

Notices for Sunday 23 April 2017

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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, Ruth Overthrow, Elizabeth Reeves, Chris Sterry, Tony Stocks, Jenny Stone, Lorraine Wyman, Bishop John, Glynnis, Tom;

SERVICES FOR THIS WEEK

Today 3.00 Evensong sung by the Choir of Giggleswick School

Monday to Saturday

8.00 Holy Communion 8.30 Morning Prayer

12.30 Holy Communion

1.05 Meditation (**Monday**)

4.00 Evening Prayer (**Tuesday**)

4.30 Evensong (**Saturday**)

5.30 Evensong (**Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday**)

5.30 Eucharist for Mark the Evangelist (**Tuesday**)

Monday Evensong sung by the Choir of Downe House School

Sunday 30 April 2017 – Third Sunday of Easter

7.40 Morning Prayer 8.00 Holy Communion

10.15 Eucharist Bible Readings: Acts 2.14a, 36-41 Luke 24.13-35

3.00 Evensong sung by the choir of St Mary's, Charlton Kings

Visiting Choirs

We would like to welcome the visiting choirs who are singing some of the services during this coming week and thank them for being part of our worship.

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.

Cathedral Book Club – tomorrow, 24 April

The Book Club next meets tomorrow, Monday 24 April. **Please note** – Fourth Monday due to Easter Bank Holiday. The book is “Fear in the Cotswolds” by Rebecca Tope.

Fill the shoes of faithful ones!

We have particularly noticed since the move of faithful Sheila Brassall, and the increasing age of others, that attendance at the 8am daily Eucharist is faltering, whilst the 12.30 Eucharist is growing. Please consider whether you have a calling to perhaps attend one of these early morning services once a week? The daily offering of worship is part of the ‘core business’ of the cathedral and its good for you too! The cathedral clergy and bishops always preside. You would be very welcome. Please consider this call prayerfully.

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.

Adult Confirmation – 4 June 2017

If there are any adults who are thinking about being confirmed, the next Confirmation service will be on 4 June. If you would like further details please speak with Dean Stephen or Canon Richard Mitchell.

Study Group – restarting 2 May

The Tuesday evening group will start again after Easter this week on 2 May at 7.30pm in the Education Centre. We’ll meet every other Tuesday until 11 July. Canon Richard.

Coffee and a Chat – 3 May

The next Coffee Morning will take place on Wednesday, 3 May. Why not join us for coffee and a chat in the Coffee Shop from 10.30-11.30am every first Wednesday of the month?

College Chapel Cheltenham College - Friday 5 May at 7.00pm

Lecture by Julian Rivers, Professor of Jurisprudence at the University of Bristol, ‘**Opening windows into souls - Conscience and counter-extremism policy**’, examining the Government’s counter-extremism policy. This policy has thrown up a series of ethical and religious questions about ‘Fundamental British Values’. Some are concerned that this represents a form of state sponsored religious ideology. Free entry.

Christian Aid Service - Friday 19 May 2017 at 1pm

Come and celebrate Christian Aid Week at St Mary de Crypt Church, Southgate St., Gloucester on Friday 19 May at 1pm (40 minute service).

Christian Aid Week was set up 60 years ago to support work with refugees in Europe following the Second World War. Adele Owen, Director of GARAS, will speak about the challenges faced by refugees today, alongside recent refugees who will share their own stories.

Charitable Support in 2017.

The Stewardship Committee is again charged with the task of making recommendations to Chapter about which charities should be supported by the Cathedral in 2017. We would like your suggestions, please! We need to select one local, one national, and one international charity. In doing this we'll need to strike a balance between Christian mission and other community work. If you would like to suggest one or more charities under all or any of these three categories, please feel free to get in touch with one of the members of the Stewardship Committee – Arthur Bramwell (arthurbramwell@msn.com), Claire Saunders, or John Merrick (john.merrick@talktalk.net) – either in person or by e-mail. We need to receive any suggestions by **Friday 28th April**, and would be grateful if any written suggestions could be kept to a maximum of 100 words.

Gloucester Cathedral Ramblers - Saturday 20 May

The next Gloucester Cathedral Ramblers walk, on Saturday 20 May, will be an easy 5 mile walk along part of the Severn Way. We will lunch en route and will use public transport out and back. 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 future walks. Subsequent walks will be on Saturday 10 June (challenging) and Saturday 1 July (easy).

Launch of Gloucester Cathedral Community Rule of Life

Much thought and work has been going into the reworking of the Benedictine Rule or Rhythm for the Cathedral worshipping community of today. Over the past few months, congregation members, clergy and Cathedral staff have been preparing resources which we aim to launch on Sunday 21 May at 10.15am. A special booklet and material on the website will be available and introduced during the service by some of those involved in this work. But this is just the beginning! We hope that you'll wish to engage with what has been thought-through and produced prayerfully, and enrich our life together in the future. Canon Richard

Congregational Meeting: Sunday 18 June after the 10.15am service (11.45am-12.45pm)

Due to work on some of the congregational projects, the next meeting for all in the congregational has been a little delayed, but, please note the date of the next opportunity to gather after the morning Eucharist over coffee and cake. Included in the meeting will be a chance to give comments and feedback on the Rule of Life materials and an update on the work of the Stewardship Group. Canon Richard.

Project Pilgrim

Business as Usual

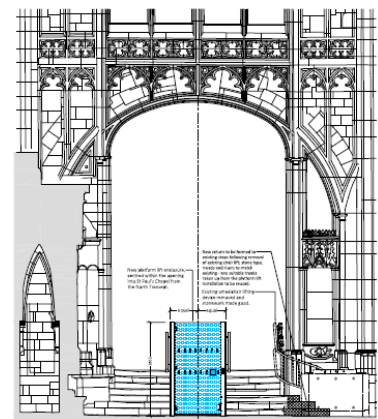
From Monday 24 April, Ellis & Co. will begin working in the main Cathedral. Our regular pattern of worship will continue and we will remain open for visitors but this has required a great deal of forethought and planning.

The first work to be undertaken is the installation of two new lifts – one in the North Transept and a second in the North Ambulatory. Ellis & Co. will set up two small compounds in the North Transept, both of which will be enclosed with solid hoarding panels to maintain a high level of site safety. Access to the Library, Tribune Gallery, Treasury and Song School will be maintained.

With the compounds established, Ellis will use specialist kit which uses suction to adhere to the face of the stone to lifting the ledger stones without causing damage: they will use the same machinery when lifting ledger stones in the Lady Chapel. We first lifted the ledger stones at the bottom of the steps in the North Transept in 2015 as part of our investigative and planning works for Pilgrim. Whilst the lift mechanism is installed below ground, the ledgers will be safely stored within the compound.

Although the installation of lifts will transform access throughout the ground floor there will be a short period before that when there will be no access to the east of the Cathedral for those with restricted mobility, particularly wheelchair users. Whilst work to install the new lifts is on-going, temporary ramps will be positioned below the organ loft to provide access into Quire.

With our contractors working in the main body of the Cathedral, the impact and disruption will need to be carefully managed each and every day. This is a huge team effort from all involved and we will continue to keep you updated about the work going on alongside daily cathedral life.



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.

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