

## Notices for Sunday 5 March 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](http://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](http://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

**Saturday** 8.00 Holy Communion 8.30 Morning Prayer

12.30 Holy Communion

4.30 Evensong and Welcome to the new

Archdeacon of Cheltenham

### Sunday 12 March 2017 – SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

7.40 Morning Prayer 8.00 Holy Communion

10.15 Eucharist

Bible Readings: Genesis 12.1-4a, John 3.1-17

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.*

Please see the Lent leaflet for details of Lenten activities in the Cathedral and City Parish. Details are also on the website. These include:-

### **Sip & Study: Lent 2017**

Sip & Study continues throughout Lent on Tuesdays 7, 14, 21 & 28 March & 4 April at the usual time (2.30pm – 4pm). We meet at Robert Raikes' House in Southgate Street, and we use an adapted form of Lectio Divina to explore the coming Sunday morning's Gospel reading. We began last year 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 Group 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.

### **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.

### **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

### **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.

### **Attention all Rule of Life explorers!**

The Education Centre is booked for a get-together on Tuesday 14 March at the usual time to see how we're getting on. There will be coffee and cake – of course!

### **Rule of Life**

Since the beginning of Advent, a group of interested members of the Cathedral Community have been exploring aspects of the new Rule\* of Life which we propose to offer the Cathedral Community, and giving their feedback. All our material is now with the communications department, being readied for publication soon after Easter. Meanwhile, members of the group are trying out their individual responses to the Rule during Lent, and will be meeting occasionally to discuss how it's going. Don't worry if you haven't been able to take part so far; everyone will be invited to try it for themselves soon after Easter, when this newly-imagined Benedictine way of keeping life in balance will become, we hope, part of our Cathedral Community's DNA.

*\*from the Latin 'regula', meaning 'rhythm'*

### **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.

### **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.

### **Forthcoming Events**

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

### **Chorister Parent Cake sale – Mothering Sunday**

On Mothering Sunday the Chorister Parents will be selling cakes in the Chapter House during coffee after the Eucharist. Proceeds will go to the Cathedral Choir Outreach Fund. Do come and treat your mum (and dad!) and support this good cause.

### **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*..

### **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](http://www.saintceciliasingers.org.uk)

St Mary de Lode, Gloucester Tel: 01452 383820

### **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](mailto: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.

### **Book of the Gospels**

This special book, donated by Bishop Michael many years ago, is now coming to the end of its working life. A replacement costs £100. If a generous member of the congregation would like to make such a gift, the Cathedral would be very grateful. If desired, an inscription could be made. For further details please contact Dean Stephen.

# PROJECT PILGRIM

## Still Waters

This week, Severn Trent's engineers have been installing a new "foul drainage inspection chamber" near to the College Street man entrance. These are necessary but unexciting works and form the first part of an equally necessary but unexciting programme to upgrade drainage systems across the Cathedral Close.

We have been fortunate indeed that these essential works can be undertaken thanks to the generosity of the Friends of Gloucester Cathedral and the national Cathedrals' World War One Repairs Fund scheme.

The work itself is something Severn Trent engineers carry out on a regular basis, excavating to a depth of up to three metres before installing the chamber and manhole giving easier access to the system in case of problems in the future. Typically the whole exercise takes just two days.

But our Cathedral is not typical and Severn Trent have allocated up to ten days for the work. In addition to this, the Cathedral has had to prepare an archaeological Written Scheme of Investigation and ensured that staff from Border Archaeology are available to oversee the works – and if necessary to excavate the area by hand. Given the archaeological sensitivity of the site, it's unsurprising that such care great must be taken. We are custodians not just of the land and the building but also of the history relating to our cathedral.

Once this work is complete, the next stages of our drainage improvement programme involve:

- further investigations and cleaning of blockages
- connecting the downpipes from the south side of the Lady Chapel to the main drainage system
- repairing crushed and damaged pipes to the north side of the Lady Chapel

Our expectation is that this work will reduce flooding to the Crypt and assist with improved environmental conditions within the Lady Chapel: the damaged and absent pipework are as much to blame for the damp conditions within the Lady Chapel as are the underfloor concrete, non-breathable cement mortar and great expanses of beautiful stained glass windows which cannot be opened to assist with ventilation. Utilitarian as it may seem, this work will ultimately preserve Gloucester Cathedral for future generations.

***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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