

Notices for Sunday 27 August 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, 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

Please note changes to usual service locations due to closure of the Cathedral tomorrow and Tuesday. For more information please see the notice on the following page.

Monday to Saturday

8.00 Holy Communion and 8.30 Morning Prayer – **In the Cathedral with access via the Pilgrims Door**
12.30 Holy Communion (**Monday and Tuesday at St Mary de Lode**)
4.30 Evensong and Licensing of Canon Tudor Griffiths) (Saturday)
5.30 Evensong (**Monday and Tuesday at Tewkesbury Abbey**)
5.30 Evening Prayer (Wednesday, Thursday and Friday)

Sunday 3 September – Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

7.40 Morning Prayer
8.00 Holy Communion
10.15 The Eucharist
Bible Readings: Romans 12.9-end, Matthew 16.21-end
3.00 Evensong and Installation of Revd Guy Treweek as a Minor Canon and Licensing as a Public Preacher

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.

Visiting Choirs

We thank Cantores Ambrosiani who have been singing the services this week and today, and we welcome and thank Sorø Abbey Church Choir, Denmark who are singing services tomorrow and Tuesday, and Khoros who are singing services next weekend.

The Walk of Life at Gloucester Cathedral – last opportunity today!

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

Gloucester Cathedral News – Final Edition

The Final edition of Gloucester Cathedral News will be available in the Chapter House next Sunday, 3 September, after the 10.15am service today. It will also be available from the Information Rack at the rear of the Nave and the Cathedral Office.

Sip & Study

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

Coffee and a Chat – 6 September

The next Coffee Morning will take place on Wednesday, 6 September. Why not join us for coffee and a chat in the Coffee Shop from 10.30-11.30am every first Wednesday of the month?

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



Cathedral Book Club – 18 September

The Book Club next meets on Monday 18 September. The book is "The Card" by Arnold Bennett.

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).

Fun Quiz Night, Saturday 23 September

Parliament Room, 7:30pm

All are welcome to join the Friends of Gloucester Three Choirs Festival for a light-hearted evening of quizzing in support of the Festival. Teams of four will compete – come with a pre-formed team or join an ad hoc team on the night. A Ploughman's Supper will be included and a bar selling wine and soft drinks will be available.

Tickets: £14 per person or £50 per pre-booked team of four from the Three Choirs Ticket Office on 01452 768928, online at www.3choirs.org or from Judith Armiger.

The Cathedral and you!

What is your earliest memory of the Cathedral? What brought you to the Cathedral? What has the Cathedral done for you? Do you have a special memory of the Cathedral, or a photograph or memento of the Cathedral with a story attached? We are creating a living archive of the Cathedral from the stories, videos and pictures of the people who worship, visit and work at the Cathedral. If you have a story to tell about the Cathedral and would like to share it with us, please get in touch with us to tell us about your story and leave us your contact details if you are happy for us to follow up with you. You can email: livingarchive@gloucestercathedral.org.uk or ring 01452 229818.

We are also looking to train a group of volunteers to carry out interviews, and either film or record them using tablet computers. If you are interested in helping us to collect other people's memories, please contact Rebecca Phillips (archivist@gloucestercathedral.org.uk, 01452 229818) or Helen Jeffrey (Helen.Jeffrey@gloucestercathedral.org.uk, 01452 229838).

PROJECT PILGRIM

A Fitting Entrance

The next major milestone for Pilgrim is upon us as we begin installation of our new glass entrance lobby.

Towering above the hoarding, you can now see the monumental steel frame which will support four sets of glazed double doors and additional panels to keep draughts to a minimum. Whilst some of the doors will open automatically, they will also be “finished” with key-shaped handles, inspired by the keys held by St Peter in Christopher Whall’s stained glass in the Lady Chapel.

The glass is being fitted by the same glaziers who have already replaced the Tribune Gallery MDF safety panels with clear glass, helping us to reveal the true shape of the masonry in the Quire and Transepts. These glaziers are responsible for taking detailed measurements of every part of the steel frame to allow new glazing to be fabricated. The contrast between the millimetre perfection of the measurements and the monumental scale of the structure itself could not be more dramatic but scale is a key design feature of our new lobby given its place within the magnificent nave aisle.

Having a lobby which responds to the scale of the existing building and using glass wherever possible means that we will still be able to see the original medieval door frame which sits behind it and which was previously obscured by the recently removed Edwardian draught lobby. Our visitors can also see into the cathedral and many have told us this will help them feel more confident in entering the building, knowing what awaits them inside.



But perhaps most significantly in terms of the demands of a 21st century cathedral, the new entrance lobby will for the first time allow us to have automatic doors to provide dignified and equal access for all. A modern day twist to our Benedictine traditions.

The time taken to manufacture the glass doors and panels means that this will be the last element of this particular construction contract. Our predicted completion date in the first week of November is three weeks later than we had anticipated. Nevertheless it means that we will be ready in good time to welcome in great number all those who join us for this year’s Advent and Christmas celebrations.

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.

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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