

**Donations to Lifeline please:** We would be extremely grateful for donations of warm men's clothes, in particular, Jeans (30, 32, 34), Sweatshirts, Hoodies, T-shirts, Boxers, trainers and walking boots. We also require good sleeping bags, rucksacks, holdalls and tea towels. Small shampoos, shower gels, wet wipes, body sprays and 'roll-ons' for both men and women would also be greatly appreciated. Donations directly to Lifeline, Gateway Centre, Snow Hill, London Road, Bath, BA1 6DH weekdays from 10am-12 noon or contact Lifeline direct on 01225 439384.

**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.

**Would you be willing** to help host a café space at Manvers Street Baptist church, after Easter, in which students can study for their Summer exams? Contact student Chaplain: [karen.turner36@gmail.com](mailto:karen.turner36@gmail.com) or 07432 562323 if you want more information.

**For your prayers**

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

Almighty God, whose Son revealed in signs and miracles the wonder of your saving presence: renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your mighty power; 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 – Homelessness and addiction:** Our Father, who is the giver of all life, may we remember those whose circumstances such as homelessness, mental health and financial difficulties have left them feeling desperate during this time of year. Whether due to debt, substance misuse, poor health or other reasons we pray that they experience your love this season. We pray that where there seems no way, they will find your love and your good plan for their lives. Amen.

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Pray for Home Group Leader: Roger Clifton  
 Pray for Contact Group Leader: Kay Rees  
 Pray for Karen Gallagher and her team of Money Counters

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  
 Youth & Families Minister: Tim Norton  
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**ABBEY OFFICE OPENING HOURS**

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

# Welcome

Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2020

## The Third 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**

New Testament 1 Corinthians 1:10-18 (p 162)  
 Gospel Matthew 4:12-23 (p 3)  
 Preacher The Revd Stephen Girling

**10.15 am Holy Communion with the Abbey Choir of Girls and Lay-Clerks  
 Crèche and children's groups will meet in the South aisle from the start of the service**

New Testament 1 Corinthians 1:10-18 (p 162)  
 Gospel Matthew 4:12-23 (p 3)  
 Preacher The Revd Stephen Girling  
*The Gloria and Agnus Dei are from Mass in G by R Vaughan Williams;  
 The Sanctus is from The Salisbury Service by Grayston Ives*

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

Introit How lovely are the messengers Mendelssohn  
 Responses Rose  
 Psalm 33 (p 175)  
 Old Testament Ecclesiastes 3:1-11 (p 627)  
 New Testament 1 Peter 1:3-12 (p 229)  
 Canticles Noble in B minor  
 Anthem Insanae et vanae curae Haydn  
 Hymn 346 (t205)

**6.30 pm United Service for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity**

Leader: The Revd Ken Madden



**Mon 27** The Abbey will be closed all day for staff training

**Tues 28** The Abbey will be open for visiting from 9.00am-5.30pm  
8.30 am Morning Prayer  
5.30 pm Evening Prayer

**Wed 29** The Abbey will be open for visiting from 9.00am-5.30pm  
8.30 am Morning Prayer  
5.30 pm Evening Prayer

**Thurs 30** 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 31** The Abbey will be open for visiting from 9.00am-5.30pm  
8.30 am Holy Communion  
5.30 pm Evening Prayer

**Sat 1 Feb** The Abbey will be open for visiting from 9.00am-6.00pm

#### Sunday 2 - Presentation of Christ in the Temple

The Abbey will be open for visiting 12.15pm-1.45pm and 4.00pm-6.30pm  
8.00 am Holy Communion  
10.15 am Holy Communion with the Abbey Choir  
3.00 pm Choral Evensong  
6.30 pm Informal Evening Service

#### NOTICES

**On this Australia Day**, Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> January, we warmly welcome members of **The West Country Branch of the Britain-Australia Society** to our 10.15am Service - and we join them in giving thanks for the strong and affectionate links between our nations. If you would like to find out more about the historic link between Bath and the foundation of Australia, through Bathonian Admiral Arthur Philip, please ask a sidesman for a copy of the card "From Bath to Botany Bay", kindly provided free of charge by Lady Meriel Wright.

**Lent books 2020:** Due to the temporary closure of the Abbey Shop, a full range of Lent books will not be available this year, but never fear – a limited stock of three exciting new titles will be available to browse and buy for £9.99 from the Welcome Desk from later in January. The available titles will be *Saying Yes to Life* by Ruth Valerio (the Archbishop of Canterbury's Lent Book 2020), *The Grace-filled Wilderness* by Magdalen Smith, and *My Sour-Sweet Days* by Mark Oakley. Any queries, please email Lorna Blythe [lblythe@bathabbey.org.uk](mailto:lblythe@bathabbey.org.uk)

**Reminder of temporary Sunday service times:** for up to 6 months commencing today, **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.

**Sunday Coffee after 10.15am service:** As we are endeavouring to be eco-friendly if you have a reusable coffee cup please bring it with you. Thank you.

**Week of Prayer for Christian Unity:** The annual ecumenical service to mark the end of the WPCU is being hosted at the Abbey today 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.

**Jesus sent out his disciples 2 by 2.** Have you been thinking you would like to sensitively share the Gospel with strangers but would like training, encouragement and support? There is a group meeting on the 1st Saturday of the month (1st Feb through to 6th June), 9.30am at St Matt's in Widcombe (come upstairs). Starting with prayer and some simple training/practise, people then go out in pairs for an hour to engage with folks in Bath. They then come back to review, share stories, learning and be encouraged. If you are interested, come along, for more information contact Simon Guillebaud [simon@greatlakesoutreach.org](mailto:simon@greatlakesoutreach.org) or, to speak to a someone who has tried it recently for the first time, Rachel Leigh-Wood 07758 515092, [rmleighwood@gmail.com](mailto:rmleighwood@gmail.com)

**A message from Matthew Butler, Tower Master, regarding bell-ringing arrangements:** The temporary change to the morning service times has had a knock-on effect on our bell-ringing times. Many of our bell-ringers ring at other nearby churches as well as the Abbey. Unfortunately, ringing before the 10.15am service clashes with the ringing times of those other churches, leaving both them and the Abbey short of ringers. We can ring after the service instead, but this is not ideal as bell-ringing should really be a call to worship. As a compromise, we have agreed that on 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays, we will ring before the service (9.30am-10.15am) and on 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays we will ring after it (c. 11.15am-12noon). We will of course revert to the status quo ante once this temporary period has ended.

**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 began on 20 January and we are looking at Mark's gospel. For further details please contact Canon Roger Clifton on 01225 330211 - or just turn up!