

Bath Abbey

Where Earth and
Heaven Meet

The Worldwide Church: Easter. Remembering the resurrection of Jesus and the trials of the early Church, pray for hope and support for Christians facing arrest, injustice, interrogation, imprisonment and persecution throughout the world.

Sunday 23 March 2008

Easter Sunday

Welcome to Bath Abbey. If you are a newcomer please introduce yourself to one of the clergy and fill in a Welcome Card.

Toilet facilities are available at the Pump Room during their normal opening hours between 9.00 am – 5.00 pm.

Do use this Notice Sheet to guide you in your prayers this week

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

'... in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.' Phil. 4: v 6

- ?? For African countries where there is conflict within communities: that they would find ways to live in peace (remembering Kenya, Zimbabwe and Sudan);
- ?? For Afghanistan, Iraq and Iran: that a way to peace with justice will soon be found;
- ?? For the Charles Curnock, the Abbey Administrator;
- ?? For those who are sick and in hospital, and for members of the Abbey community recovering from operations;
- ?? Give thanks for the life of Gladys Windsor and pray for her family and friends;
- ?? Give thanks for the life of Theo Williams and pray for his family and friends.



We welcome the Rt Revd Peter Price, Bishop of Bath & Wells who will be President and Preacher at our 11.00 am Sung Eucharist service

8.00 am Holy Communion

Readings: 1 Corinthians 15: 19-26 (p 173); John 20: 1-18 (p 111)
Preacher: The Revd Dr Alan Garrow

9.15 am Family Communion with Renewal of Baptismal Vows

(see separate order of service)

A crèche is available for children up to 3 years old

11.00 am Sung Eucharist

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At the 11.00 am service today there will be activity bags available from the Churchwardens which are suitable for children aged between 1 – 11 years. There will also be some Easter activity sheets and pencils for you to help yourself to by the Font near the Exit.

There is no service of Holy Communion at 12.15 pm today

3.30 pm Choral Evensong

Introit:	O Sons and daughters	Sir Walford Davies
Psalm:	114	
Canticles:	Stanford in C	
Responses:	Rose	
Anthem:	Hallelujah (Messiah)	Handel
Hymn:	80	

There is no Evening Service at 6.30 pm today

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ABBEY OFFICE OPENING HOURS

The Abbey Office is normally open Monday – Friday 9.00 am – 1.30 pm
Closed on Easter Monday – 24 March 2008
Phone calls will be answered until 4.00 pm each day

From the Clergy, Churchwardens and all the Staff at Bath Abbey, a very Happy Easter, and may you know the joy of the risen Lord.

Our grateful thanks go to Sylvia Bibbings and the other members of the Flower Guild for their magnificent work in decorating the Abbey so beautifully for Easter.

The flowers on the pedestal by the Beau Nash monument have been given by Derek and Delyth Cardy in memory of Anne Cardy, late wife of Derek, and Morfydd and Harry Price, late parents of Delyth.

The flowers in the Sanctuary have been given by Alan and Audrey Maunder in memory of their families who have passed away.

THIS WEEK

The Abbey Office will re-open on Tuesday 25 April

Mon 24	11.00 am	Lollipops Recital by Peter King
	2.00 pm	Lollipops Recital by Peter King <i>No Women's Fellowship at St. Michael's Church</i>
Thurs 27	8.30 am	Morning Prayer (entry via the South East door)
	11.00 am	Holy Communion
	2.00 pm	Funeral of Miss Gladys Windsor at Haycombe
Fri 28	8.30 am	Holy Communion (entry via the South East door)
Sat 29	4.00 pm	Choral Evensong – Ramsay Singers

Sunday 30 March – Second Sunday of Easter

8.00 am	Holy Communion
9.15 am	Parish Communion
11.15 am	Choral Matins
12.15 pm	Holy Communion
3.30 pm	Choral Evensong
6.30 pm	Evening Service

Fri 4 April 11.00 am Funeral of Theo Williams in the Abbey

NOTICES

Tour of the Abbey Tower on Saturday April 12th from 10.00 am to 12.30 pm.

The Friends of the Abbey have arranged an opportunity to visit the Abbey Tower under the guidance of the Abbey bell ringers. You will climb up to the ringing chamber, see the clock and carillon, and then climb further up through the bell chamber to the Tower roof. It is hoped to show a recording of the bells being rung in the North Transept. For safety reasons it is not possible to ring the bells whilst visits are taking place. There will be a small exhibition about the history of the Abbey bells in the South Transept and coffee and biscuits will be served. **Tickets for this event are now available to all members of the Abbey community @ £6 (£5 if you are an Abbey Friend) and can be obtained by written request to Ros Key-Pugh, Secretary of the Friends at the Abbey Office.** There are only 20 places left.

If you feel the 300 or so steps up to the Tower roof is too daunting then **unlimited tickets just for the exhibition and coffee and biscuits are available @ £3.**

Edward completed the **Bath Half-Marathon** last Sunday – a year late. So his time was 1 year, 1 hour and 47 minutes. Perhaps the longest Half Marathon on record! Congratulations to Steve Chamberlain and Gareth Lloyd who also completed the Half Marathon.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

The APCM will be held on Wednesday 23 April at 7.30 pm in the Abbey. The meeting will elect 7 members to Deanery Synod and 7 members to the PCC. If you would like a nomination form for either of these elections, please contact Mrs Cheri Bragg at the Abbey Office.

Exploring Confirmation: Each year young people and adults are offered the opportunity to be confirmed or renew baptism vows at a service of confirmation here at the Abbey. If you would like more information about this, please have a word with one of the clergy or write a short note to the Rector. This is a good opportunity to think about our faith and our commitment to following Christ.

Quiet Day, 12 April

During our sermon series on the Vision Statement, **Russell Bowman Eadie** preached a very good sermon about listening to God. Some people suggested that we ask him to come and do a Quiet Day for us on the subject. This we have done. On **12 April** (precise times to be announced but probably 10-4) all are welcome to take part in the Quiet Day and hear Russell guiding us through the day on **Listening to God**. This will be held at Bathampton Church Centre and Church. It would be helpful to know how many are coming, so if you plan to come can you please let the office know. If you decide to come at the last minute that will be all right too though! We will be bringing our own lunch as some people will prefer to stay silent through the day and others may like to chat over lunch. If you have any questions, do see Debbie.

Football match! For your information and to please pray for good weather and no incidents - on 30 March. The Abbey Boys' Choir will be playing football at Kingswood School from 10.30 am with swimming and a barbeque after the match.

Begging – a difficult issue: As we come to church we may meet people begging for money either near the Abbey or at the Abbey door. The Abbey actively discourages begging and we would ask you not to give in this way. The Abbey policy is to support charities in Bath that work for the relief of those without homes and we raise tens of thousands of pounds each year to this end. In addition, Genesis vouchers towards a meal or accommodation are available for purchase in the Abbey Shop.

If you are a UK taxpayer, please consider placing your offering in the envelopes available in the pews and enter the details requested so that the Abbey may reclaim tax on your donation. This increases the value of your gift considerably. Thank you.