

Whole Church Family Invitation! You are invited to come to the Bath Abbey Afternoon tea 3.00pm-5.30pm on Sunday 27th January at St Michael's Without (opposite Waitrose). Any contributions of cakes or biscuits are welcome - please contact Jane Mitchell jmitchell@bathabbey.org. This is an opportunity to meet the wider church family across generations and different congregations and have some fun! Everyone welcome.

Musical Chair Exercises. The new session of Musical Chair Exercises begins on Wednesday, 16th January at 10am and thereafter every 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month. If anyone is interested in joining our ever-expanding group, please contact Patricia Shuttleworth on 01225 742077.

For your prayers

'...in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your request be made known to God,' Philippians 4. 6

Eternal Father, who at the baptism of Jesus revealed him to be your Son, anointing him with the Holy Spirit: grant to us, who are born again by water and the Spirit, that we may be faithful to our calling as your adopted children; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Pray for our MPs; for wisdom, godly guidance and true humility. God of reconciling hope, as you guided your people in the past, guide us through the turmoil of the present time, and bring us to that place of flourishing where our unity can be restored, the common good served, and all shall be made well. In the name of Jesus we pray, Amen.

Reaching the Unreached: RTU is situated in a part of the world where many children do not have a proper education and because of this they miss out on the opportunities in life that will follow this. RTU aims to improve the life chances of those children.

Children need an education to have the full and abundant life you give them. We pray that you might through the RTU schools raise them up, to learn, to read and to apply new skills to help lift their families out of poverty - for this generation and generations to come.

Pray for Home Group Leader: Sue Hoskins
Pray for Contact Group Leaders: Clare Hector and Fiona Barnes
Pray for the Shop Manager Donna Lodge and her shop team

Ministers: Every Member
Rector: The Revd Canon Guy Bridgewater
Abbey Missioner: The Revd Stephen Girling
Associate Priest: The Revd Evelyn Lee-Barber
Interim Minister: The Revd Ken Madden
Curate: The Revd Jane Mitchell
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ABBEY OFFICE OPENING HOURS

Monday 10.00am – 3.30pm, Tuesday – Friday 9.00am – 3.30pm

Welcome

Sunday 13th January 2019

Baptism of Christ

8.00 am Holy Communion

New Testament Acts 8:14-17 (p 123)
Gospel Luke 3:15-17, 21-22 (p 57)
Preacher The Revd Evelyn Lee-Barber

9.30 am Parish Communion

There is a crèche and groups for young people
New Testament Acts 8:14-17 (p 123)
Gospel Luke 3:15-17, 21-22 (p 57)
Preacher The Revd Evelyn Lee-Barber

11.15 am Sung Eucharist with the Abbey Choir of Girls and Men

New Testament Acts 8:14-17 (p 123)
Gospel Luke 3:15-17, 21-22 (p 57)
Preacher The Revd Evelyn Lee-Barber
The setting is Missa Sancta Nicolai by Haydn

3.30 pm Choral Evensong with the Abbey Choir of Boys and Men

Introit Omnes de Saba Handl
Responses Clucas
Psalm 46 (p 193)
Old Testament Isaiah 55:1-11 (p 696)
New Testament Mark 1:4-11 (p 33)
Canticles Stanford in C
Anthem Come down, O love divine Harris
Hymn 526

6.30 pm Informal Evening Service

Leader: Mrs Anne Dowling
A half hour reflective service with scriptures and prayers to end the day. Everyone welcome.

This month's Mission Focus is Reaching the Unreached
to know more go to <http://www.bathabbey.org/worship/mission-links>

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THIS WEEK

- Mon 14** The Abbey will be closed for visiting all day
5.30 pm Evening Prayer
- Tues 15** The Abbey will be open for visiting from 9.00am-5.30pm
8.30 am Morning Prayer
5.30 pm Choral Evensong
- Wed 16** The Abbey will be open for visiting from 9.00am-1.00pm & 3.30pm-5.30pm
8.30 am Morning Prayer
1.00pm-3.30pm Abbey closed for funeral
2.00 pm Funeral of the late Sue East
5.30 pm Evening Prayer
- Thurs 17** The Abbey will be open for visiting from 9.00am-5.30pm
8.30 am Morning Prayer
11.00 am Holy Communion in the Nave
5.30 pm Choral Evensong
- Fri 18** The Abbey will be open for visiting from 9.00am-5.30pm
8.30 am Holy Communion
5.30 pm Evening Prayer
- Sunday 20 – The Third Sunday of Epiphany**
8.00 am Holy Communion
9.30 am Parish Communion
11.15 am Sung Eucharist
3.30 pm Choral Evensong
6.30 pm NB: There is no Evening Service at the Abbey. Instead we join at St. Mary's, Bathwick, at 6pm for ecumenical worship.

NOTICES

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is being observed 18-25 January. The theme this year is Justice, inspired by the words in Deuteronomy 16:18-20 'Justice, and only justice, you shall pursue....' There will be NO service in the Abbey next Sunday evening but instead all are invited to an ecumenical worship service at St Mary's, Bathwick, at 6.00pm. Also, at 5.30pm on Thursday, 24th January we sing Choral Evensong at St. John's RC Church as part of the week.

Touch Base: Ladies, the January Touch Base will be on Friday 18th January at 10am-12 noon at the home of Liz Westbrook, 3 Norwood Dene, The Avenue, Claverton Down BA2 7AX. Please contact Liz on 338263 for directions and parking. February's Touch Base will be at the Rectory on Wednesday 20th February. *Liz Westbrook*

Worship Support Rota February to May 2019. The new Worship support rota has been distributed electronically and copies placed in the pigeon holes for those who so requested. If you have not received your copy please contact the Abbey Office.

The funeral of Joan White, a past member of the Abbey congregation, will take place at Haycombe Crematorium on Tuesday, 15th January at 11.30am. All welcome.

Presentation on Abbey Mission in West Africa on 30th January at 1-2pm in the Abbey. Our Abbey Missioner, Revd Stephen Girling and Mrs Mary Henderson, will be giving a presentation on their Autumn trip to Cameroon and Togo with Wycliffe Bible Translators. They will be talking about the Bible translation and literacy project the Abbey has supported for 10 years and about a new project in Togo. All are welcome. If you would prefer an evening presentation please contact Stephen on missioner@bathabbey.org.

The Men's Daytime Group will meet on Wednesday, 16th January at 10.15am for a 10.30am start in the Seventh Day Adventist Chapel beside the Abbey (access to the Chapel is from Orange Grove). We look forward to a talk by Revd Martin Broadbent about a visit he made to the USA. There will be coffee/tea, nibbles, goodwill and fellowship. Do come.

If you were at one of our Sunday services on 30th December 2018 and are feeling inspired to try the app recommended by our Rector, Guy Bridgewater, which allows you to start each day with a Psalm or Proverbs reading, and a reading from the New Testament and Old Testament, here's a link <https://www.bibleinoneyear.org/>.

January SPCK Book of the Month: *The Bare Bible: Uncovering the Bible for the First Time (or the Hundredth)* by Peter Graystone. Are you looking to get to grips with the Bible or see those well known stories in a whole new light? This book is for you - come and discover the scriptures as never before. Learn about Jesus' expletives for the Pharisees, explore why the writers of the Old Testament might have had a problem with your underwear, and find out what The Ark of the Covenant really is, away from any Indiana Jones film. With tea-breaks built in and no prior knowledge required, zip through the Bible from beginning to end with author Peter Graystone, your jolly and jargon-free guide for the journey. **Available in Bath Abbey Shop for £9.99.**

Invitation for Children Over 7: In accordance with the guidelines of the Church of England children over 7 who are baptised, and with their parents' agreement, can receive Holy Communion after suitable preparation. We are offering a 4 week course on 19th March, 26th March, 2nd April and 9th April from 5.30pm-6.30pm in the Adventist Chapel. This is with a view for children to receive communion for the first time on Easter Day on 21st April. Please contact Revd Jane Mitchell Youth and Families Chaplain to arrange a home visit to discuss this and book a place on the course jmitchell@bathabbey.org.

We often pray for justice for those wrongfully imprisoned. We have been asked by Eugenia, a member of the congregation, to pray for a 20yr old young man, Pavlo, who is among a number of Ukrainians who are being kept as political prisoners in Russia. Please pray for a fair hearing and justice for them all.

We welcome two new Chaplains to the team who provide a much valued spiritual presence in the Abbey during the week. One is the Revd Penelope Swithinbank who has been involved in parish ministry and chaplaincy, leading retreats and pilgrimages, writing and spiritual direction. She recently retired with her husband Kim to Norton St Philip. Pete Jones, who is already a regular member of the congregation and an Abbey Steward, is our other new Chaplain now that he is in training for Reader ministry. Welcome and thanks to both. *Ken Madden*