

Notices for Sunday 30 April 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, 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 St Mary's, Charlton Kings
6.00 The Cathedral Choir sing Evensong at St. Mary's Thornbury

Monday to Saturday

8.00 Holy Communion

8.30 Morning Prayer

12.30 Holy Communion

4.30 Evensong (**Saturday**)

5.30 Evening Prayer (**Monday**)

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

Sunday 7 May 2017 – Fourth Sunday of Easter

7.40 Morning Prayer

8.00 Holy Communion

10.15 Eucharist Bible Readings: Acts 2.42-end John 10.1-10

3.00 Evensong

Canon Celia is officiating at Ashleworth this morning.

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.

Refreshments after the Service

Decaffeinated tea/coffee & herbal/fruit teas will be available from now on after the 10.15 a.m. service in the Chapter House, in addition to the usual refreshments. Canon Celia is officiating at Ashleworth this morning.

Gloucester Cathedral News

The May 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 donation of £1 to help cover publication costs.

Items are invited for the June edition. 400 words or less please. The deadline is 5th May.

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.

Canon Andrew Braddock on Sabbatical

From the beginning of May to the end of July Canon Andrew will be on sabbatical. During this time he will be working on a number of writing projects focusing on the identity of Anglicanism and the future shape of the Church of England. These will be published in due course.

The sabbatical will also include time on retreat and space for pilgrimage. For most of this time Andrew will still be resident in Gloucester, but with short spells away.

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

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.

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 congregation 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.

Study Group – restarting on Tuesday, 2 May

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

Sip & Study

The 'Home Group with a Difference', Sip & Study, continues weekly at Robert Raikes House in Southgate Street on Tuesdays from 2.30pm until 4pm. Why not give it a try? We look at the coming Sunday's Gospel reading and how it relates to our lives, using the ancient practice of Lectio Divina used by Benedictine monks to study Scripture. This is very much a listening process, listening to God and to one another. We learn the skills as we go along, and are a very welcoming group.

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.

Coffee and a Chat – 3 May

The next Coffee Morning will take place next 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?

Cathedral Book Club – 15 May

The Book Club next meets on Monday 15 May. The book is “Fear in the Cotswolds” by Rebecca Tope.

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).

CEILIDH IN THE CATHEDRAL - Friday 26 May 7.30-10.30pm

Come along and join us for a Highland Fling as we turn the Cathedral Nave into the setting for an energetic ceilidh. Guests can Strip the Willow along the aisles and enjoy a complimentary hog roast to the sounds of the fantastic Cotswold Ceilidh Band. A bar will be available during the evening. Don't miss this great community event. *Tickets £15.00 available from 01452 768928, Cathedral Gift Shop (Mon-Fri 10am-4pm) or on line at www.gloucestercathedral.org.uk*

PROJECT PILGRIM

Business as Usual (Part II)

Although hidden behind silver hoarding panels, preparatory work for the installation of our new lifts - one in the North Transept and a second in the North Ambulatory – is underway: with two separate compounds established, our contractors have been able to lift two ledger stones and begin excavations for the lift mechanism below floor level.

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 end 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 used below the organ loft to provide access into Quire.

Looking up to the south side of the Quire, you will be able to see the first of our new glazing. We will be replacing over 70 MDF safety screens with simple glazed panels and this first panel has allowed us to test different fittings and identify how best to undertake installation. Once all panels are in place, the views into and from the Tribune gallery will open up the Cathedral. From the Quire itself, the reflections of the stained glass are dazzling.

This week, Ellis & Co. will be establishing a third, small compound in the north west corner of the Nave to allow construction of our new gift shop. Again, Ellis & Co will



be using solid hoarding boards to screen off the area which is currently used as storage for staging and chairs. In advance of the works, the Vergers Team will be busy relocating these items to new homes in and around the Cathedral. Once the compound has been established, new oak joinery will arrive on site and work will

begin to assemble the bespoke cabinets allowing the new gift shop to open just in time for the Summer holidays.

With contractors working in the main body of the Cathedral, the impact and disruption will need to be carefully managed each and every day. Our regular pattern of worship will continue and we will remain open for visitors. Making this happen 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 @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.

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