

**Candle Recycling:** As part of our desire to become more sustainable we have begun a partnership with The Recycled Candle Company who will be coming to the Abbey monthly to collect the remnants of our candles. They melt down, clean, dye, and scent the leftover wax and use it to make new candles. They then recycle any containers as far as is possible.

If you use candles at home, please bring in any which have burnt out that you would otherwise throw away and put them in the candle recycling bin in the welcome area. They can be any type of wax, colour, scent, size and in any container or without a container.

Do share this information with friends, family, other church contacts and encourage as many people as possible to join in. If you have any thoughts on other actions we can take to improve our impact on the environment please let Sarah Fielding, Visitor Services Manager know on [SFielding@bathabbey.org](mailto:SFielding@bathabbey.org) or 01225 303315.

**Touch Base:** Ladies, you are very welcome to meet for coffee at the home of Liz Westbrook, 3 Norwood Dene, The Avenue, Claverton Down BA2 7AX on Friday 17th January from 10am-12noon. Please contact Liz on 01225 338263 for parking details and directions.

#### 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. Amen.

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**Prayer Focus – The Homeless Initiative:** Father, we lift up to you the hearts of those who visit Genesis Lifeline Centre – some without a home, without family and many with hurting and broken hearts.

We pray for connection in that community, for bonds of peace to form and strengthen and for renewed hope and a sense of belonging. Comfort them, draw near to them and help us provide for them. Father, we all need to know that we are loved. May those at Genesis know that they are loved beyond measure: a love that will never let them go. Amen.

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Pray for Home Group Leaders: Rebecca Day and Delyth Cardy  
Pray for Contact Group Leaders: Mary and Chris Young  
Pray for Elaine Teh and Lucy Ryder the Abbey Communications' Officers

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 12<sup>th</sup> January 2020

## The Baptism of Christ – First Sunday of Epiphany

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

Old Testament Isaiah 42:1-9 (p 680)  
Gospel Matthew 3:13-end (p 3)  
Preacher Mr Jeremy Key-Pugh

### 9.30 am Parish Communion

**There is a crèche and groups for young people**

Old Testament Isaiah 42:1-9 (p 680)  
Gospel Matthew 3:13-end (p 3)  
Preacher Mr Jeremy Key-Pugh

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

Old Testament Isaiah 42:1-9 (p 680)  
Gospel Matthew 3:13-end (p 3)  
Preacher Mr Jeremy Key-Pugh  
*The Mass setting is Spatzenmesse K220 by Mozart*

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

Introit No small wonder Paul Edwards  
Responses Rose  
Psalm 46 (p 193)  
Old Testament Joshua 3:1-8, 14-end (p 201)  
New Testament Hebrews 1:1-12 (p 215)  
Canticles Dyson in F  
Anthem In the bleak midwinter Darke  
Hymn 49

### 6.30 pm Informal Evening Service

Leader: The Revd Evelyn Lee-Barber  
*A short reflective service with scriptures and prayers to end the day.  
Everyone welcome.*

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- Mon 13** The Abbey will be open for visiting from 9.30am-5.30pm  
8.30 am Morning Prayer  
5.30 pm Evening Prayer
- Tues 14** The Abbey will be open for visiting from 9.00am-5.30pm  
8.30 am Morning Prayer  
1.00 pm Lunchtime Piano Recital – Clara Sherratt  
5.30 pm Evening Prayer
- Wed 15** The Abbey will be open for visiting from 9.00am-5.30pm  
8.30 am Morning Prayer  
5.30 pm Evening Prayer
- Thurs 16** 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 Evening Prayer
- Fri 17** The Abbey will be open for visiting from 9.00am-5.30pm  
8.30 am Holy Communion  
5.30 pm Evening Prayer
- Sat 18** The Abbey will be open for visiting from 9.00am-6.00pm
- Sunday 19 - The Second Sunday of Epiphany**  
The Abbey will be open for visiting 1.00pm-2.30pm and 4.30pm-6.30pm  
8.00 am Holy Communion  
9.30 am Parish Communion with Baptism  
11.15 am Sung Eucharist  
3.30 pm Choral Evensong  
6.30 pm Informal Evening Service

## NOTICES

**Members of The Friends** please note the date for advising the Secretary of any nominations for the Committee will now be Sunday 19th January 2020 (not 9th Feb 2019 as left in on page 34 of the Annual Report!). Also, a **reminder** for the AGM in the Abbey, 3.15pm on Saturday 25th January next. Cai Mason of Wessex Archaeology will give the talk and tea. Tickets at £5 can be obtained from Ursula Turrell (Email: [ursula.turrell@gmail.com](mailto:ursula.turrell@gmail.com) or Tel: 01225 446370).

**Volunteers needed:** We are currently recruiting for new welcome volunteers to join the Visitor Services Team. Our welcome volunteers provide a warm, friendly and sensitive welcome to all who enter the Abbey and are the first face a visitor will see. They give brief initial information to visitors and encourage entry donations. To find out more about joining the team please contact Sarah Fielding (Visitor Services Manager) or Jess McKenzie (Deputy Visitor Services Manager) on [visits@bathabbey.org](mailto:visits@bathabbey.org) or 01225 303315.

**Reminder of temporary Sunday service times:** for up to 6 months commencing **Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> January**, the Abbey is having to reduce from our current pattern of 5 services, to holding just 4 each Sunday. This is a temporary change made necessary by the Footprint building work then taking place, and the unavoidable impact it will have upon our choir rehearsals (and their vestry) in particular.

Please note our **temporary Sunday service times in this period will be as follows: 8.00am Holy Communion; 10.15am Holy Communion with Abbey Choir; 3.00pm Choral Evensong; 6.30pm Informal Evening Service.**

As you will see, this represents two changes to the usual Abbey pattern: a single 10.15am service replaces the 9.30am & 11.15am services (combined); and Evensong starts at 3.00pm instead of 3.30pm.

**Monday afternoon home group:** There is room for more members in our home group, which meets on the first and third Mondays of each month, from 3.00pm to 4.30pm. We meet at 36 Green Park, the home of Elizabeth Sellars. The new term will begin on 20 January and we shall be looking at Mark's gospel. For further details please contact Canon Roger Clifton on 01225 330211 - or just turn up!

**The Men's Group** will meet at St Michael's Without on Wednesday, 15 January at 10.00am. Our speaker will be John Barnes and his subject is 'Footprint: A Tour Guide's perspective'. We will gather in the cafe area first for refreshment and fellowship and then go down to the crypt at 10.30am for the talk which will end at 11.30am. Do come!

**Week of Prayer for Christian Unity:** This year the annual ecumenical service to mark the end of the WPCU is being hosted at the Abbey on Sunday, 26<sup>th</sup> January at 6.30pm. Churches across Bath are being encouraged to join together so please join us for this service which will take the place of our Informal Evening Service.

**Worship Support Rota:** The Worship Support Rota for February to May 2020 was sent out electronically on 29<sup>th</sup> December. For those who asked for hard copies they were placed in the pigeon Holes in the Still Room. If you have not received a copy of the rota and believe you should have, please contact the office for a copy.

**Exploring Christianity starts Monday 13th January: Exploring the Old Testament.** Modules will provide an overview of the OT, explore some different kinds of the writings present in the OT, see how it has been interpreted in history and to think about how the OT can be read as witness to Jesus Christ. Please contact Ken or Evelyn for joining details.

**Sustaining and renewing creation** 'The Truth about Plastics: the good, the bad and the ugly', 6.15-7.45pm tomorrow 13<sup>th</sup> January at Komedia (doors open at 5.30pm for exhibition). An inspirational evening with Emily Penn, the woman behind eXXpedition Round-the-World, the all-female voyage shifting their sails in search of answers to solve the ocean plastic crisis. Emily will be joined by speakers from City to Sea and Naturebeads to talk about the current state of our oceans, plastic waste, bioplastics myths as well as current research and innovation. Bath based businesses Wessex Water and Finisterre will also present, providing practical solutions and examples of corporate and individual resolution and action. Followed by Q & A session. Tickets £10.00. See the Komedia website or phone 01225 489070 for details.