

Services and Preachers...

5 Epiphany		
8.00 am	Holy Communion	The Revd Canon Nigel Rawlinson
9.30 am	Parish Communion <i>Abbey Singers</i> <i>In dir ist Freude BWV 615 – J S Bach</i>	The Revd Canon Nigel Rawlinson
11.15 am	Said Eucharist <i>Hymns 94, 96(i), 98(i), 99</i>	The Revd Canon Nigel Rawlinson
3.30 pm	Said Evensong with Hymns <i>Hymns 51, 422, 49</i>	
6.30 pm	Informal Evening Service	The Revd Canon Guy Bridgewater
12 The Baptism of Christ		
8.00 am	Holy Communion	Mr Jeremy Key-Pugh
9.30 am	Parish Communion <i>Abbey Singers</i> <i>Toccata from Suite – Malcolm Archer</i>	Mr Jeremy Key-Pugh
11.15 am	Sung Eucharist <i>Lux Aurumque – Eric Whitacre</i> <i>Spatzenmesse K220 – Mozart</i> <i>Lullay my liking – Philip Stopford</i> <i>In dir ist Freude BWV 615 – J S Bach</i>	Mr Jeremy Key-Pugh <i>Hymns: 103, 109, 104</i>
3.30 pm	Choral Evensong <i>Personet hodie – Holst</i> <i>Dyson in F</i> <i>In the bleak midwinter – Darke</i> <i>Les Mages from La Nativité – Messiaen</i>	<i>Psalm 46</i> <i>Responses: Rose</i> <i>Hymn 49</i>
6.30 pm	Informal Evening Service	The Revd Evelyn Lee-Barber
19 The Third Sunday of Epiphany		
8.00 am	Holy Communion	The Revd Evelyn Lee-Barber
9.30 am	Parish Communion with Baptism <i>Music Group</i> <i>Grand Choeur – Dubois</i>	The Revd Evelyn Lee-Barber
11.15 am	Sung Eucharist <i>O taste and see – Vaughan Williams</i> <i>Little Organ Mass – Haydn</i> <i>Ave verum corpus – Elgar</i> <i>Toccata 'Vom Himmel Hoch' – Garth Edmundson</i>	The Revd Evelyn Lee-Barber <i>Hymns: 99, 452, 769, 748</i>

Morning Prayer on Mondays-Thursdays at 8.30 am
Holy Communion on Thursdays at 11.00 am and Fridays at 8.30 am
Evening Prayer or Choral Evensong on Mondays-Fridays 5.30pm

3.30 pm	Choral Evensong <i>Before the ending of the day – Plainsong</i> <i>Psalm 96</i> <i>Gray in F minor</i> <i>A New Song – James MacMillan</i> <i>Hymn 53</i> <i>Prelude and Fugue in G major BWV 541 – J S Bach</i>	<i>Responses: Leighton</i>
6.30 pm	Evening Service	The Revd Stephen Girling
23 5.30 pm	Choral Evensong at St John the Evangelist, North Parade to celebrate the week of Prayer for Christian Unity <i>Sung by the Abbey Choir of Girls and Lay-Clerks</i> <i>Behold, how good and joyful – Vann</i> <i>Psalm 99</i> <i>Gray in F minor</i> <i>A New Song – James MacMillan</i>	<i>Responses: Leighton</i>
25 The Conversion of St Paul		
5.30 pm	Choral Evensong for the Friends of Bath Abbey <i>Sung by the Abbey Choir of Boys and Lay-Clerks</i> <i>How lovely are the messengers – Mendelssohn</i> <i>Dyson in D</i> <i>Psalm 149</i> <i>Responses: Rose</i> <i>Let the people praise thee – Mathias</i>	
26 The Fourth Sunday of Epiphany		
8.00 am	Holy Communion	The Revd Stephen Girling
10.15 am	Holy Communion with Abbey Choir <i>Gloria & Agnus Dei from Mass in G – Vaughan Williams</i> <i>Sanctus from Salisbury Service – Grayston Ives</i> <i>O quam gloriosum – Victoria</i> <i>Carillon de Westminster – Vierne</i>	<i>Hymns: 9, 510, 451, 111, 506</i>
3.00 pm	Choral Evensong <i>How lovely are the messengers – Mendelssohn</i> <i>Noble in B minor</i> <i>Insanae et vanae curae – Haydn</i> <i>Carillon Sortie – Mulet</i>	<i>Psalm 33</i> <i>Responses: Rose</i> <i>Hymn 346 (t205)</i>
6.30 pm	United Service for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity	The Revd Ken Madden
30 5.30 pm	Choral Evensong <i>Sung by the Abbey Choir of Girls and Lay-Clerks</i> <i>O quam gloriosum – Victoria</i> <i>Collegium Regale – Howells</i> <i>Justorum animae – Stanford</i>	<i>Psalm 24</i> <i>Responses: Leighton</i>

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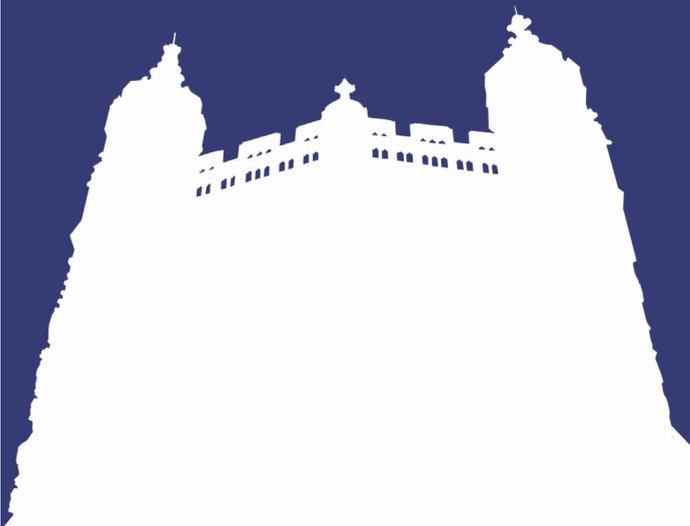
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The clergy welcome communication on any matters by letter, email or telephone.

Footprint project receives £200,000 from Brownsword Charitable Foundation

We are delighted to have received £200,000 from Andrew Brownsword CBE DL, as part of a half a million pound match funding pledge for the Footprint project. This is the second time this year that the Abbey's Footprint project has been given a major boost from the Brownsword Charitable Foundation who have given a total of £375,000 in matchfunding in just under 12 months. Andrew and Christina Brownsword recently visited the Abbey and met with Guy Bridgewater for an update on the Footprint project now that it is nearing the end of its second phase.



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Let us pray for Epiphanies

It was an unusual star that guided the wise men on their journey to seek out the 'one who was born the king of the Jews'. At Epiphany (which the church celebrates on 5th January), we remember the wise men reaching their destination and worshipping the Christ-child. They presented him with gifts appropriate for one who would be a king, a priest and a saviour. To 'have an epiphany' means to experience a sudden manifestation or have a sudden perception of something – usually something which is simple and striking. The wise men were profoundly struck by the significance of Mary and Joseph's child.

Having spent the last month preparing for and celebrating Christmas, the church's worship and pattern of bible readings over season of Epiphany, presents us with opportunities to consider what it truly means that God has come to us in the person of Jesus Christ. As a new year is upon our nation, we have a new Parliament and we will be leaving the European Union.

Here at the Abbey we will be preparing for what will be the hardest and most exciting phase of Footprint – Phase 3. Disruption for our choirs, shop staff and volunteers, and temporarily moving from five Sunday services to four will be a challenge for many of us. Through it all, with whatever faces us, our households and our businesses – let us pray for 'epiphanies': striking perceptions of how God is constantly leading, protecting and nurturing us, just like parents do their children.

As we heard over Christmas, in the words of John; 'to all who receive Christ, who believe in his name, he gave power to become children of God' (John 1:12). So let's face the new year with strong courage and humility.

**Revd Stephen Girling,
Abbey Missioner**

Latest Shop News

The Abbey Gift Shop will close its doors on Saturday 4th January to allow our builders to get a head-start on Phase 3 of the Footprint project. It will re-open in its new, temporary home in the North aisle on Monday 9th March. During those weeks that the shop is closed the team will have lots of work to do! We shall of course be clearing the current shop and getting ready for opening the new one, but we must also move our stockroom out of Abbey Chambers into the Seventh Day Adventist Chapel. It is in the first two months of the year that many trade shows take place so, believe it or not, this is when we order all the stock for Christmas 2020. We can't quite turn our thoughts from Nativity sets just yet! Much of our festive stock come from a company called Heaven Sends. They have a huge, inspiring showroom just outside of Birmingham where you can be the first to see new and exclusive products. It really is a winter wonderland. We will be making a return trip to Birmingham in February to visit the Spring Fair at the NEC. This is the UK's biggest gift show for the retail industry. Excitingly we have a new Abbey website. During this time, we can also start creating the new online shop all those visitors have been waiting for. So, there really is lots of work to do! In the meantime, our lovely shop volunteers will get a well-deserved two-month holiday. In a way this is a blessing, as it means escaping the two coldest months of the year. The whole shop team would like to take this opportunity to say thank you so much to all volunteers for your hard work, encouragement and support. We literally couldn't do it without you. There will be a couple of opportunities during the closure to come in, catch up and see what we have been up to....

Donna Lodge, Shop Manager



Giving the Gift of Time

"How do you talk to your friends about your volunteering?"

When you speak to others about being a volunteer you can be met with disbelief – *you do all that for nothing? Why?* Even amongst those who volunteer themselves it can be seen as a purely sacrificial act. That idea of 'giving up' your time for a worthy cause.

After all, where is the joy in the phrase 'giving up my time'? Perhaps rather than giving up our time we can talk about how we're gifting it? Giving the gift of time to others! With Christmas just past many of us will recall we enjoyed the giving of presents more than the receiving.

[Peter 4:10-11] God has given each of you a gift from his great variety of spiritual gifts. Use them well to serve one another.

Peter's examples were the gifts of speaking and of helping others. They sound like the touchstones of all the volunteering roles within Bath Abbey to me. From a chat over serving coffee on a Sunday morning, translating Latin inscriptions for our archivist, and to welcoming visitors in from all over the world.

If you're interested in giving the gift of time at Bath Abbey, I'd be happy to talk it through with you. Please contact me by email: volunteer@bathabbey.org or call 01225 303324.

Mary Wickenden, Volunteers Officer

Rescue Project of the Year

We are pleased to announce that the Wessex Archaeology team who are working on our Footprint project have been nominated for the Current Archaeology Awards 2020 in the Rescue Project of the Year category. They've been shortlisted because of the significance of their work in uncovering more than 1,000 years of religious life on the site of the Abbey, including the remains of the lost medieval cathedral, once one of the largest in England, and traces of the Anglo-Saxon

monastery that preceded it. These awards are voted for entirely by the public – there are no panels of judges – so we would very much appreciate it if you could support the hard work of our project team by voting. The voting link is: <https://www.archaeology.co.uk/awards/rescue-project-of-the-year-2020.htm>

You can also follow their progress on Footprint via Wessex Archaeology's project blog <https://www.wessexarch.co.uk/our-work/bath-abbey-footprint-project> or via their various social media channels.



New Finance Manager

We're delighted to welcome Sarah Leighton, our new Finance Manager, to our team.

Sarah originally trained in Hotel, Catering and Institutional Management which led to the opportunity of working as a partner in a small hotel business where she was responsible for the hotel's finances. She has since worked in finance for a primary school, where she took her AAT (Association of Accounting Technicians) qualification, and then set up her own business offering bookkeeping and accountancy services to small businesses and charities, during which time she gained her ACCA (Association of Chartered Certified Accountants) qualification.

One of Sarah's clients was a small national charity, The Pituitary Foundation, where she was offered the role of Head of Finance and Resources. She then worked with the National Childbirth Trust as their Financial Controller, giving invaluable experience of working for a much larger, successful charity.

Sarah has two grown-up children, who have now flown the nest, and she sings alto as part of the Bristol Hippodrome Choir. Sarah says, "I am so delighted to be working at The Abbey. Everyone has been so very welcoming and I greatly look forward to meeting and working with you all. During my time running a hotel, I spent many years promoting the virtues of visiting Bath and especially The Abbey! Bath is such a very beautiful city and The Abbey is truly magical – I feel very honoured to be part of it."

