

Notices for Sunday 7 January 2018

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:

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
4.00 Ceremony of Carols

Monday to Friday

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| 8.30 | Morning Prayer | 9.00 | Holy Communion |
| 12.30 | Holy Communion | 5.30 | Evensong |

Saturday

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| 8.30 | Morning Prayer | 9.00 | Holy Communion |
| 12.30 | Holy Communion | | |
| 4.30 | RSCM Festival Evensong with awards | | |

Sunday 14 January – SECOND SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY

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| 7.40 | Morning Prayer | | |
| 8.00 | Holy Communion | | |
| 10.15 | The Eucharist Bible Readings: Revelation 5.1-10 John 1.43-end | | |
| 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

Come and Sing – Saturday 10 February 2018

Join us in a day of singing in the lovely chapel of Cheltenham College. Adrian Partington will direct 'A Sea Symphony' by Ralph Vaughan Williams, with Jonathan Hope accompanying. Music will be provided and a sandwich lunch with tea and coffee included in the ticket price of £25. Further information and tickets may be obtained 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.

Cathedral Book Club – 15 January

The Book Club next meets on Monday 15 January at Miller's Green from 2pm – 3pm.. The book is "The Road to little Dribbling" by Bill Bryson.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, United Service - 21 January

Christchurch, Abbeydale, Heron Way, Abbeydale, Gloucester, GL4 5ET.

Sunday 21 January 2018 at 6pm

Preacher: The Rt Revd Rachel Treweek, Bishop of Gloucester.

Gloucester City Service 'That all may be free'. Worship together as God's people in Gloucester remembering we belong to a worldwide church. All Welcome

PROJECT PILGRIM

Firm Foundations

Last week saw the arrival on site of specialist drainage contractors.

Working mainly within the protective heras fencing which surrounds the Lady Chapel, Three Counties Drainage are undertaking works to ensure that existing drains are fit for purpose and that new drains and connections are added in where required.

Much of the Cathedral site drainage dates back to Victorian times and although the pipework is protected by the earth above it, over the years, tree roots and the weight of traffic have caused cracks and other fractures. Following a final on-site survey, we will excavate and renew these damaged pipes.

At the same time, we will be installing a new French drain to the south of the Lady Chapel and improving connections between gullies and drains so that water is directed away from the building. These works in particular should deal with some of the surface water which floods into the Crypt after heavy rainfall.

Although disruptive and unglamorous, this essential work is one more piece of the "puzzle" of improving environmental conditions within the Lady Chapel: we are removing one of the causes of damp.

Seen in isolation, this work is mundane and unlike the work of our stonemasons or the external archaeology team, it is of little interest to the wider public. It is not something we have publicised but without it the fabric of the cathedral and the heritage of the city would remain at risk.

Although this work is being undertaken as part of Project Pilgrim, it is funded separately by the Friends of Gloucester Cathedral as well as the national World War One Centenary Cathedrals Repair Fund. We are extremely grateful to both for this essential support.

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.