

Notices for Sunday 20 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

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, 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, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday)	
5.30	Eucharist – St Bartholomew (Thursday)	

Sunday 27 August 2017 – Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

7.40	Morning Prayer
8.00	Holy Communion
10.15	The Eucharist
	Bible Readings: Romans 12.1-8, Matthew 16.13-20
3.00	Evensong

Visiting Choirs

We thank Exsultet who have been singing the services this week and today, and we welcome and thanks Cantores Ambrosiani 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.

The Walk of Life at Gloucester Cathedral – until 27 August

Try the Walk of Life using The Cathedral Labyrinth which is a canvas copy of the one in Chartres Cathedral in France.

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 for details of future walks. Subsequent walks will be on Saturday 7 October (challenging) and Saturday 4 November (easy).

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.

Gloucestershire Historic Churches Trust: Ride and Stride 9th September



If you are a supporter of the Cathedral and a walker or cyclist, or horse rider, and would like to join in this sponsored event please see the next edition of Cathedral News.

If you are not so energetic, please offer to man the welcome 'table'. We have slots from 2-6 to cover, earlier ones already filled. Please contact Lesley B Barrett for further information on 01452 521062 or lbarrett@stcatharine.org.uk

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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:

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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

The last few steps ...

As we move into Pilgrim's home straight, things are busier than ever. There are more workmen, more materials ... and a lot more visible progress. Each new week seems to bring a change in site layout to let the team work on new areas of the Cathedral and Close. And every week brings us closer to the finish line.

But the changes - and our need to keep the cathedral and its grounds open – also makes things more complicated to manage. As well as finishing our new landscape scheme, our contractors must work hard to ensure that strict health and safety protocol is in operation at all times. This includes asking people to pause in their journeys while construction traffic moves through the site. It also means keeping a constant eye on the temporary surfaces. For our worshippers and visitors, the changes mean being alert to new routes in to the cathedral – and to the signage designed to help all of us find our way.

As more progress is made there are also new things to see as we come and go. This week's most notable addition is the installation of new limestone steps at the west end. Brought over from France, this particular limestone has been specified by our master mason and is used by the team of cathedral stonemasons to keep the building in good condition. Over the next few weeks you will begin to see walls made from the same material appearing between the south aisle and the residential properties in Upper College Green.

With a team of specialist sub-contractors on site, installation of the stone steps will progress swiftly leaving us with an entrance whose design, scale and materials make it truly worthy of our beautiful building.



Thank you once again for your ongoing patience and support as we come to these trickier final months of construction.

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 21st September, Thursday 19th October and Thursday 23rd 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 30th 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 3rd 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 5th November, when it's hoped to have a Bonfire Night lunch!

Canon Richard Mitchell

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