

Celebrating Difference – a 5 week course in the lead up to Easter. In an increasingly polarised world it's crucially important for us to be curious about differences between us, to put ourselves in each other's shoes and re-imagine a better future. The Archbishop's course will help us explore and embrace difference and help us to support reconciliation. Led by Revd Stephen Girling and Caleb Mallard on the five Wednesdays from 4th March inclusive, 7pm-9pm, at 'The Bubble' lounge next to the Cross Baths in the city centre. Spaces limited – to book contact Lynn on 01225 422462 or office@bathabbey.org

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 or 01225 303315.

The Friends are reminded that their annual communion service and talk will be at St Michael's Without, at 10.00am on Thursday 13th February. (This is to ensure that Canon Guy Bridgewater's talk will be free of noise from Footprint works.)

For your prayers

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

Almighty God, who alone can bring order to the unruly wills and passions of sinful humanity: give your people grace so to love what you command and to desire what you promise, that, among the many changes of this world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; 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.

Prayer Focus – Wycliffe Bible Translators: Please pray for the health of our partner Ife language translators in Togo - Afakodja, Atchade and his wife and Bassan Inabidon. They are all sick at present. Pray also for the Ife language 'Scriptures in Use' workshops run in conjunction with the Baptist Bible School, supporting people in how to understand and apply what they are learning to read in the bible. Pray also for stronger 'ownership' of the Ife literacy project by local churches, schools and other organisations.

Pray for Home Group Leader: Sue Hoskins
Pray for Contact Group Leaders: Brian and Barbara Meardon
Pray for Sarah Fielding, Visitor Services Manager, Deputy Jess, Stewards & Welcomers

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
Parish Safeguarding Officer: Derek Smith – DSmith@bathabbey.org
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ABBEY OFFICE OPENING HOURS

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

Welcome

Sunday 9th February 2020

The Third Sunday before Lent

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 2:1-12 (p 163)
Gospel Matthew 5:13-20 (p 4)
Preacher The Revd Canon Guy Bridgewater

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 2:1-12 (p 163)
Gospel Matthew 5:13-20 (p 4)
Preacher The Revd Canon Guy Bridgewater
*The Gloria and Agnus Dei are from Missa Octo Voces by Hassler;
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 Jesus bleibet meine Freude J S Bach
Responses Rose
Psalm 1 (p 144)
Old Testament Amos 2:4-end (p 865)
New Testament Ephesians 4:17-end (p 191)
Canticles Stanford in C
Anthem All wisdom cometh from the Lord Philip Moore
Hymn 192

6.30 pm Informal Evening Service

Leader: The Revd Narinder Tegally
*A short reflective service with scriptures and prayers to end the day.
Everyone welcome.*

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Mon 10	The Abbey will be open for visiting from 9.30am-5.30pm 8.30 am Morning Prayer 5.30 pm Evening Prayer
Tues 11	The Abbey will be open for visiting from 9.00am-5.30pm 8.30 am Morning Prayer 5.30 pm Evening Prayer
Wed 12	The Abbey will be open for visiting from 9.00am-5.30pm 8.30 am Morning Prayer 5.30 pm Evening Prayer
Thurs 13	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 14	The Abbey will be open for visiting from 9.00am-5.30pm 8.30 am Holy Communion 5.30 pm Choral Evensong
Sat 15	The Abbey will be open for visiting from 9.00am-6.00pm 11.00 am Informal Concert – Abbey Boys & Girls 7.00 pm Voces del Camino Choral Concert
Sunday 16 - The Second Sunday before Lent	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

Bath Half Marathon sponsorship – Guy, Stephen and Steve Chamberlain are running the Bath Half on 15th March to raise money for Footprint, if you are able to sponsor them please do so on the form near the coffee station on a Sunday, in the Abbey office or on <https://localgiving.org/fundraising/bath-abbey-marathon-team/>. Juliet Newton, member of the Abbey, is running to raise money for the RUH New Cancer Centre Appeal, to sponsor Juliet go to www.justgiving.com/fundraising/juliet-newton1 Thank you.

Home for Good, a charity which supports fostering and adoption in BANES, is looking for eleven more families so that no vulnerable child needs a loving home. Please join us in prayer for the right people to come forward and pray for those Churches where people are being prompted to adopt or foster. For more details contact Dave Kingswood batharea@homeforgood.org.uk

Friends of Eleanor Van Zandt will be sad to hear that she recently died. She was a faithful member of the Abbey congregation and Friends of Bath Abbey.

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 or, to speak to someone who has tried it recently for the first time, Rachel Leigh-Wood 07758 515092, 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 1st and 3rd Sundays, we will ring before the service (9.30am-10.15am) and on 2nd and 4th 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.

Easter Experience: Thank you to all volunteers who have stepped forward to help with Easter Experience, however, we are still in need of more help. We are inviting schools to come to the Abbey between 16 - 27 March for hands on activities which explore the main events of the Easter Story. We have three roles available, activity lead, activity support and hospitality. If you are able to help contact Jess, Deputy Visitor Services Manager, by emailing jmckenzie@bathabbey.org or calling the Abbey Office on 01225 422462.

Voces del Camino Choral Concert, Saturday 15th February: In Support of Footprint. In 2015, renowned choral director Nigel Perrin travelled with a group of singers along the Camino de Santiago pilgrim route in northern Spain. The choir he formed, Voces del Camino, returned to the Camino in 2019, giving concerts at Logrono and Burgos Cathedrals. This performance features music by Marenzio, Victoria, Poulenc, de Padilla, Messiaen and Guerrero. It takes place in Bath Abbey on 15th February at 7pm and lasts approximately one hour. Free admission with a retiring collection in support of Bath Abbey's Footprint Project, which will be matched by the Brownsword Charitable Foundation.

The Abbey Men's Group will meet on Wednesday, 19 February at 10am at St Michael's Without. Our speaker will be Canon John Crowe and his subject is "*Making contact with the history of 5 generations of Lutheran Pastors, from the Kingdom of Hanover, from 200 years ago*". We will gather in the cafe area and then go down to the crypt for the talk at 10.30am. We will conclude at 11.30am sharp. Do come and hear a most interesting talk.

Touch Base: Ladies, you are very welcome to meet for coffee at the Rectory, 12 Cleveland Walk BA2 6JX on Wednesday 19th February from 10am-12noon. Please contact Jebbs on 01225 949181 for parking details and directions.

Baptism and confirmations on Easter Sunday: Are you considering baptism and confirmation? If so we would like to know as Evelyn will run preparation classes starting in March: evelyn@bathabbey.org (if work commitments make it difficult for particular days, that can be worked around).