

Services and Preachers...

			Morning Prayer on Mondays-Thursdays at 8.30am	
			Holy Communion on Thursdays at 11.00 am and Fridays at 8.30 am	
			Evening Prayer or Choral Evensong on Mondays to Fridays at 5.30 pm	
31	5.30 pm	Choral Evensong - <i>The Choir of St John's, Devizes</i> <i>Stanford in C</i> <i>Wie lieblich sind deine Wohnungen - Brahms</i> <i>Responses: Moore</i>	<i>First movement Sonata No 4 - Mendelssohn</i>	<i>Hymn 10</i>
1	The Eleventh Sunday after Trinity			
	8.00 am	Holy Communion	The Revd Stephen Girling	
	9.30 am	Parish Communion <i>Festligt Praeludium - Gade</i>	The Revd Stephen Girling	
	11.15 am	Sung Eucharist - <i>The Choir of St John's, Devizes</i> <i>Communion Service in F - Darke</i> <i>Beati quorum via - Stanford</i>	The Revd Stephen Girling <i>Hymns: 641i, 394, 741, 683</i>	
	3.30 pm	Choral Evensong - <i>The Choir of St John's, Devizes</i> <i>Murrill in E</i> <i>And I saw a new heaven - Bainton</i> <i>Responses: Moore</i>	<i>Psalm 119.81-88</i> <i>Hymn 184</i>	
5	6.30 pm	Informal Evening Service	The Revd Ken Madden	
	5.30 pm	Choral Evensong - <i>Abbey Choir of Girls and Lay-Clerks</i> <i>Were you there - American Spiritual, arr. Bob Chilcott</i> <i>Sumsion in G</i> <i>A new song - James MacMillan</i>	<i>Psalm 94</i> <i>Responses: Byrd</i>	
8	The Twelfth Sunday after Trinity			
	8.00 am	Holy Communion	Mr Jeremy Key-Pugh	
	9.30 am	Parish Communion <i>Ave verum - Fauré</i>	Mr Jeremy Key-Pugh <i>Grand Choeur - Loret</i>	
	11.15am	Sung Eucharist <i>Were you there - American Spiritual, arr. Bob Chilcott</i> <i>Cantus Missae - Rheinberger</i> <i>O sacrum convivium - Tallis</i> <i>Tema met Variates - Andriessen</i>	Mr Jeremy Key-Pugh <i>Hymns: 630, 1, 748, 476</i>	
	3.30 pm	Choral Evensong <i>O come ye servants - Tye</i> <i>Stanford in C</i> <i>Evening hymn - Balfour Gardiner</i> <i>Deuxieme Fantaisie - Alain</i>	<i>Psalm 121</i> <i>Responses: Rose</i> <i>Hymn 214</i>	
	6.30 pm	Informal Evening Service	Mr Pete Jones	
12	5.30 pm	Choral Evensong - <i>Abbey Choir of Girls and Lay-Clerks</i> <i>Before the ending of the day - Plainsong</i> <i>Purcell in G minor</i> <i>Steal away - American Spiritual, arr. Tippett</i>	<i>Psalm 116</i> <i>Responses: Byrd</i>	
15	The Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity			
	8.00 am	Holy Communion	The Revd Canon Nigel Rawlinson	
	9.30 am	Parish Communion <i>Ex ore innocentium - Ireland</i> <i>Choral Song - S S Wesley</i>	The Revd Canon Nigel Rawlinson	
	11.15 am	Sung Eucharist <i>Oculi omnium - Wood</i> <i>Little Organ Mass - Haydn</i> <i>Panis angelicus - Saint-Saëns</i> <i>Fantasia in E flat - Saint-Saëns</i>	The Revd Canon Nigel Rawlinson <i>Hymns: 87, NEH 282 (t: 396), 794i, 806</i>	
	3.30 pm	Choral Evensong <i>Before the ending of the day - Plainsong</i> <i>Gray in F minor</i> <i>Hear my prayer - Mendelssohn</i>	<i>Psalms 124 & 125</i> <i>Responses: Byrd</i>	
	6.30 pm	Informal Evening Service	Mr Jeremy Key-Pugh	
17	5.30 pm	Choral Evensong - <i>The Abbey Choir of Boys and Lay-Clerks</i> <i>O Lord, increase our faith - Loosemore</i> <i>Psalm 135.1-12</i> <i>View me, Lord - Richard Lloyd</i>	<i>Dyson in F</i> <i>Responses: Rose</i>	
19	5.30 pm	Choral Evensong - <i>Abbey Girls' Choir</i> <i>Laus Trinitati - Hildegard of Bingen</i> <i>The Short Service - Gibbons</i> <i>Christo resurgenti - Couperin</i>	<i>Psalm 138</i> <i>Responses: Archer</i>	
22	The Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity			
	8.00 am	Holy Communion	The Revd Canon Guy Bridgewater	
	9.30 am	Parish Communion <i>Laus Trinitati - Hildegard of Bingen</i> <i>Prélude (from Trois Pièces) - Pierné</i>	The Revd Canon Guy Bridgewater	
	11.15 am	Sung Eucharist <i>Notre Père - Tavener</i> <i>Missa Octo Vocum - Hassler</i> <i>Ave verum - Mozart</i> <i>Grande Choeur Dialogue - Gigout</i>	The Revd Canon Guy Bridgewater <i>Hymns: 595, 448, 813, 739</i>	
	3.30 pm	Choral Evensong <i>View me, Lord - Richard Lloyd</i> <i>Dyson in D</i> <i>They that go down to the sea - Sumsion</i> <i>First movement from Sonata No 2 - Hindemith</i>	<i>Psalm 129</i> <i>Responses: Rose</i> <i>Hymn 336</i>	
	6.30 pm	Informal Evening Service	The Revd Stephen Girling	
26	5.30 pm	Choral Evensong Day - <i>Abbey Choir of Girls and Lay-Clerks</i> <i>Notre Père - Tavener</i> <i>Stanford in B flat</i> <i>Hail, gladdening light - Wood</i>	<i>Psalm 16</i> <i>Responses: Leighton</i>	
29	Harvest Festival			
	8.00 am	Holy Communion	The Revd Stephen Girling	
	9.30 am	Parish Communion <i>For the beauty of the earth - John Rutter</i> <i>Nun Danket Alle Gott - Karg-Elert</i>	Dr Martin Hodson	
	11.15 am	Sung Eucharist <i>Thou visitest the earth - Greene</i> <i>Missa Brevis in B flat K 275 - Mozart</i> <i>For the beauty of the earth - John Rutter</i> <i>Prelude and Fugue in B major - Dupré</i>	Dr Martin Hodson <i>Hymns: 290, 284, 282, 706</i>	
	3.30 pm	Choral Evensong <i>Hail, gladdening light - Wood</i> <i>The Gloucester Service - Howells</i> <i>Christus vincit - James MacMillan</i> <i>Prelude and Fugue in B minor BWV 544 - J S Bach</i>	<i>Psalm 134</i> <i>Responses: Leighton</i> <i>Hymn 457</i>	
	6.30 pm	Informal Evening Service	Mr Jeremy Key-Pugh	

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The clergy welcome communication on any matters by letter, email or telephone.

Sensing God's Call

Sensing a call to Reader ministry or ordination? There is a growing number of you and we think there may be more!! You may be wondering if this is you or, you may be part way through a process of working it out! If so, come to a **breakfast** to explore more. There is no commitment by exploring, but you may like to join and travel with a group who are thinking about if this is how God is calling you; for we are a people who journey together! We will outline next steps, look at possible development opportunities and answer as many questions as we can.

Please prayerfully consider if you should be taking this step...be brave and dip your toe in the water! *Venue: 6, Cranhill Road, Bath BA1 2YF : Date-9.30am- 11.am on Saturday 14th September*

Jeremy Key-Pugh will be there along with Guy and myself. Do contact one of us if you'd like us to know you will be coming, if not come on the morning. Until then, be blessed in your journey!

The Revd Evelyn Lee-Barber
Associate Priest

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Caring for God's Earth

We are used to being bombarded by information and statistics but this one stopped me in my tracks. Christian Aid recently reported that "one person in Britain generates as much carbon dioxide annually as 212 citizens of Burundi, in Central Africa". Of course, this reflects the vastly different standards of living for our respective citizens - things that we in the UK take for granted like cars, televisions, fridges, holidays, second homes, all in some way translate into a human and planetary cost. It is a justice issue.



Extinction Rebellion climate change activists lying down outside Bath Abbey on 17 August. Photo: H Doughty

We are used to hearing about carbon dioxide production and its impact on our climate but other issues such as deforestation, loss of biodiversity and soil degradation are also of importance when it comes to environmental discussions. Greta Thunberg, the extinction rebellion movement and Tearfund's 'rubbish campaign' are examples of those who are working to promote conversation and change.

Every year at Harvest we celebrate God's gift of creation in a spirit of thanksgiving and self-examination of our stewardship. Our Harvest weekend is 28th and 29th of September, on the Saturday we have a special Harvest dinner in the newly restored East end of the Abbey and on the Sunday our services will pick up the Harvest theme. This year we welcome as guest speaker and preacher Dr Martin Hodson who works for the John Ray Initiative and speaks for A Rocha UK, the Christian conservation charity. The John Ray Initiative's mission is to promote responsible environmental stewardship in accordance with Christian principles and the wise use of science and technology. Tickets for the dinner are £25 from the Abbey Office.

I still remember the Christian Aid campaign which encouraged us to 'live simply so that others may simply live'. Harvest gives us the opportunity to consider how God might be calling us to live more simply for our own benefit and the benefit of the citizens of Burundi and many others around the world. Being Godly wise means being 'willing to yield' (James 3v17) - what do we need to yield to this Harvest?

*Revd Stephen Girling
Abbey Missioner*

Tickets for Major Services

Advent Services:

Sunday 1 December 4.30pm and 7.00pm

Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols:

Monday 23 December, 5.00pm and 7.30pm

With the seating capacity of the Abbey significantly reduced in comparison with past years, we have increased the number of services for Advent and Nine Lessons and Carols, to enable as many people as possible to attend. Our hope is for everyone attending to have a meaningful and memorable experience of worship. However, those applying for tickets should be aware that many of the seats in the Abbey will have limited or no direct sight of the area from where the service is being led. Some limited additional coverage will be provided by TV screens. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

There will be two identical Advent services on Sunday 1st December at 4.30pm and 7pm. Everyone who wishes to attend either will need a ticket. Application forms will be available from mid-October - they will be available to download from the Abbey website, or on paper from the Abbey Office. The exact date when they become available will be announced at the beginning of October. Applications will be processed strictly in order of receipt and there will need to be a strict limit on the number of tickets issued to any one family or household.

A similar process will take place in relation to the two Festivals of Nine Lessons and Carols which will take place at 5.00pm and 7.30 on Monday 23rd December - NOT on Christmas Eve, please note. The application forms for these services will be available later than those for Advent; again, full details of how to apply will be advertised in October's and November's Abbey News, on the Abbey website and in successive weekly Notice Sheets.

The churchwardens will, in every case, make the process as fair as it can possibly be, and will be glad of everyone's co-operation and understanding, even where, inescapably, they are obliged to cause disappointment.

While we welcome ticket applications from our congregation, due to our reduced seating capacity this year, we are encouraging as many people as possible who don't regularly worship at the Abbey to attend a service at their local church.

The Churchwardens

Footprint update

Work is progressing very well with the second phase of work in the Abbey floor. As you can see through the hoarding window, we have lifted the ledgerstones, excavated down to allow the construction of the new concrete slab and service trenches, and are starting to bring in the stainless steel reinforcement. The works to support the organ are now complete: two large steel beams have been installed underneath the organ and let into the wall either side of the north transept. This was a complicated and unexpected job and we are grateful to Emery's for managing to do this without holding up the rest of the work in the Abbey.

Outside the Abbey, work is progressing in the vaults with the opening up of the learning space, and you now get a real sense of how the different spaces will link together and the route from the Jackson extension to Kingston Buildings. In Kingston Buildings, which is due to complete in March of next year, we are installing services and are starting with internal repairs to plasterwork and ceilings.

Archaeological work is continuing alongside all of this. We have found numerous remnants of the Jacobean plaster ceiling which was replaced over the nave with the stone vaulting by Gilbert Scott. These have included roundels, decorated fragments, giving an indication of the original paint scheme, and a small intricate lion's face.



One of Wessex Archaeology's recent finds.

Work continues on the development of the interpretation scheme. This will tell the story of the Abbey from its Saxon beginnings to the present day and we are currently planning the layout of the space and developing the audio visual and digital elements. We are also advertising for a new Volunteering Officer and a new Learning Officer, details of these posts are on our website if you know anyone who might be interested.

We had a very successful Pentecost Mission Appeal raising £36,295 for Footprint. Thank you to all who generously supported this Appeal! The Footprint Summer Evening Concerts raised £7,566 and the Leap of Faith Abseil raised £12,385 (with Footprint receiving £6,192). All of these wonderful donations will be doubled by the Brownsword Matchfund.

*Alix Gimer
Footprint Project Director*



Be a Volunteer: Soup Run Organiser

On the 31st December, I will be retiring as Soup Run Organiser for the Abbey having had the role since 2002 when the Abbey joined the scheme and I am seeking a volunteer to take over.

The Bath Soup Run was the Genesis Trust's very first project in Bath, starting in 1990. Based at the Cattle Market car park, volunteers have been serving hot soup, sandwiches and hot drinks every night of the year to Bath's homeless and vulnerable ever since, even on Christmas day. Each night's soup run is operated by a different Church and often is the first place homeless people come, serving 15-20 visitors each evening. The Abbey's involvement is an important element of our work with the homeless and vulnerable. We work with Bath City Church on a Sunday and operate every fifth Sunday which means about ten times per annum.

It is the role of the Organiser to set up a rota to make and serve the food and to liaise with Bath City Church, to annually agree the dates of operation and to book the kitchen at St Michael's Without Crypt where we are based. The Organiser also arranges for the food to be purchased and delivered to the Crypt. There are two teams of volunteers, one to prepare and one to serve the food.

There is an enthusiastic band of Abbey volunteers some of whom have been with me since we started in July 2002 and it is very satisfying work receiving many words of thanks and support from the clients.

This is a really worthwhile and rewarding role so please consider taking over from me.

**It will be difficult to contact me by telephone during September but please e-mail me
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*Barry Cooper
Bath Abbey Soup Run Organiser*

