

Footprint heating update: The underfloor heating in the East End will be switched on 9/10 December. In the first instance, you will be aware of heat coming from the fin heaters in the heating trenches. However, the underfloor heating below the ledgerstones will take about 10 days before it is warm. There is another small note of caution: please do not think this is the heating system operating at full capacity; the heating is restricted to the East End only at present. Also, we haven't installed the heat exchangers in the Great Drain yet – so this won't be the eco-heating system powered by the hot springs. The heating will be mains gas until we install the heat exchangers in early 2021 so the underfloor heating won't be working as fully intended until the whole eco-heating system is completed towards the end of the Footprint project. However, the main point is a positive one - it should be a lot warmer this winter than it was last year, especially as the underfloor heating will be supplemented by heaters on the columns in the East End. Thank you for your patience with all this; if you have any questions please contact the Abbey Office on 01225 422462 or office@bathabbey.org

For your prayers

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

O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power and come among us, and with great might succour us; that whereas, through our sins and wickedness we are grievously hindered in running the race that is set before us, your bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be honour and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

Prayer Focus – Reaching the Unreached: As our thoughts turn towards Christmas and a humble birth in a stable:

- We pray for those in southern India who do not have much to eat, sufficient clean water or a secure home and shelter.
- We give thanks and pray for those at RTU who produce good food, build houses, drill bore-wells for water and care especially for the elderly and the poor.

Pray and give thanks for the love and dedication shown by all those who work to make a better life for the poor. Amen.

Pray for Home Group Leader: Sue Hoskins
 Pray for Contact Group Leader: Ros Key-Pugh
 Pray for the Abbey Team of Chaplains

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

Welcome

Sunday 8th December 2019

The Second Sunday of Advent

At the beginning of this week we gather to worship God in this season of Advent as we consider the coming of Christ as saviour and judge.

8.00 am Holy Communion

New Testament Romans 15:4-13 (p 159)
 Gospel Matthew 3:1-12 (p 2)
 Preacher The Revd Evelyn Lee-Barber

9.30 am Parish Communion

There is a crèche and groups for young people
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11.15 am Sung Eucharist with the Abbey Choir of Girls and Lay-Clerks

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The setting of the Kyrie is plainsong and the Sanctus & Agnus Dei is from the Mass for Five Voices by W Byrd (1543 – 1623)

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

Introit The Advent Prose
 Responses Ayleward
 Psalm 11 (p 152)
 Old Testament 1 Kings 18:17-39 (p 335)
 New Testament John 1:19-28 (p 88)
 Canticles The Second Service Byrd
 Anthem This is the truth arr Philip Moore
 Hymn 29

6.30 pm Informal Evening Service

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



NB: Due to carol services and rehearsals there is no Evening Prayer during December

- Mon 9** The Abbey will be open for visiting from 9.30am-1pm and 3.30pm-5.30pm
8.30 am Morning Prayer
2.00 pm Memorial Service for Brian Schofield
- Tues 10** The Abbey will be open for visiting from 9am-5.30pm
8.30 am Morning Prayer
- Wed 11** The Abbey will be open for visiting from 9am-5.30pm
8.30 am Morning Prayer
- Thurs 12** The Abbey will be open for visiting from 9.00am-11.45am & 3.15pm-5.30pm
8.30 am Morning Prayer
10.30 am Holy Communion
12.30 pm Shoppers' Carols
2.00 pm Shoppers' Carols
7.00 pm Send a Cow Christmas Concert - *To reserve your free place email info@sendacow.org or Tel: 01225 874222*
- Fri 13** The Abbey will be open for visiting from 9.00am-11.45am & 3.15pm-5.30pm
8.30 am Holy Communion
12.30 pm Shoppers' Carols
2.00 pm Shoppers' Carols
7.00 pm BAMS Concert - A Christmas Celebration
Tickets from Bath Box Office
- Sat 14** The Abbey will be open for visiting from 9.00am-11.45am
12.30 pm Shoppers' Carols
2.00 pm Shoppers' Carols
3.30 pm Shoppers' Carols
7.00 pm BAMS Concert - A Christmas Celebration
Tickets from Bath Box Office
- Sunday 15 - The Third Sunday of Advent**
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 Messiaen's La Nativité du Seigneur
Short meditative organ pieces interspersed with bible readings, to reflect on the theme of Christ's incarnation

NOTICES

Members of the Friends of Bath Abbey who were not able to collect their annual report last Sunday are asked to pick up their envelope from the South Aisle this morning.

Those who knew Mary King MBE and who appreciated her huge contribution to music and education in the city of Bath will be saddened to hear that she has died. The funeral will be on Friday, 20 December at 1pm at Haycombe Crematorium.

A Christmas Celebration: Join us for our Christmas Celebration concert featuring the Girls' Choir and Melody Makers with carols for choir and audience, taking place on Friday 13th and Saturday 14th December. Tickets are available from the Bath Box Office: www.bathboxoffice.org.uk / 01225 463362.

Carol Praise, Christmas Eve - Help Needed: Calling all helpers! There are two services of Carol Praise on Christmas Eve, one at 4pm and one at 6pm which we expect to be very busy. The Wardens in Charge are still short of help at these services. If anyone, who has not already volunteered is available to help please contact Barry Cooper or Alan Morley.

The Men's Group will meet on Wednesday, 18 December from 10am to 11.30am at St Michael's, by Waitrose, for refreshment and fellowship and to hear Frank Mowat, Bath Abbey's CEO, give his annual talk. Please come for our last meeting of the year.

Would those who donate by Planned Giving envelopes please collect their next year's supply from the South Aisle this morning. Thank you.

Part-time Lay Worker vacancy to join the Southdown and Whiteway Church and Community Partnership. For application pack and more information please contact Deacon Annie Trembling at annietrembling@googlemail.com or Tel: 07746 297420.

VE & VJ Day 75th Anniversary Celebrations: In 2020 the Royal British Legion will be asking the nation to remember the impact that leaving, missing and returning home has on service men and women & their loved ones – then and now. The commemorations for both VE and VJ Day will be the central part of our national remembrance and will bring home the scale of service and sacrifice made by men and women of the Second World War generation.

A special programme of events marking VE 75 will take place over the Early May Bank Holiday 2020 in Central London and has been designed to be of particular interest to all from the Second World War generation who served at home and overseas across the European theatre. The RBL are pleased to announce that they plan to host 750 veterans from across the UK, each accompanied by a nominated companion, to attend the VE 75 events programme in Central London over the period 8-9 May 2020. Their invitation includes a fully funded plan for transport, meals and accommodation; veterans will travel to London courtesy of the National Rail Group on Thursday 7 May 2020 and return home on Sunday 10 May 2020.

Similarly, the RBL is pleased to announce that in partnership with the Commonwealth War Graves Commission (CWGC) and Royal Commonwealth Ex-Services League they will be funding the travel and accommodation costs for a series of tours for veterans of the Asia-Pacific campaign to key commemorative, and CWGC sites, across South and South East Asia. Details of how to apply can be found on the following RBL sites:

<https://www.britishlegion.org.uk/get-involved/remembrance/remembrance-events/ve-day-75>

<https://www.britishlegion.org.uk/get-involved/remembrance/remembrance-events/vj-day-75>