one form per person)

First name(s): Title (Mr, Mrs, Ms, Other):

Family name: Please tick all that apply:

Address: I am over 16 years of age

... .. I am a regular worshipper

... .. I am a volunteer helper

Town/City: I am a Cathedral employee

Postcode: I live in property owned by the cathedral

Home telephone:

Mobile telephone:

Email: (we will e mail you with cathedral news)

Additional family members (over the age of 16) who should be included on the Roll:

Signature: Date:

By signing this form, you give consent for Gloucester Cathedral to hold your information in accordance with current data protection legislation. You have the right to ask for a copy of information held about you in our records, for which you may be charged a nominal fee, by writing to the Chapter Steward at the address below. You also have the right to require us to correct any inaccuracies.

Please hand this form to one of the stewards after the service or send to Mrs Fiona Price, The Cathedral Office, 12 College Green Gloucester GL1 2LX

If your details change, please let us know.