

Bible Reading Fellowship:

There are two types of daily Bible reading published three times a year by BRF:

- **New Daylight** which prints the Bible passage followed by a short commentary
- **Guidelines** which is a longer commentary, you read the passage in your own Bible.

They each cost £14.00 for the year. Large print copies of New Daylight cost £17.75. If you would like to order either New Daylight or Guidelines for 2020, please send a cheque (made payable to Bath Abbey Ltd) to Alison Long, 104 Marsden Road, Bath BA2 2LQ by 30th November. Thank you.

Bath Christian Aid Network have arranged a Hustings at The Forum, James' Parade, Bath BA1 1UG on Monday, 18th November at 7.30pm (Doors open at 7pm).

For your prayers

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

Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son was revealed to destroy the works of the devil and to make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life: grant that we, having this hope, may purify ourselves even as he is pure; that when he shall appear in power and great glory we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Please pray for Zambia: A proposal for a highly controversial open-cast copper-mine is threatening the Lower Zambezi National Park, one of Zambia's major economic contributors, which employs hundreds of local people and supports thousands more in the communities on its periphery. The mine threatens the livelihoods of everyone involved in tourism in the Lower Zambezi Valley and also Zambia's recently unveiled tourism growth strategy which hinges on the country's commitment to protecting its wilderness areas. Mining in Zambia has generally devastated the local environment to no economic advantage, as profits are siphoned off by multinational businesses. Please pray for wise decisions for Zambia's environment and her economy, for the land, the animals and the people. Amen.

Prayer for PCC Away morning on 23rd November: We ask for wisdom - may the church council be discerning in the decisions that are taken which will shape and prioritise the Abbey's direction and activities for the 2020 vision. Lord, our desire is to truly reflect your heart for this community, city and the wider world. Amen.

Pray for Contact Group Leader: Sue Hoskins
Pray for Sabine the Abbey Cleaner

Ministers: Every Member

Rector: The Revd Canon Guy Bridgewater

Abbey Missioner: The Revd Stephen Girling

Associate Priest: The Revd Evelyn Lee-Barber

Associate Minister: The Revd Ken Madden

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ABBEY OFFICE OPENING HOURS

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

Welcome

Sunday 17th November 2019

The Second Sunday before Advent

At the beginning of this week we gather to worship God before going to serve him in the city and wider world or here at the Abbey

8.00 am Holy Communion

New Testament 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13 (p 204)
Gospel Luke 21:5-19 (p 81)
Preacher The Revd Canon Guy Bridgewater

9.30 am Parish Communion

There is a crèche and groups for young people
New Testament 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13 (p 204)
Gospel Luke 21:5-19 (p 81)
Preacher The Revd Canon Guy Bridgewater

11.15 am Sung Eucharist with the Abbey Choir of Boys and Lay-Clerks

New Testament 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13 (p 204)
Gospel Luke 21:5-19 (p 81)
Preacher The Revd Canon Guy Bridgewater
The Mass settings are Missa Brevis in G by F Schubert and Requiem by G Fauré

3.30 pm Choral Evensong with the Abbey Choir of Girls and Lay-Clerks

Introit Hear my Prayer Purcell
Responses Shephard
Psalm 93 (p 249)
Old Testament Daniel 6 (p 841)
New Testament Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23 (p 13)
Canticles Gray in F minor
Anthem Faire is the heaven Harris
Hymn 185 (omit 4-5)

6.30 pm Informal Evening Service with the commissioning of Street Pastors

Leader: Mr Pete Jones
A 45 minute reflective service with scriptures and prayers to end the day. Everyone welcome.

BathAbbey



- Mon 18** The Abbey will be open for visiting from 9.30am-5.30pm
 8.30 am Morning Prayer
 1.00 pm Footprint Update Presentation. All welcome
 5.30 pm Evening Prayer
- Tues 19** The Abbey will be open for visiting from 9am-5.30pm
 8.30 am Morning Prayer
 5.30 pm Choral Evensong
- Wed 20** The Abbey will be open for visiting from 9am-12pm and 2.30pm-5.30pm
 8.30 am Morning Prayer
 1.00 pm Memorial Service for Margaret Thompson
 5.30 pm Evening Prayer
 6.30 pm Home for Good, Celebration of Fostering and Adoption
(Invitation only)
- Thurs 21** The Abbey will be open for visiting from 9.00am-5.30pm
 8.30 am Morning Prayer
 10.30 am Holy Communion
 5.30 pm Choral Evensong
- Fri 22** The Abbey will be open for visiting from 9.00am-5.30pm
 8.30 am Holy Communion
 5.30 pm Evening Prayer
- Sat 23** The Abbey will be open for visiting from 9.00am-6.00pm
 1.00 pm Lunchtime Recital – Stuart Ironside (Classical Guitarist)
- Sunday 24 - Christ the King**
 The Abbey will be open for visiting 1.00pm-2.30pm and 4.30pm-6.00pm
 8.00 am Holy Communion
 9.30 am Parish Communion
 11.15 am Sung Eucharist
 3.30 pm Choral Evensong
 6.30 pm Informal Evening Service

NOTICES

Bath Abbey's new website: If you've logged onto www.bathabbey.org you may have noticed that our website has changed! The new website was launched this week and offers a modern design as well as user-friendly navigation. It is also compatible with all mobile devices. Please take a look – we hope you like it!

The Men's Group will meet on Wednesday, 20th November at St. Michaels Church, by Waitrose, to hear Revd Roger Driver's talk "A cricket umpire's view from the wicket - Liverpool, Somerset and Rome". We gather at 10am upstairs for refreshment and fellowship and move downstairs to the crypt at 10.30am for the talk. We will be through at 11.30am.

Support Footprint with our Beautiful Hand-Made Christmas Cards: Sue Clark, the Abbey's Worship Administrator, has created beautiful hand-made Christmas cards to fundraise for Footprint. With prices ranging from 50p to £1.30 and all proceeds doubled by the Brownsword Matchfund, this is a wonderful way to support the Abbey's Footprint Project! Available to buy from the Abbey Office, Monday to Friday until 3pm.

Friends of Bath Abbey visit to Ypres and the Somme in May 2021: Full details of this five day trip and wonderful opportunity to visit the Commonwealth War Graves, Cemeteries and Memorials of the WWI Western Front in the company of a professional guide are available from Ken Madden, the Friends' stand in the Abbey or from the Abbey Office.

Footprint Update Presentation, 1pm on Monday 18 November: Alix Gilmer, Footprint Project Director, will be giving a presentation on Footprint progress, including arrangements to heat the Abbey through the winter months, and Cai Mason, Senior Project Officer for Wessex Archaeology, will give an update on archaeological discoveries. The event takes place in the East End of the Abbey and is free of charge. Turn up on the day and bring your friends too. Just get in touch with Cath Foxwell, Development Manager, if you have any questions (cfoxwell@bathabbey.org / 01225 303314).

Candle Lighting for Advent Service: We need a small team to help the Ops Team by lighting candles before the first service. Please contact thevergers@bathabbey.org. Thank you.

'The Spirit of Giving' Christmas Party, 11th December at Holburne Museum: Tickets Available Now. Join us for an evening of festive treats, carols and art at the Holburne Museum as six local charitable organisations, including Bath Abbey, come together to host a special Christmas party - all for a good cause! Enjoy a cosy evening in the Holburne Museum's beautiful galleries, with delicious festive refreshments and a view of the latest exhibitions of Rembrandt and Matisse. Try your hand at the Christmas raffle and hear the best in young musical talent perform carols and songs throughout the night. All proceeds from the evening will help the hosting organisations deliver world-class research, education, art and heritage in our city. Tickets cost £10 and are available from the Holburne Museum website at <https://www.holburne.org/events/the-spirit-of-giving/> Tickets are limited, so book soon to avoid disappointment.

One Good Friday Bath is holding a public workshop and casting today, 17th November, from 2pm-5pm at St. Philip & St. James Church, Odd Down, Bath BA2 2QF. For more information and to register please visit onegoodfridaybath.org.

The Memorial Service for the late Margaret Thompson will take place on Wednesday 20th November at 1pm in the Abbey, all are welcome.

Donations to Lifeline please: We would be grateful for donations of warm clothes for both men and women, in particular, jeans, sweatshirts, fleeces, trousers, socks, underwear, T-shirts, coats, trainers and boots. We also require bedding, blankets, duvets, pillows, towels and tea towels. Rucksacks and holdalls would also be greatly appreciated. Donations directly to Lifeline, Gateway Centre, London Road, Bath, BA1 6DH weekdays from 10am-12 noon or contact Lifeline direct on 01225 439384.

Volunteer needed: Bath Foodbank Agencies Co-ordinator required to work 2 to 3 hours per week. Training provided. For more information please contact Tim Harris, Foodbank, at tharris.bathfb@gmail.com.