

Notices for Sunday 12 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

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 (**Except Weds**)

Mondays – Evensong sung by Cathedral Choristers

Thursdays – Evensong sung by Cathedral Youth Choir

Wednesday 4.00 Evening Prayer 6.00 Junior Voices Project

Saturday 8.00 Holy Communion 8.30 Morning Prayer

12.30 Holy Communion

5.30 Evening Prayer

Sunday 19 March 2017 – THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

7.40 Morning Prayer 8.00 Holy Communion

10.15 Eucharist

Bible Readings: Exodus 17.1-7, John 4.5-42

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 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 16, and 23 and 30 March and 6 April.

The meetings 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 areas of Benedictine life; Hospitality, Work, Reception, Prayer and Study. The gatherings will be in The Education Centre.

Canon Richard Mitchell.

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.

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'*

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!

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

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

Friday 24 March at 7.30pm, Concert by the Corelli Ensemble.

Saturday 25 March at 3pm, Gloucester Music 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.

Gloucester Cathedral Ramblers - Sunday 19 March

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

Lunchtime Concert at St John's Northgate Church

Monday 20 March

A Shropshire Lad and other songs – Jon Weller, *tenor* and Sam Bayliss, *piano*.

Coffee and a Chat – 5 April

The next Coffee Morning will take place on Wednesday, 5 April. Why not join us for coffee and a chat in the Coffee Shop from 10.30-11.30am every first Wednesday of the month?

Project Pilgrim

Dignified and Equal

This weekend sees the third annual Disabled Access Day. The day is a celebration of good access, covering everything from touch tours to relaxed performances, from sensory experiences to the most basic level access. Underpinning all of this is ensuring a warm welcome to all.

As part of Pilgrim we have been working out how to make a building which was deliberately designed to keep some areas reserved and exclusive into one which is as accessible as possible to as many as possible.

We have already begun making alterations and last month's removal of the pillar in the doorway to the Lady Chapel was a hugely significant milestone for our cathedral.



Over the coming months, some of the other fundamental changes needed to ensure maximum physical access will include:

- level access into the Lady Chapel following the removal of a step and concrete plinth
- installation of two new user-operated lifts in the north transept and the north ambulatory
- replacing all existing ramps with ones able to accommodate larger mobility chairs
- automatic door opening from the south porch into the nave
- tactile paving outside the cathedral to assist navigation for those who are blind or visually impaired
- level access to the west end

Perhaps most significantly, we are augmenting these new elements with a permanent ramp from the north ambulatory into the quire as we already have from the north ambulatory into St Paul's Chapel. This simple change will mean that those who rely on wheelchairs for independent movement will be able to worship in the quire at Gloucester Cathedral – without the need for assistance – for the first time in the Cathedral's history.

True disabled access must be both equal and dignified.

More information can be found online at <https://www.disabledaccessday.com/home/>
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.

GLOUCESTER CATHEDRAL

Support the Glory of Music

Choral music has been an integral part of Cathedral life for almost 500 years and breathes life into our wonderful building and brings joy to us all.

In Gloucester we are rightly proud of our musicians and the quality of our choirs.

If you wish to keep our choral tradition alive, please support our choirs.

The Youth Choir, Junior Choir and boy and girl choristers all depend on your support

Help Cathedral music to thrive by:

- making a donation
- becoming a music patron for as little as £250 per annum
- leaving a gift in your will

If you would like more information about supporting music at Gloucester Cathedral, please contact our Development Manager Theo Platt:

Email: Theo.Platt@gloucestercathedral.org.uk Telephone: 01452 874963

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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?

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