

## Notices for Sunday 13 August 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, Sue Blakely, Sheila Brassell, Sandra Cook, Brenda Davies, Mark Kay, Ian King, Wendy Lane, Holly Lewis, Pat Llewellyn, Ruth Overthrow, Elizabeth Reeves, Chris Sterry, Tony Stocks, Lorraine Wyman, Glynnis, Tom;*

## SERVICES FOR THIS WEEK

**Today** 3.00 Evensong

### Monday to Saturday

8.00	Holy Communion	8.30 Morning Prayer
12.30	Holy Communion	
4.30	Evensong (Saturday)	
5.30	Evensong (Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday)	
5.30	Eucharist – <b>The Blessed Virgin Mary</b> (Tuesday)	
7.30	Taizé Service (Wednesday)	

### Sunday 20 August 2017 – Tenth Sunday after Trinity

7.40	Morning Prayer	
8.00	Holy Communion	
10.15	The Eucharist	Bible Readings: Romans 11.1-2a, 29-32 Matthew 15.10-28
3.00	Evensong	

We thank the Amici Coro Choir and Trinity Episcopal Church Choir, Staunton VA, USA who have been singing the services this week and today, and we welcome and thank Exsultet who are singing the services this coming week.

## **Sip & Study**

The Home Group is having a summer break and will next meet on 5 September.

## **Gloucester Cathedral Ramblers - Saturday 23 September**

The next Gloucester Cathedral Ramblers walk, on Saturday 23 September, 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](mailto:gloucestercathedralramblers@gmail.com) for details of future walks. Subsequent walks will be on Saturday 7 October (challenging) and Saturday 4 November (easy).

## **Bishop Michael**

Bishop Michael's family will be with us at the 10.15am Eucharist at which Bishop Robert will preside. Afterwards Bishop Michael's ashes will be interred in the Cloister Garth. The family have asked for this to be a private family occasion.

## **The Walk of Life at Gloucester Cathedral – 14-27 August**

Monday 14 August to Sunday 27 August. The Cathedral Labyrinth is a canvas copy of the one in Chartres Cathedral in France.

## **Wednesday 16 August 7.30pm Taizé Service.**

All are welcome to join us for this special service around the Labyrinth.

### **St Mary de Lode – Forthcoming events**

All are warmly invited to the city's Gloucester Day Service of Thanksgiving at St Mary de Crypt Church, Southgate Street on Saturday 2 September at 12 noon, when Bishop Rachel will be preaching.

Every Tuesday in August at 3.00pm, there will be Tea & Tales: an hour of free family storytelling from Chloe of the Midnight Storytellers with tea/squash and cakes.

The next Taizé service at St Mary de Lode will be on Wednesday 6 September at 7.30pm on the theme of Prayers for Healing. All are welcome.

Saturday 9 September is the History Festival's Family Day: lots of free fun family activities across the city from 10am until 4pm, including at St Mary de Crypt where there is clay tile making, Find Bones the Skeleton Treasure Hunt and Make a WishBone art activity. More details in the History Festival brochure.

### **Gloucester Cathedral News**

Regrettably, the decision has had to be taken to cease printed production of GCN. September's edition will be the last and the cathedral will need to consider what is the most cost effective and viable way forward in due course. In the meantime, articles and notices are welcome to be placed in this section of the weekly service sheet. We all owe a huge debt of thanks to the production team and those who have regularly provided articles. Special thanks go to Maureen Smith as Editor for many hours of selfless service. Thank you Maureen (and Chris). Dean Stephen.

## **Gloucester Cathedral Closed to Visitors Monday 28 and Tuesday 29 August 2017**

**On Monday 28 and Tuesday 29 August the Cathedral will be closed to visitors to allow the filming of a new production of *Mary Queen of Scots* to take place.**

The following services will be available at the locations stated:

- Holy Communion (8.00am) and Morning Prayer (8.30am) will take place in the Cathedral as usual
- Lunchtime Holy Communion (12.30pm) will be re-located to St Mary de Lode Church on Archdeacon Street
- Choral Evensong sung by the Soroe Abbey Church Choir has been moved to Tewkesbury Abbey and will be led by the Cathedral Precentor, Canon Richard Mitchell

Between Monday 21 and Friday 25 August and Wednesday 30 and Thursday 31 August the Crypt and parts of the Cloister will be inaccessible to visitors due to set building and take down.

**The Cathedral will re-open to visitors on Wednesday 30 August.**

All fees received for the filming will help towards maintaining the Cathedral.

We apologise to anyone planning to attend services or visit the Cathedral over this period.

### **Information about the production, *Mary Queen of Scots***

The production will tell the incredible true historical story of Mary Stuart, Queen of Scots. After the death of her French husband King Francois II, Mary declines marriage proposals from other European powers to return to the dark political machinations of Scotland and reclaim her rightful throne, to the dismay of cousin and rival Queen Elizabeth I of England. The rival Queens engage in a cold war of letters, religion and suitors as they vie for control of their respective thrones, not to mention the backstabbing and rebellion from within Mary's inner circle, as the various factions jostle for power.

Tim Bevan and Eric Fellner, co-chairmen of the BAFTA award winning production company Working Title Films (*The Theory of Everything*, *Elizabeth*), will produce alongside Debra Hayward (*Bridget Jones's Baby*; *Les Misérables*), directed by the Olivier award winning, and artistic director of the Donmar Warehouse, Josie Rourke (*Saint Joan*, *Les Liaisons Dangereuses*, *Privacy*). Saoirse Ronan (*Brooklyn*, *Atonement*) leads the cast as the titular Queen Mary.

# PROJECT PILGRIM

## Scaling the Heights

Whether it's minor repairs or larger conservation projects, there is always work to keep the cathedral's stonemason team busy.

Now that the work to the south side of the Lady Chapel is completed, our stonemasons have moved on the north and east elevations. Through the summer, the team have been up on the scaffolding undertaking tasks including:

- Cleaning the stonework using steam and hot water to remove moss and other deposits
- Removing the Victorian cement pointing and repointing with a less-damaging lime mortar
- Carrying out minor masonry repairs

This work is undertaken whilst the weather is fine so that the stones and mortar can dry out properly. The masons then head back into the workshop to focus on more substantial 'banker work' – working the larger pieces of stone – which will be lifted into place next Spring.

Whilst the results of the masons' efforts are clear for all to see, the process itself typically takes place out of sight: high up on a scaffold or safely behind closed doors in our Pitt Street workshop. But with the new scaffolding now completed, we will be running a series of public Scaffolding Tours so that we can share this fascinating heritage craft more widely.

During each tour, visitors will learn about the rich history and architecture of the Cathedral, the years of construction and repair, as well as the people who contributed to the beautiful building we see today. Alongside the chance to learn about the stonemasons who are conserving and restoring the building for future generations, the tour offers unparalleled views of the city and county. We think this is a genuinely unique opportunity to get close to parts of the Cathedral never before visited by the public and given the limits placed on numbers by health and safety considerations, we expect tickets to sell quickly.

Our first tour starts on **Friday 18 August** and tickets will be available shortly. If you would like to take part, please make sure to book a place via the Box Office either online [www.3choirs.org/events/third-party-events](http://www.3choirs.org/events/third-party-events) or by calling 01452 768928.

***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.***



## **News for the Cathedral Congregation from the Congregational Development Group.**

The CDG has been working on plans for the autumn and further ahead.

It's hoped that the **Welcome** Booklet with web information will be available in September. Although we are all called to be welcoming to those who come to the cathedral worship, it would be really good to have congregation members who would be willing to act as specific welcomers after the 10.15am service each week. They could simply have a few copies of the Welcome Booklet in hand in the Nave or in the Chapter House, and be available to welcome and engage with newcomers. If you could offer this on Sundays when you're in the cathedral, please speak to Richard Mitchell in the next few weeks.

### **Rule of Life Group**

The group will meet during the autumn to offer support in discussion, as we reflect further on the Rule of Life for each of us and for the congregation. The dates planned are: Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> September, Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October and Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November, all at 7.30pm in the Education Centre. Please make a note of them and come along to offer your perspectives on the Rule or rhythm.

In order to support further this spiritual reflection in friendship with each other, we have planned:

A **Quiet Day**, to be led by Revd Judy Howard. The venue will be Rudford Church Room, set in beautiful grounds by the Church, just a few miles north of Gloucester. The date is Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> September from 10am until 3pm. Lunch will be provided at £10, but there will be no other cost for the day. Please speak to Richard Mitchell or Barbara Merrick if you would like to come along.

There will also be a **Benedictine Day at Prinknash Abbey** on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2018, when Father Mark will be leading us in thinking about the Benedictine tradition, which has very much influenced the congregation's new Rule of Life. Further details to follow, but, please note the date.

Please also note that the next **meeting for the congregation** after the 10.15am Eucharist will be on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> November, when it's hoped to have a Bonfire Night lunch!

Canon Richard Mitchell

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