

Notices for Sunday 26 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 8.00 Holy Communion 8.30 Morning Prayer

to Friday 12.30 Holy Communion 5.30 Evensong

Mondays – Evensong sung by Cathedral Choristers

Thursdays – Evensong sung by Cathedral Youth Choir

Wednesday 1 March – Ash Wednesday

7.30pm 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.

Saturday 8.00 Holy Communion 8.30 Morning Prayer

12.30 Holy Communion 4.30 Evensong

Sunday 5 March 2017 – FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

7.40 Morning Prayer 8.00 Holy Communion

10.15 Eucharist

Bible Readings: Genesis 2.15-17; 3.1-7 Matthew 4.1-11

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.

Gloucester Cathedral News

The March 2017 edition of Gloucester Cathedral News will be available in the Chapter House after the 10.15am Eucharist today. It will also be available from the Information Rack at the rear of the Nave and from the Cathedral Office. Please consider a £1 donation to help with publicity costs. Items, of 400 words or less, are invited for the April edition. The deadline is 5 March.

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 next Tuesday 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).

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.

Canon Richard Mitchell.

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

Saturday 4 March at 7.30pm, Silent Film Screening – *The Phantom of the Opera* with improvised organ soundtrack played by Jonathan Hope.

Sunday 5 March at 4.00pm, Bach recital.

Thursday 9 March at 12.30pm, Organ Recital.

Wednesday 15 March at 6.00pm, Junior Voices Project.

Saturday 18 March at 7.00pm, Gloucester Choral Society Concert.

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 are now available at the back of the Cathedral.

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.

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.

Lunchtime Concert at St John's Northgate Church

Monday 6 March

'Aires and Dances to Delight' – Petrina Lodge, *recorders* and Stephen Power, *organ and piano*..

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.

Gloucester Cathedral Ramblers - Sunday 19 March

The next Gloucester Cathedral Ramblers walk will cover about 5 miles of the Daffodil Way during the Kempley 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).

Cathedral Book Club – 20 March

The Book Club next meets at 2pm on Monday 20 March at 3 Miller's Green.

The book is "The Beekeeper's Apprentice" by Laurie R King.

Project Pilgrim

The Shock of the New

Last Monday, members of the Cathedral's Fabric Advisory Committee were on site to review some of the more detailed parts of our construction programme.

Members were able to see first-hand the difficulties we face reconciling "modern" technology in such an ancient building:

- our new glazed doors will need underfloor sensors and power to ensure they open automatically and allow us to welcome visitors and worshippers alike
- our relocated shop will need to be warm enough for staff who must stay behind the till and serve customers
- our new font will need power, water and drainage

All of this must be provided without compromising the appearance and atmosphere of the Cathedral or damaging the historic fabric.

Whilst the Cathedral was never designed for 21st century living, those who attended our recent Sunday Eucharist (held without the benefits of a functioning heating system) will confirm that we must find ways to accommodate the improvements in conditions we all now treat as standard! It is the task of the Fabric Advisory Committee to help us find the right balance between old and new: their scrutiny of cable routes and power points has given our mechanical and electrical engineers a clear way forward.

Similar scrutiny was provided to Ellis & Co. who have been identifying the best way to lift the thousands of medieval tiles which cover the Lady Chapel floor. Key to the success of lifting these fragile tiles is the careful removal of the "grouting" using both a chisel and saw. Tiles are then lifted individually but stored in square wooden trays which hold nine tiles. Trays are numbered and marked with the points of the compass before their details are entered onto a large scale copy of a detailed "rectified photograph" of the Chapel floor.

We'll be uploading a copy of the updated "rectified photograph" and its extraordinary detail on the Cathedral's website next month.

Follow our twitter account @projectpilgrim 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.



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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