

Notices for Sunday 31 December 2017

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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 THIS WEEK

Today

3.00 Evensong sung by the Lacock Scholars

Monday 1 January

8.30 Morning Prayer

9.00 Holy Communion

12.30 Holy Communion

4.00 Evening Prayer

Tuesday to Saturday

8.30 Morning Prayer	9.00 Holy Communion	12.30 Holy Communion
Tuesday	5.30 Evensong sung by the Choir of Christchurch, Adelaide	
Wednesday	5.30 Evening Prayer	
Thursday	5.30 Evensong	
Friday	5.30 Evensong	
Saturday	4.30 Evensong	

Sunday 7 January – EPIPHANY

7.40 Morning Prayer

8.00 Holy Communion

10.15 The Eucharist Bible Readings: Ephesians 3.1-12, Matthew 2.1-12

3.00 Evensong

Thank You - the Cathedral Clergy and all the Cathedral staff are very grateful for the kind Christmas greetings they have received. These are all much appreciated.

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.

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.

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).

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

Follow Project Pilgrim on 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.

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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.

Knitivity 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 Knitivity.



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.

PROJECT PILGRIM

The Final Transformation

As we look forward to 2018 there is still work to do both inside and outside the Cathedral.

Once we move into January, familiar faces will return to complete construction works which were paused before Christmas. Outside, Id Verde will be completing paving works to the West End and completing the diagonal path leading to the South Porch. They will also install the final section of the limestone wall, complete site planting and ensure that every detail is of the quality needed for a building such as ours.

Our Cathedral Stonemasons will remain within their Workshop, carving replacement pieces of detailed stone for the Lady Chapel's east elevation. As we move into the better weather of Spring they will fit these pieces into place.

Inside the Cathedral, Ellis & Co. will be installing the glass doors in our new entrance lobby, completing the remaining lift works and adding the finishing touches to the Lady Chapel.

But we are also looking forward to welcoming new friends to the Cathedral and starting the final parts of the Pilgrim programme.

On Monday 8th January, Imagemakers, our Interpretation Consultants and their team of skilled fabricators will begin installing a new scheme to help us bring the Cathedral's purpose and history to life for our visitors.

This is perhaps the most hard to describe element but will include:

- Five information hubs on the ground floor of the Cathedral
- A new Welcome Area and orientation model in the south west Nave as well as an improved Visitor Information Point in the north Transept
- The installation of Audio Visual displays and fun, interactive elements in the south Tribune Gallery

Outside, a programme of much needed drainage improvement works on the north side of the Lady Chapel will also begin. This work will be the final step in improving the damp environmental conditions in the Lady Chapel and is likely to help with flooding in the Crypt. We are extremely grateful to the Friends of Gloucester Cathedral for their support for these works as well as their significant contribution to the overall Pilgrim scheme.

Once all works have been completed, we look forward to welcoming you to our launch event in Spring 2018. Please keep a look out for more information as get ready to celebrate this milestone in the life of Gloucester Cathedral.