

Notices for Sunday 24 December 2017

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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:

Philip Barlow, Lorraine Barrett, Sue Blakely, Sheila Brassell, Sandra Cook, Sue Cox, Brenda Davies, Mark Kay, Ian King, Wendy Lane, Holly Lewis, Elizabeth Reeves, Tony Stocks, Lorraine Wyman, Glynnis, Tom;

SERVICES FOR CHRISTMAS AND THE NEW YEAR

Today

- 3.00 Family Crib Service with Lighting of Christmas Trees
6.00 Cathedral Christmas Carol Service
11.30 Midnight Mass

Christmas Day - Monday 25 December

- 8.00am Holy Communion
10.15am The Eucharist of Christmas Day
4.00pm Evening Prayer

Boxing Day – Tuesday 26 December

- 8.30am Morning Prayer
9.00am Holy Communion
3.00pm Carols for All, Gloucester Choral Society
4.30pm Evening Prayer

Weekday services from Wednesday 27 December – Friday 29 December

- 8.30am Morning Prayer
9.00am Holy Communion
12.30pm Holy Communion
4.00pm Evening Prayer

Saturday 30 December

- 8.30am Morning Prayer
9.00am Holy Communion
12.30pm Holy Communion
4.30pm Evensong sung by the Lacock Scholars

Sunday 31 December, FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

- 7.40am Morning Prayer
8.00am Holy Communion
10.15 Eucharist sung by the Lacock Scholars
3.00 Evensong sung by the Lacock Scholars

Monday 1 January

- 8.30am Morning Prayer
9.00am Holy Communion
12.30pm Holy Communion
4.00pm Evening Prayer

This morning, the Dean is leading the service at St Lawrence, Barnwood.

Alone on Christmas Day?

Are you going to be alone on Christmas Day? Come and join us for Christmas Day lunch at the Lysons Hall organised by the parish of Hempsted with St Mary de Lode and St Mary de Crypt supported by Gloucestershire Age UK. Transport is available, if needed. Further information from Cath Wain on 01452 521799 christmaslunch@swithunandmary.org.uk

Tree of Stars Campaign

This Christmas, Gloucester Cathedral is inviting visitors to take part in its 'Tree of Stars' fundraising campaign. Wooden decorative stars will be available to purchase for £5, upon which a message or wish may be written before hanging the star on a dedicated tree within the Cathedral.

The stars will be available to take home in the new year as a special keepsake and all proceeds from the stars go towards maintaining the Cathedral for future generations.

Recital at St John's Northgate – Friday 5 January, 1.30pm

The recital which was postponed from Monday 18 December due to unforeseen circumstances, will now take place on Friday 5 January at 12.30pm. Singers are Vicki and Seb Field with pianist, Sue Honeywill. The programme is Christmas music as we are still in the Christmas season on that date. Thank you.

Sip and Study

The next Sip and Study, 'The Home Group with a Difference', will be on Tuesday 9 January and then weekly at Robert Raikes House in Southgate Street on Tuesdays from 2.30pm until 4pm.

A Magical Evening - Saturday 13th January 2018 at 7.30pm

Come and enjoy an evening of entertainment with amazing magician Bertie Pearce at the Gambier Parry Hall, Highnam. Tickets at £24 will include a two-course supper and a glass of wine and are available online at www.3choirs.org, by telephoning 01452 768928 or from Judith Armiger and Judith Holroyd. The event is in support of Gloucester Three Choirs Festival.

Gloucester Cathedral Ramblers - Saturday 27 January

The next walk, will be an easy 5 miles alongside the River Severn. We will have a pub lunch on completing the walk using public transport out and back. New ramblers are especially welcome. It is not necessary to worship regularly at Gloucester Cathedral to walk with the Ramblers. Please email Peter Barrett at gloucestercathedralramblers@gmail.com for details of future walks. Subsequent walks will be on Saturday 17 February (challenging) and Saturday 24 March (easy).

The Tea Angel returns to Gloucester Cathedral

The Tea Angel was originally created in response to the Syrian refugee crisis and to raise funds for the people of Syria. It is now touring Cathedrals and Churches across the UK, most recently being displayed in Glasgow Cathedral, bringing light and hope to communities far and wide.



The idea of using tea bags to create this sculpture originates from tea being a drink common to people across the globe; universal, classless and multicultural. Drinking Tea often unites people together at times of joy or sorrow. Angels too unite and cross many cultures. Often associated with messages of hope, Angels are integral to the Abrahamic religions of Judaism, Christianity and Islam and are also celebrated in the secular world.

The artist, Suzanne Horne, saw the powerful significance of the everyday teabag – that with care, love and light it can be transformed into a beautiful piece of art.

This year the stunning Tea Angel sculpture is displayed in St Andrews Chapel until 6 January 2018.

Knitvity 2017

The wonderful knitted Nativity is, once again, on public display from Tuesday 5th December. We are delighted to have continued our partnership with GRCC to make much more of knitting and crafting, highlighting the value such activities have to wellbeing; building confidence, alleviating exclusion and social isolation. This year we joined forces to hold a community crafting event where visitors could have a go at making and creating. We also asked the public to vote for the next creature they'd like to see join the Knitvity. The unconventional creature that was pulled from the hat is...an octopus! We are looking forward to seeing the new addition!



There will be some new Doves that are a little more keeping to the important Nativity story.

Holy Land Pilgrimage Social Evening for the congregation

On Saturday 20th January at 7.30pm in the Parliament Room, we invite you to come and hear about the Holy Land Pilgrimage that took place in October. There will be pictures and reflections from some of those who took part as well as drinks and a buffet. All are welcome. Canon Richard.

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

PROJECT PILGRIM

Once in a Generation ...

Christmas Eve often provides a moment of stillness during the busy Advent period: an opportunity to reflect and to anticipate.

With construction work paused it is perhaps easier to appreciate the amount of work which has been going on and the transformation to which we are so close. It is now difficult to imagine a car park in place of the new Cathedral Green. Whilst there is still some work to do, the essence of truly fitting setting for the Cathedral is clear with the new external lighting at the south porch showing how the design leads both the eye and the visitor to the building itself.

Inside, the Cathedral the new Gift Shop is a jewel box, framing and overlooked by one of the Cathedral's great monuments, it is a space filled with gifts and treats for all. Our new lifts and ramps are almost complete but it is the fixed ramp from the north ambulatory to the Quire which quietly confirms our commitment to providing dignified and equal access for all.

This has been an exceptionally busy year and not one without challenges, but we are just weeks away from completion and the work has been undertaken without closing the Cathedral and without missing a single service.

Thank you for your help and support and for your patience whilst we have undertaken this once in a generation opportunity. We wish you all a very Merry Christmas.

The Pilgrim Team

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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If you would like more information about supporting music at Gloucester Cathedral, please contact our Development Manager, Theo Platt:

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