

Notices for Sunday 24 September 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

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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 and Celebration of the Commissioning of Pastoral Assistants

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 – Friday)

Sunday 1 October – Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

7.40 Morning Prayer

8.00 Holy Communion

10.15 The Eucharist

Bible Readings: Philippians 2.1-13, Matthew 21.23-32

3.00 County Harvest Festival

Cathedral Choristers, Youth Choir and Cathedral Junior Choir

Today, the Boy and Girl Choristers, members of the Youth Choir and members of the Cathedral Junior Choir are singing at the Bridgewater Hall, Manchester. They are taking part in a performance of Mahler's Third Symphony with the BBC Philharmonic Orchestra. This is being recorded by the BBC and it will be broadcast on Radio 3 at a later date.

Film Night, 'The Choir' – Friday 29 September, 6.30pm - 11pm

Film Night: Screening of 'The Choir' (1995 BBC adaptation of the book by Joanna Trollope, filmed in Gloucester Cathedral), Friday 29th September 6.30-11.00pm – in the Chapter House. Tickets £15 including Fish & Chip supper, Cash Bar, all profits to Cathedral Choir Fund. Call 07713 888242 or email gloschoristers@gmail.com. Bring a cushion!

Sip & Study

The 'Home Group with a Difference' meets 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.

St Mary de Crypt Church, 'Turn the Page' – 27 September

Turn the Page: a special service in which we explore the hopes and vision we have for our community as Discover DeCrypt moves into the next stage. All are welcome to join us at 1.00pm on Wednesday 27 September at St Mary de Crypt Church, Southgate Street.

St Mary de Lode – Taizé Service, 4 October

The next Taizé service at St Mary de Lode will be on **Wednesday 4 October** at 7.30pm on the theme of Creationtide. All are welcome.

Gloucester Cathedral Ramblers – Saturday 7 October

On Saturday 7 October, Gloucester Cathedral Ramblers will cover 10 miles of the Monarch's Way. The walk will be challenging. We will have a pub lunch en route. New Ramblers are especially welcome; it is not necessary to worship regularly at Gloucester Cathedral in order to join us. The subsequent walks will take place on Saturday 4 November (easy) and Saturday 2 December (challenging). Please email Peter Barrett at gloucestercathedralramblers@gmail.com for details of this or any future walk.

Harvest Eucharist – Sunday 8 October

The morning worship on Sunday 8 October will have a Harvest Thanksgiving flavour. We will have a special collection, for which envelopes will be available, for the Christian Aid Harvest Appeal. This year, it is supporting farmers in Malawi to achieve good crops and a just reward for their labour.

We will also be making a collection of foods for the Gloucestershire Foodbank; you're welcome to bring these gifts to be offered during the service. Thank you.

Richard Mitchell

Organ Recital – Wednesday 11 October

Daniel Cook, the recently appointed Master of the Choristers and Organist at Durham Cathedral will be performing an Organ recital. The recital will include music by Buxtehude, J S Bach, Harris, Langlais and Vierne.

Pilgrimage Holiday 24 September – 1 October 2018

Pilgrimage Holiday to Milan and Lake Maggiore, led by Canon Celia Thomson. 2 nights in Milan and 5 nights at Stresa on Lake Maggiore, visiting cathedrals, churches, pilgrimage sites, islands and gardens. £1079 per person (plus single room supplement). Price held until 30 November. For full details contact Canon Celia by email celia.thomson@gloucestercathedral.org.uk or phone 01452 415824

New Server Albs

The servers are now wearing their new albs which co-ordinate with the clergy vestments and are much easier to wash and iron! We are hugely grateful to Mrs Vera Austin for her bequest towards vestments which has enabled these albs to be bought. We now have a member of new young servers and it's good that we have new albs for them too. Richard Mitchell.

SOS Volunteer needed. Is anyone able to help wash the communion linen?

Two of the three people who do this important task are temporarily out of action. If you are able to help please speak to Canon Celia or Canon Richard. THANK YOU.

PROJECT PILGRIM

Above it all

Whilst much of the recent construction work has been taking place within the main body of the cathedral, allowing us to watch its development and appreciate its impact, work in the Lady Chapel and at Triforium level remains hidden and inaccessible.

The Tribune and Whispering Galleries have always been hidden gems at Gloucester Cathedral, offering extraordinary views throughout the building at the same time as they let visitors get up close to architectural detail. Looking down from above, this space - more than any other – helps you understand how the building was constructed and how the different parts fit together to help us go about our daily cathedral life.

Its position outside of main cathedral operation, combined with the views from the space itself, provide an unmissable opportunity for Pilgrim as we tell the story of the cathedral to visitors.

The large scaffolding now visible in the ambulatory has allowed us to clear space and move two pieces of cathedral stonework into the north Tribune Gallery. One of these is an enormous medieval gargoyle, removed during the South Aisle restoration. The other is a stone removed from the west pinnacle when it was repaired last winter. Both show the scale of cathedral construction as well as the weathering suffered over hundreds of years. The west pinnacle also shows how our own masons respond to the work of their predecessors in carving new stones, with four individual “grotesques” showing the different stages in modelling and carving. With almost all of the glazed balustrading installed, Ellis & Co. have been able to spend time making sure that the space is ready for these stones and the rest of our Visitor Interpretation scheme by:

- giving the vaults a fresh coat of wash (and undertaking some minor repairs)
- securing loose floor tiles and repairing those which have been damaged
- undertaking minor glazing repairs
- re-lighting the galleries

In January and February next year, we will install the remaining elements of our interpretation scheme, some of which include:

- the latest digital technology (using drone camera footage to access other inaccessible spaces within the cathedral)
- a recreation of a medieval chapel
- the opportunity to make a souvenir cathedral tile

We look forward to welcoming you to the Tribune Gallery when it re-opens in April 2018.

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 is now available. 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. Thank you to those who have already offered for this. If you could be a welcomer on Sundays when you're in the cathedral, please speak to Richard Mitchell.

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 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 today if you would like to come along, or sign up in the Chapter House after the service.

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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